



Provision of Catholic schooling policy

Policy

Toowoomba Catholic Schools Office (TCSO) will plan for the timely and equitable provision of Catholic schooling across the Diocese to meet the demand for enrolments.

Rationale

TCSO strategic planning processes monitor and analyse demographic changes, local pastoral needs, changes in attribute of existing schools and the ongoing sustainability of existing schools to inform decisions about the allocation of financial resources in response to identified needs.

Decisions about the provision of Catholic schooling will involve broad and purposeful consultation with all interested parties integral to and impacted by the final decision.

Actions

- TCSO will develop a masterplan and timeline of future Catholic schooling provision to guide decision-making and allocation of resources.
- TCSO will have procedures to manage the consultative, planning and decision-making processes associated with changes in attribute of schools including
 - establishing new schools
 - closing an existing school
 - relocating of a school or part thereof to another campus
 - expanding or contracting the enrolment profile of a school, including the provision of secondary education to an existing primary school or vice versa.
- TCSO will work collaboratively with the relevant parish, school community, education and statutory authorities associated with a change of attribute to ensure a timely and proper outcome.
- Schools will work collaboratively with their School Board or Parent Engagement Network to develop and maintain facility master plans that document the community aspirations for future growth and expansion.

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