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### Media Statement

I take this opportunity to correct the misrepresentation of Siena College's position on the Climate Change Strike.

Our College motto is Veritas, Truth. We are absolutely committed to educating young women to think critically, be discerning, have a voice and speak their Truth. The College absolutely endorses and acknowledges students' rights to give voice to their very genuine concerns regarding the Federal Government's record on Climate Change Policy.

I am supportive of the Siena students who decided to join the collective action and add their voice to the calls for action to combat climate change. I am equally supportive of students who chose to remain at school.

No student will be penalised in any way for attending the strike. The College's VCE Handbook includes provision to complete School Assessed Coursework (SAC) early where there is an anticipated absence. Students were reminded of this provision and some took up the option.

The College's position is that participation in the strike was a decision for individual students and their parents.

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