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MEDIA RELEASE

P&Cs are advocating for a program that is complementary to SRE.

In response to today's media (Sydney Morning Herald "*Anglicans take ethics course battle to P&Cs*") the President of the Federation, Di Giblin replied today "As an organization that is inclusive we are always pleased to see new members – P&C Associations are the voice of the local school's community."

P&C Associations work in cooperation with students, teaching staff and the community to encourage parents to participate in curriculum and other educational issues. They promote the recreation and welfare of all students at public schools.

"It would be disappointing if the only motif for people joining was driven by a single agenda." Ms Giblin added

In reference to the concerns regarding the Ethics pilot and SRE Ms Giblin reiterated "The Ethics Pilot or course is not about the removal of SRE from public education – it's about providing opportunity for children who currently opt out of SRE an opportunity to have meaningful discussions during this time. It's a complementary program for children whose parents belong to minority faiths or no faith at all" Students participating in SRE are at no disadvantage during this time – they study ethics through their faith.

'The Federation is committed to a free public education system which is open to all people, irrespective of culture, gender, academic ability and socio-economic class and empowers students to control their own lives and be contributing members of society, '

The Federation always encourages parents and citizens interested and supportive of our vision for public schools to join their local P&Cs, these P&Cs are democratic organizations.

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