



## Media Release

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### **Archbishop Fisher and Sydney Catholic Schools Reaffirm Support for Palms' International Mission**

Palms Australia has renewed partnerships with our Catholic community in Sydney for 2019. The organisation has had long standing ties with the Archdiocese of Sydney and Sydney Catholic Schools and is proud that these connections have been reaffirmed for another year. These partnerships are indicative of the solidarity between our Sydney Catholic institutions and our combined mission to support our community at home and overseas.

In correspondence to parishes regarding Palms' new logo and online presence, Archbishop Fisher said:

“The vision of Palms Australia challenges us to bridge difference and nurture togetherness in our world; to realise that under Christ Jesus there is no Jew and Greek, Slave and Free, Male and Female (Gal. 3:28). We are asked to reach beyond our differences and affirm the dignity of all.”

The Archdiocese of Sydney supports those on a global mission by covering the costs of preparation (including Palms' Orientation Course) and by providing \$2,500 for each year of service through the Lay Missionary Gratuity Fund.

Sydney Catholic Schools supports teachers who undertake a teaching placement by granting up to two year's leave, guaranteeing a position within the Diocese upon their return and continuing superannuation payments over the course of the placement.

For additional information and for images from Palms' international placements, contact Rachel Donovan at [rachel@palms.org.au](mailto:rachel@palms.org.au) or 02 9560 5333.

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