

Constitution

Catholic School Parents Australia (CSPA)



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1. NAME AND STRUCTURE

- (a) The name of the body is "Catholic School Parents Australia", hereinafter called the "CSPA".
- (b) The CSPA has status under Canon Law as a private association within the Church (CIC canons 299§§1, 2).
- (c) The Constitution of the CSPA has been reviewed by the ACBC (CIC canon 299§3), giving CSPA recognition within the Church.
- (d) CSPA will seek juridic personality in Canon Law by a formal decree of the ACBC (CIC canon 322§1).
- (e) CSPA will (upon ACBC granting it juridic personality in Canon Law) operate in civil law as a body corporate incorporated under the *Roman Catholic Church (Incorporation of Church Entities) Act 1994 (Queensland)*.

2. DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

2.1 Definitions

Where used in this Constitution the following expressions shall have the meanings hereby assigned to them:

- (a) "ACBC" means the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference being the assembly of the bishops of Australia whom together exercise certain pastoral offices for Christ's faithful in Australia;
- (b) "Annual General Meeting" means the annual general meeting of CSPA held in accordance with **clause 8**;
- (c) "BCCE" means Bishops Commission for Catholic Education being the body established to promote the life and mission of the Roman Catholic Church in Australia in the areas of education;
- (d) "Catholic" means membership of the Church;
- (e) "Catholic education" means the process of education that aims at the formation of the whole person in accordance with the beliefs, teachings, traditions and practices of the Catholic Church;
- (f) "Chair" means the chairperson of the Council;
- (g) "Chief Officer" means the chief officer of the Secretariat appointed by Council;
- (h) "Church" means the Roman Catholic Church;
- (i) "Code of Conduct" means a Code of Conduct as endorsed by the Council from time to time;
- (j) "Council" means the Council of the CSPA;

- (k) "Councillors" means those appointed or co-opted to the Council in accordance with **clause 6.1**;
- (l) "Deputy Chair" means the deputy chairperson of the Council;
- (m) "Financial year" means the year commencing on the first day of January in each year and terminating on the last day of December in the same year;
- (n) "Founding Member" means a member listed in Schedule 1;
- (o) "Member" means a member of the CSPA;
- (p) "NCEC" means the National Catholic Education Commission
- (q) "Nominee" is a person appointed by a Member to be a Councillor
- (r) "Ordinary Member" means a member of the CSPA admitted in accordance with **clause 5**;
- (s) "Parent" includes natural, adopted or foster parents, guardians or care givers of young people attending Catholic Schools;
- (t) "Secretariat" means the administrative support office established by the Council from time to time in accordance with **clause 9.1**; and
- (u) "Special Meeting" has the meaning detailed in **clause 6.5**.

2.2 Interpretation

In these **clauses** unless the contrary intention appears or the context otherwise requires:

- (a) A reference to a statute, ordinance, code or other law includes regulations and other instruments under it and consolidations, amendments, re-enactments or replacements of any of them;
- (b) The singular includes the plural and vice versa;
- (c) The word person includes a firm, body corporate, an unincorporated association or an authority;
- (d) A reference to a person includes a reference to the person's executors, administrators, successors, substitutes (including, but not limited to, persons taking by novation) and assigns;
- (e) If a period of time is specified and dates from a given day or the day of an act or event, it is to be calculated exclusive of that day;
- (f) A reference to a day is to be interpreted as the period of time commencing at midnight and ending 24 hours later;
- (g) Money amounts are stated in Australian currency unless otherwise specified; and
- (h) Headings are for ease of reference only and do not affect the construction of this Constitution.

3. OBJECTS, GUIDING PRINCIPLES & LIMITATIONS

3.1 Objects

The objects for which CSPA is established are for the promotion of education, to:

- (a) Promote and support the Church's mission in Catholic schools in Australia;
- (b) Provide a distinct and autonomous voice for Catholic school parents with Catholic and other agencies including government instrumentalities to help shape national policy as it relates to Catholic schools and their families and communities; and
- (c) Be a resource and provide a national forum for Members;
- (d) Support and further quality education in Catholic Schools in Australia;
- (e) Ensure the right of parents to choose Catholic schools;
- (f) Promote and champion the interests of children in Catholic schools;
- (g) Ensure all children receive an equitable share of public money to support a high quality education;
- (h) Provide leadership and support to State and Territory Catholic school parents bodies, church agencies, government and non-government organisations to involve and engage parents, families and communities in education;
- (i) Collaborate with the BCCE and national Catholic education authorities to promote the principles of Catholic education;

3.2 Guiding Principles

The guiding principles of CSPA are:

- (a) Faithfulness to the mission of the Church with Christ at its centre;
- (b) A strong Catholic identity;
- (c) Recognition of parents as having the primary and natural responsibility for their children's education;
- (d) Collaboration with Church and families to fulfil the Church's mission in the education of the child;
- (e) Inclusiveness;
- (f) Embracing the poor and marginalised; and
- (g) Support for the common good.

3.3 Limitations

CSPA will not:

- (a) Seek to interfere in the conduct or management of any member body, Catholic school system or Catholic school; or

- (b) Affiliate with any political party.

4. ASSETS AND INCOME OF COMPANY

- (a) All assets and income of CSPA from whatever source derived will be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects of CSPA as set out in **clause 3** and no portion thereof will be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise to the Members of CSPA or be paid as fees to the Council provided that nothing herein contained will prevent the payment in good faith of remuneration to any officers or employees of CSPA or to any Member thereof or any other person in return for any service actually rendered to CSPA nor prevent payment of interest at a rate not exceeding interest at the rate for the time being charged by banks in New South Wales for overdrawn accounts on money lent or reasonable and proper rent, remuneration or return for the premises demised, let or licensed by any Member to CSPA.
- (b) All other payments by CSPA to any member of the Council will be subject to Council approval.
- (c) The CSPA is solely responsible for its debts, obligations and other liabilities.
- (d) Neither the ACBC , employees of the ACBC, holders of offices under the ACBC, the Bishops nor the members of the CSPA guarantee (or are in any way personally liable for) any debts, borrowings, obligations or other liabilities of CSPA.
- (e) The liabilities and obligations of CSPA shall be satisfied from the assets of the CSPA and the liability of the members of CSPA is limited accordingly.
- (f) Neither CSPA, the Council, any Councillor, any committee of CSPA nor any member thereof have authority to legally or morally bind or represent the ACBC or the Bishops, employees of ACBC or holders of offices under ACBC in any respect or for any purpose.

5. MEMBERSHIP

5.1 Number of Members

The number of Members of CSPA is a maximum of 8 members.

5.2 Admission

One distinct and autonomous Catholic school parent body from each state and territory will be eligible for membership of CSPA.

The membership of CSPA will be:

- (a) The Founding Members of CSPA when this Constitution is adopted; and
- (b) A State or Territory Catholic school parent body admitted by the Council as an Ordinary Member pursuant to clause 5.3.

5.3 Application for Membership

- (a) Any State or Territory Catholic school parent body may apply to be admitted by the Council as an Ordinary Member provided that its objectives are demonstrated as congruent with the stated objectives of the CSPA.
- (b) Every application for membership of CSPA must be lodged with the Secretariat and must set forth the name, address, and specify the relevant credentials of the applicant as an Ordinary Member.
- (c) Applications for membership of CSPA must be made in writing on a form approved by the Council for that purpose and signed by the applicant.
- (d) At the first meeting of Council after an application for membership has been received the Council will in its absolute discretion:
 - (i) determine the admission or rejection of the applicant; or
 - (ii) decide to call on the applicant to supply any evidence of eligibility that they consider reasonably necessary.
- (e) An applicant will be admitted to membership of CSPA if 75% of Councillors present and entitled to vote at a meeting of Council by resolution to admit the applicant.
- (f) If the Council approves an application for membership, the Chair must, as soon as practicable notify the applicant in writing of their approval for membership.
- (g) If the Council rejects an application for membership, the Chair must as soon as practicable notify the applicant in writing that their application has been rejected.
- (h) A right, privilege or obligation of a Member by reason of membership of CSPA:
 - (i) is not capable of being transferred or transmitted to another Member; and
 - (ii) terminates upon the cessation of membership in accordance with this Constitution.

5.4 Members Rights

- (a) Members of CSPA will be entitled to attend and vote at general meetings of the CSPA.
- (b) Each Member is entitled to appoint 2 nominees to the Council who shall act as Councillors.

5.5 Register of Members

- (a) A register of member State/Territory recognised Catholic School Parent bodies will be kept.
- (b) Upon approval of an application for membership by the Council, the Chair will cause to be entered into the Register the name and address of the new Member, as supplied by the Member on their application for membership.

The Chair will hold all signed applications and produce them if required to verify the identity of any person voting at any election or meeting of CSPA.

5.6 Disciplinary Procedures

- (a) If any Member or any nominee of a Member wilfully refuses or neglects to comply with the provisions of this Constitution or is guilty of a breach of the Code of Conduct which in the opinion of the Council is unbecoming of a Member or prejudicial to the interests of CSPA, the Council will have the power by resolution to censure or suspend the Member, or nominee of the member, from the CSPA.
- (b) For the avoidance of doubt, conduct will be considered to be unbecoming if it causes 75% of Councillors present and entitled to vote at a meeting of Council to find :
 - (i) Council thinks less of the integrity of the Member or nominee of the Member; or
 - (ii) that the Member or the nominee of the Member brought CSPA into disrepute; or
 - (iii) the Member or the nominee of the Member has breached the CSPA Code of Conduct.
- (c) Any action taken by the Council in accordance with 5.6 (a) is effective only after the Member, or nominee of the Member, has been given 14 days' notice of the resolution and has had the opportunity to be heard at the meeting at which the resolution is proposed.

5.7 Cessation of Membership

A Member will cease to be a Member if:

- (i) the Member resigns from CSPA by giving written notice of their resignation, such resignation to take effect from the date of receipt of that notice by the Chair;
- (ii) 75% of the Councillors present and entitled to vote at a meeting of the Council expel a Member by resolution:
 - (a) whose status or conduct in their opinion renders it undesirable that the Member continue to be a Member; and
 - (b) the Council in accordance with 5.7 (ii) (a) gives the Member 14 days' notice of the resolution and the opportunity to be heard at the meeting at which the resolution is proposed;
- (iii) the Member is no longer recognised by 75% of the Councillors present and entitled to vote at a meeting of the Council as the distinct and autonomous Catholic school parent body of the relevant State or Territory.

5.8 Right of Appeal against Discipline, Suspension or Expulsion

A Member or the nominee of the Member has a right to appeal against their discipline, suspension or expulsion under 5.6, 5.7(ii) and (iii) in accordance with

CSPA's guidelines on disciplinary and dispute resolution procedures in the Code of Conduct.

5.9 Variation of Membership

The Council may:

- (a) Create a new class of Member;
 - (b) Vary or cancel rights of Members in a class; or
 - (c) Transfer a Member or class of Members from one class to another;
- if:
- (d) 75% of the Councillors present and entitled to vote at a Council meeting, vote by resolution in favour of such creation, variation, cancellation or transfer; and
 - (e) such creation, variation, cancellation or transfer is not oppressive conduct or would not unfairly prejudice that class of Members.

6. COUNCIL

6.1 Councillors

Council shall consist of the following:

- (a) 2 nominees appointed by each Member;
- (b) 1 nominee appointed by the BCCE and;
- (c) Up to 2 additional Council members who may be co-opted from time to time at the Annual General Meeting to bring special expertise in a particular area to the Council.
- (d) Chief Officer of the Secretariat (ex officio non-voting)

6.2 Tenure

- (a) Tenure of Councillor is determined in the case of:
 - (i) Member nominees, by their appointee;
 - (ii) Nominee of BCCE, by the BCCE
 - (iii) Chief Officer, while they hold the position
 - (iv) Co-opted Council members, by the Members at the Annual General Meeting subject to a maximum term of 4 consecutive years. Where that person has served a term of 4 consecutive years, that person shall not be eligible for re-election until a period of 12 months has elapsed.
- (b) Should a casual vacancy occur in the Council then their appointee shall be entitled to replace that vacancy within 3 months of the vacancy until the next Annual General Meeting of the CSPA.

6.3 Functions of Council

The functions of Council are to ensure that the CSPA carries out its objects and in particular to:

- (a) Be recognised as the voice for Catholic school parents at a national level;
- (b) Promote and foster Catholic identity of CSPA in supporting Catholic education in Australia;
- (c) Provide prayerful reflection and faith development opportunities for Councillors;
- (d) Develop relationships with the ACBC through the Bishops' Commission for Catholic Education and the National Catholic Education Commission and other relevant bodies to work collaboratively to further the mission of the Church;
- (e) Have authority to interpret the meaning of this Constitution and any matter relating to CSPA on which this constitution is silent;
- (f) Actively seek representation on key national committees and reference groups and be consulted on issues related to national educational matters
- (g) Formulate advice for consideration by the CSPA on any issue involving new policy or a significant deviation from existing policy;
- (h) Monitor national policies and agencies for their impact on Catholic schools
- (i) Undertake political advocacy for funding equity;
- (j) Support the increasingly complex and diverse need of families with children in our Catholic schools;
- (k) Support the long term viability and accessibility of the Catholic education system;
- (l) Be involved in the development and implementation of national programs related to families and education;
- (m) Formulate submissions and advice to national Catholic authorities, government and non-government agencies and authorities, formal inquiries and reviews, committees and working parties on educational issues as they affect Catholic school families;
- (n) Engage with other national peak bodies including parent, principal, statutory authorities;
- (o) Inform current research pertinent to parent engagement in schools and educational decision making;
- (p) Promote parent partnerships and collaboration in the interest of Catholic education;
- (q) Promote and strive for social inclusion and to assist the marginalised in their choice of schooling;

- (r) Develop and implement a communication strategy to execute the role and functions of the CSPA effectively; and
- (s) Have the general control and management of the administration of the affairs, property and funds of the CSPA.

6.4 Proceedings at Meetings of Council

- (a) Council shall meet at least 4 times each calendar year and additionally as determined by the Chair in consultation with the Council.
- (b) The time and place for meetings of Council shall be determined by the Executive.
- (c) Notice of meetings shall be served on all Councillors at least 14 days prior to the meeting.
- (d) No business shall be transacted at any meeting of Council unless a quorum (half the number of Councillors plus one) is present at the time when the meeting proceeds to business. Council may meet in person or by telephone or electronic means of conferring.
- (e) If within half an hour from the time appointed for the meeting a quorum is not present the meeting can proceed only as a non-binding general discussion subject to the discretion of the Chair.
- (f) Each Councillor will be entitled to one vote at a meeting of Council.
- (g) Decision making shall be by consensus but should an impasse occur a vote of Councillors present will be taken and the resolution will be put to the vote of the meeting and shall be decided by a majority of at least two thirds of those Councillors present and entitled to vote.
- (h) A Councillor may, by giving to the Chief Officer 5 business days written notice or less at the discretion of the Chair, be replaced at a Council meeting by a proxy approved by the Member Body and by the CSPA Chair. The Chair may be appointed proxy at a Council meeting with instructions on voting on any motion that has been provided to all Councillors 14 days prior to the Council meeting.
No more than two proxies per calendar year from any State or Territory.

A Councillor may not be replaced at more than two Council meetings per calendar year or at the AGM.

No proxy may replace an Executive member at an Executive meeting
- (i) Decisions are to be clearly stated and recorded in the minutes. They are binding on Councillors.
- (j) Minutes of the resolutions and proceedings of all meetings of Council are to be made together with a record of the name of persons present at the meetings.
- (k) Copies of the minutes shall be forwarded to those entitled to receive them within 14 days of the meetings.
- (l) Based upon the Constitution, the CSPA shall produce and follow a Handbook to guide the operations and protocols of the CSPA.

6.5 Special Meeting of Council

- (a) The Council must convene a meeting for a special purpose if requested in writing by no less than one third of all Councillors and must convene that special meeting within 21 days of such a request (**Special Meeting**).
- (b) The business of the Special Meeting shall be limited only to the special purposes as requested in writing by the Councillors in accordance with **clause 6.5(a)**

6.6 Chair of Council

- (a) The Chair will be a Catholic who is a regular participant in his or her worshipping community and demonstrates a lived commitment to their faith and the Church's mission in education, an affinity to the values of CSPA and a desire and preparedness to work within the mission of CSPA.
- (b) The Chair is to be elected by the Members at an Annual General Meeting either from the Councillors or Council may elect an independent Chair subject to a resolution of Council and 75% of Councillors present and entitled to vote in favour of such appointment.
- (c) A Deputy Chair will be elected by the Councillors at the first meeting held after an AGM in accordance with **clause 6.6(f)**.
- (d) Where an independent Chair is elected that person will become a representative of the Council during their period of appointment;
- (e) Whenever a casual vacancy occurs in the office of Chair the Deputy Chair shall fill the vacancy.
- (f) The tenure of Chair and Deputy Chair is for a two-year term with the right to be elected for three consecutive terms. Where a person has served three consecutive two-year terms as Chair or Deputy Chair, that person shall not be eligible for re-election to the same role until a period of 12 months has elapsed.
- (g) The duties of the Chair include:
 - (i) convening and chairing all meetings of Council and Executive, as well as the CSPA Annual General Meeting;
 - (ii) delegating to the Deputy Chair to chair the meetings in his/her absence and any other duties which the Chair determines;
 - (iii) being ex-officio on sub-committees of Council;
 - (iv) being responsible in conjunction with the Chief Officer for all public statements made on behalf of the CSPA;
 - (v) presenting the annual report to the Annual General Meeting; and
 - (vi) presenting an annual report to the chair of the BCCE in a timely manner so that the report may be presented to the annual Plenary Session of the ACBC.

7. EXECUTIVE

7.1 Executive

There shall be an Executive of Council which shall consist of:

- (a) the Chair, ex-officio;
- (b) the Deputy Chair, ex officio;
- (c) 2 Councillors elected by the Council; and
- (d) Chief Officer from the Secretariat (ex officio non-voting)

7.2 Tenure

- (a) The tenure of each Executive position is for a two-year term with the right to be elected for three consecutive terms in a particular role and where a person has served three consecutive two-year terms in a role that person shall not be eligible for re-election to that role until a period of 12 months has elapsed.
- (b) Whenever a casual vacancy occurs on the Executive, Council shall appoint one of the councillors to fill the vacancy.

7.3 Powers of the Executive

The Executive has the authority to act and make decisions on behalf of the Council subject always to any resolution that may be resolved by the Council from time to time.

7.4 Executive Duties

The duties of the Executive shall include:

- (a) Planning and implementing the business of Council;
- (b) Acting on behalf of Council between meetings;
- (c) Providing for the safe custody of books and documents of the CSPA; and
- (d) Managing the finances of the Council.

7.5 Meetings of Executive

- (a) The Executive shall meet at least 3 times per year and additionally as determined by the Chair in consultation with the Chief Officer.
- (b) Times and places of Executive meetings shall be determined by the Executive with no minimum notice period.
- (c) No business shall be transacted at any meeting of the Executive unless a quorum (a majority of voting members of the Executive) is present at the time when the meeting proceeds to business. The Executive may meet in person or by telephone or electronic means of conferring.
- (d) If within half an hour from the time appointed for the meeting a quorum is not present the meeting shall stand adjourned to a time and place as the Chair

may determine, and if at the adjourned meeting a quorum is not present within half an hour from the appointed time the meeting is dissolved.

- (e) Decision making shall be by consensus but should an impasse occur a vote of members of the Executive present will be taken and the resolution will be put to the vote of the meeting and shall be decided by a majority of at least two thirds.
- (f) At any meeting of the Executive a resolution may be put to the vote of the meeting, with the Chair having a casting vote if required.
- (g) Each voting member present at the meeting of the Executive shall have one vote.
- (h) Decisions are to be clearly stated and recorded in the minutes. They are binding on Executive members.
- (i) Minutes of the resolutions and proceedings of all meetings of the Executive are to be made together with a record of the name of persons present at the meetings.
- (j) Copies of the minutes shall be forwarded to those entitled to receive them within 14 days of the meetings.

8. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- 8.1 An Annual General Meeting of the CSPA shall be held in each calendar year commencing 2013.
- 8.2 The Annual General Meeting shall be held at such time and place as Council determines.
- 8.3 All Members are eligible to attend the Annual General Meeting.
- 8.4 The business that is transacted at an Annual General Meeting shall include:
 - (a) Prayer;
 - (b) Presentation of reports – Chairperson and Chief Officer
 - (c) Receipt of audited financial statements
 - (d) Confirmation of appointments to Council
 - (e) Election of the Chair in accordance with clause 6.6(f).
 - (f) Appointment of auditor and;
 - (g) Any Motions on notice.

9. SECRETARIAT

- 9.1 The Council shall establish a Secretariat to assist the Council with its functions and shall determine the role of Secretariat by way of resolution passed by the Council.

10. COMMITTEES & SUB-COMMITTEES

- 10.1 Council will establish the following Standing Committees:
- (a) Executive committee; and
 - (b) Other committees as determined by Council from time to time.
- 10.2 Council may, as circumstances demand, appoint sub-committees from amongst its number or persons co-opted by it and may prescribe the functions and terms of reference for such sub-committees.
- 10.3 Council will appoint a Councillor as Chair of any sub-committee formed from time to time.

11. FINANCE

- 11.1 The CSPA shall be financed by such means as are determined from time to time by Council.
- 11.2 Council shall ensure that there are kept proper records of the transactions and affairs of the CSPA and any decisions on expenditure shall be approved or ratified at a Council meeting.

12. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

- 12.1 The Annual General Meeting by a 75% majority vote of representatives present may determine such amendments to this Constitution as are deemed necessary, provided that at least 60 days' notice has been given of any proposed amendment.
- 12.2 During the 3 years following the establishment of this Constitution, Council may determine such amendments to this Constitution as are deemed necessary as long as a resolution has been passed by a 75% majority vote of nominees on Council at a special meeting convened solely for this purpose, and provided that 60 days' notice has been given of the proposed resolution.
- 12.3 Amendments to the Constitution approved under 12.1 or 12.2 are to be immediately forwarded to ACBC by the Secretariat with a request that those amendments be reviewed and approved by ACBC as required by CIC Canon 322§2.
- 12.4 Amendments to the Constitution approved under 12.1 or 12.2 become operative upon approval of such amendments by ACBC under 12.3 as contemplated by CIC Canon 322§2.

13. DISSOLUTION

- 13.1 Council may dissolve the CSPA provided that a resolution has been passed by a 75% majority vote of representatives at a special meeting of Members convened solely for this purpose, and provided that 60 days' notice has been given of the proposed resolution.
- 13.2 If the CSPA is dissolved, decisions concerning its goods, rights and liabilities are to be made by Council provided that after the satisfaction of all its liabilities any remaining funds are to be used for the promotion of education and/or the promotion of religion at the direction of the ACBC.

14. COMMON SEAL

- 14.1 If CSPA has a seal:
- (a) the Executive must provide for the safe custody of the seal;
 - (b) the seal must not be used without the authority of the Executive; and
 - (c) every document to which the seal is affixed must be signed by the Chair and countersigned by another member of the Executive or another person appointed by the Council to countersign the document.

15. AUDIT AND ACCOUNTS

15.1 Accounts

The Executive must cause CSPA to keep written financial records that:

- (a) Correctly record and explain its transactions (including transactions undertaken as trustee) and financial position and performance; and
- (b) Would enable true and fair financial statements to be prepared and audited, and must allow a member of CSPA, or a Councillor or the Auditor to inspect those records at all reasonable times.

15.2 Audit

The Executive must cause CSPA's financial report for each financial year to be audited and obtain an Auditor's report. Copies of the financial report and the Auditors report are to be provided by the Secretariat annually to ACBC.

15.3 Financial Reporting

The Executive must cause CSPA to prepare a financial report.

15.4 Canonical Visitation and Inspection of Books

CSPA shall permit ACBC (or its nominated delegates) to visit upon CSPA to inspect all and any records, books, accounts and proceedings of CSPA and of the Council to ensure proper financial administration is occurring within CSPA and that the

requirements of paragraphs 4,11, 12, 13 and 15 of this Constitution are being met to the satisfaction of ACBC in all respects (CIC Canon 325).

15.5 Permission to Take Copies

CSPA shall permit ACBC (or its nominated delegates) upon a canonical visitation to take copies of the records of CSPA for further examination or independent audit or other review, as considered (by ACBC or its nominated delegates) appropriate and necessary in the circumstances.

SCHEDULE 1

Founding Members (clause 2.1)

Federation of Parents and Friends Associations in Catholic Schools Queensland

Council of Catholic School Parents NSW/ACT

Victorian Catholic Schools Parent Body

The Federation of Catholic School Parent Communities

Tasmanian Catholic Schools Parents Council

Parents and Friends' Federation of Western Australia Inc.

Catholic School Parents Archdiocese of Canberra & Goulburn



AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE

DECREE

CONCERNING THE RECOGNITION OF CATHOLIC SCHOOL PARENTS AUSTRALIA AS A PRIVATE ASSOCIATION OF CHRIST'S FAITHFUL, AND ITS JURIDICAL PERSONALITY

The Catholic Schools Parents Australia is recognised as a Catholic private association of Christ's Faithful by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference. The Catholic Schools Parents Association has sought to acquire juridical personality in the Church.

Having examined the statutes of the Catholic Schools Parents Association, the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference at its plenary meeting in May 2017 decided to grant juridical personality to the Association,

Consequently, the Association is recognised in the Church as a private juridical person, with all the rights and obligations of private juridical persons as determined by all the relevant norms of canon law. The Association is subject to all the prescriptions of canon law applicable to private associations of the faithful and private juridical persons.

This decree is to be promulgated by promulgation in the Australasian Catholic Record.

Given at *Melbourne* on the *15th* day of *February*, in the year 2018

+ Denis J. Hart
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PRESIDENT - ACBC

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NOTARY

QUEENSLAND

Roman Catholic Church (Incorporation of Church Entities) Act 1994
Section 10

Form 3

Incorporation Number: 12

Certificate of Incorporation

This is to certify that

CATHOLIC SCHOOL PARENTS AUSTRALIA

is, on and from the second day of January 2019 incorporated under the
Roman Catholic Church (Incorporation of Church Entities) Act 1994

Dated this second day of January 2019.



Delegate of the Director General