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**Non-State Schools  
Accreditation Board**

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Dear Chairperson

***The Criminal Code (Child Sexual Offences Reform) and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2020***

I am writing to inform you that the new laws in relation to reporting and protecting children from sexual abuse will commence on **Monday, 5 July 2021**.

The *Criminal Code (Child Sexual Offences Reform) and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2020* was passed by Parliament on 8 September 2020, and received assent on 14 September 2020.

On 17 November 2020, I wrote to advise you that, as part of implementing recommendations of the Criminal Justice Report of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse, the Queensland Parliament passed amendments to the Criminal Code to:

- create a new offence of failure to report belief of child sexual offence that requires all adults to report child sexual abuse to police;
- create a new offence of failure to protect a child from child sexual offence that applies in an institutional context;
- ensure that the new failure to report and protect offences apply to information or knowledge gained during, or in connection with, a religious confession.

A copy of this letter can be found in full on the Non-State Schools Accreditation Board's website: [www.nssab.qld.edu.au](http://www.nssab.qld.edu.au).

Further information about the new provisions is available on the Queensland Government website, at the following link: [www.qld.gov.au/protectchildren](http://www.qld.gov.au/protectchildren).

Yours sincerely

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