



# MEDIA RELEASE

## MORLING COLLEGE AND SOUTHLAND COLLEGE EDUCATING AUSTRALIA

It is with great delight that Morling College and Southland College announce a new direction in teacher education. Southland College has been equipping Christian teachers through post-graduate education for over 20 years and is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Morling College Ltd. Southland, together with the National Institute for Christian Education (NICE), previously delivered these courses as agents for the College of Christian Higher Education (CCHE), an umbrella organisation started by the two agents for the purpose of joint accreditation. Changes to the Higher Education Act have meant that this governance structure is no longer feasible. A taskforce of stakeholders spent three years looking at models with the decision made to transfer the degrees to Morling College Ltd, for which both Southland and NICE will continue to act as agents ensuring continuity of delivery.

On 4<sup>th</sup> March 2009, the NSW Department of Education and Training (DET) approved the application for the Master of Education, Master of Education (Leadership), Graduate Diploma of Education and Bachelor of Education (Conversion) degrees to be accredited under Morling College Ltd. The teacher training degrees will come under the newly formed Education Department at Morling College. Dr Bridget Aitchison, Principal of Southland and the Academic Dean of Morling, is assuming the additional role of Director of Education for Morling College. Morling, Southland and NICE will be working closely together to ensure the smooth transition for students and faculty to the new arrangements. This is to provide a stable base and ensure the continued provision of post-graduate teacher education courses to Christian schools Australia-wide. These developments will be taking place over the next few months, with 2010 graduates being the first to graduate under the new Morling College Ltd.

To extend the growing commitment to education, Morling is actively pursuing the accreditation of a Bachelor of Teaching and Master of Teaching award. Once approved for accreditation, these undergraduate courses will be offered to prepare teachers at pre-service level to integrate their faith and their vocation to be of service in both Christian and state schools.

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