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## **MEDIA STATEMENT : DEATH OF FATHER JOSEPH TRAN**

Father Joseph Tran was a parish priest in the Archdiocese of Perth who ministered to many in Catholic school communities. The reported circumstances of his death have caused deep distress and concern for many in the community.

Catholic Education Western Australia's (CEWA) immediate concern is for the wellbeing of all those directly impacted, as well as providing pastoral and psychological support to Catholic school communities who are affected. The Archbishop of Perth has provided a statement to the Catholic community in the Archdiocese and school communities are receiving communications from CEWA and their respective Principals outlining support that is being put in place for students, staff and the community.

The care and wellbeing of students is always the highest priority for Catholic schools. As such, all schools have stringent policies and systems to ensure the safety and wellbeing of students.

CEWA has never received any complaints or allegations in relation to Father Tran's conduct and would always report any such matters to the Western Australian Police and relevant authorities.

***Please attribute to CEWA Executive Director Dr Debra Sayce.***

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