



School Advisory Council policy

Policy

All Catholic schools will have in place a School Advisory Council, or an approved modified model, as a formal means of engaging parents in an advisory capacity to support the principal in the strategic oversight of the school.

Rationale

Toowoomba Catholic schools are committed to partnering with parents in their child's education as a part of fulfilling the mission of the Catholic Church.

Catholic schools are to consult with parents in making decisions that impact the families and the education of their children.

(Canon 796)

As a part of this partnership, principals

- engage with parents and seek their advice as appropriate to inform the strategic and operational plans of the school
- commit to providing parents with opportunities to engage meaningfully in the life of the school community.

As a result, students' learning journeys are supported and schools are accountable to their communities for their progress and achievements.

Actions

- The formation and action of the School Advisory Council will be in accordance with the Council's constitution approved by the Bishop and based on 'The Toowoomba Catholic Schools – School/College Advisory Council model constitution'.
- The formation and action of modified models, for example, the Parent Engagement Network (PEN), will be in accordance with a relevant constitution approved by the Bishop.
- The Toowoomba Catholic Schools Office will provide pre-service and in-service resources to assist Council/PEN members deepen their understanding of the Church's mission and the mission of Catholic education.
- Council members and Executive members of an approved modified model are formally appointed as per the Constitution by the Executive Director: Catholic Schools.
- Councils and approved modified models will conduct meetings and discernment processes using the shared wisdom approach to decision-making.

Most Reverend Robert McGuckin | Bishop of Toowoomba