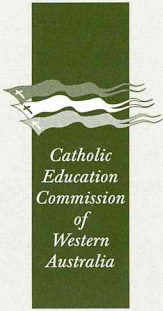


WESTERN AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL BOARD CONSTITUTION



PREAMBLE

“The Catholic School forms part of the saving mission of the Church, especially for education in the faith.”(1)
As part of the Church’s mission Schools form vital aspects of Parish life. Close and mutually beneficial working relationships between Schools and Parish are essential.
The Catholic School Board is accountable to the Catholic Education Commission of Western Australia.
The Principal of a Catholic School is employed by the Bishop of the Diocese and as such is accountable to the Bishop of the Diocese through the Director of Catholic Education.
The Principal of a Catholic School is an Ex-Officio member of the School Board and is answerable to the School Board in the areas designated in the Constitution.

1. CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY

- 1.1 This Constitution is issued by the Catholic Education Commission of Western Australia with the authority of the Bishops of Western Australia.
- 1.2 The Board is bound by the policy and directions of the Catholic Education Commission of Western Australia in carrying out its duties.
- 1.3 The purpose of this Constitution is to constitute and provide regulations for the operation of the Board as a body of persons to carry out activities that are specified below.
- 1.4 The financial management of the School is, upon the adoption of this Constitution, deemed to be conferred on the Board by the Diocese.
- 1.5 If the Board ceases to function in accordance with this Constitution, the Catholic Education Commission of Western Australia may dismiss the Board on the recommendation of the Director.

2. DEFINITIONS

In this Constitution (unless the context requires otherwise):

- (a) *Advisory* means giving advice, information or opinion regarding action to be taken and is not managerial.
- (b) *Bishop* means Bishop of the Archdiocese or Diocese as appointed from time to time.
- (c) *Board* means the Board created by this Constitution in respect of the School.
- (d) *CECWA* means the Catholic Education Commission of Western Australia.
- (e) *CEOWA* means the Catholic Education Office of Western Australia.
- (f) *Diocese* means the Archdiocese or Diocese of the Catholic Church in which the School is situated.
- (g) *Director* means the Director of Catholic Education in Western Australia or the Director’s nominee.
- (h) *Ex-Officio* means being a member of the Board by virtue of one’s office or official position, ie. Parish priest and Principal.
- (i) *Managerial* means having the authority to do what is appropriate regarding designated areas of responsibility.
- (j) *Parish* means the Parish of the Catholic Church in which the School is situated.
- (k) *Parish School* means a primary, secondary or

composite School as designated by the Director of Catholic Education.

- (l) *Principal* means the Principal of the School.
- (m) *Quorum* means one half plus one of all Board members and must include the Principal or the Director’s nominee.
- (n) *School* means the School now known as
.....
(present name)
at.....
(address).
- (o) *School Community* means the community of parents served by the School, and other persons interested in or sharing responsibility for the welfare of the School.

3. NAME

The name of the Board shall be “The
.....(School name
and town or suburb) Catholic School (or College) Board.”

4. OBJECTS

The general object for which the Board is constituted is to help the Catholic School fulfil its educational responsibilities in accordance with this Constitution, in accordance with the policies and practices prescribed or recommended by the CECWA, and in accordance with Diocesan guidelines and prescriptions for the religious education program.

5. POWERS

The Board shall be deemed to have the power necessary to carry out any function authorised in this Constitution.

6. INDEMNITY

The Bishops of Western Australia have issued Deeds of Indemnity for Board members in exercising their responsibilities in accordance with this Constitution.

7. FUNCTIONS

The Board shall carry out the following functions in pursuit of its objects:

- (a) planning for the present and future operation of the School;
- (b) providing membership on selection panels for the employment of staff to the School in accordance with CECWA policy;