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To whom it may concern,

As the State Member for Eureka, I am writing in support of the opening of the St Joseph's School Bungaree Campus. This new campus is crucial for addressing the needs of vulnerable young Victorians who face significant barriers to education, including mental health issues, disabilities, and involvement with youth justice or child protection services.

Having recently attended the official opening of the Ballarat campus; I have seen firsthand the positive impact it has had on our community. The success of the Ballarat campus—reaching full capacity within five months—demonstrates the urgent need for additional facilities. The Bungaree campus will not only alleviate the pressure on the Ballarat facility but will also extend vital educational support to a wider group of vulnerable students in our region.

The new campus will build on the successful model established in Ballarat and will continue the important collaboration with the Ballarat Youth Service Network, the Diocese of Ballarat Catholic Education Limited, and the Department of Education. This partnership underscores the commitment to meeting the needs of students who are disengaged from traditional education settings.

I fully support the establishment of the Bungaree campus and believe it will greatly benefit our community.

Thank you for considering this important initiative.

Yours sincerely,

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