

# SCHOOL BOARDS

**Scope:** This policy applies to all Catholic schools and colleges (referred to as 'school' in the document) conducted by Catholic Education - Diocese of Rockhampton (referred to as CEDR in the document).

## 1. POLICY STATEMENT

All Catholic schools/colleges of the Diocese will have a pastoral School Board.

## 2. DESCRIPTION

All baptised persons are called to build and contribute towards the growth of the Church community and to use their gifts in the service of others.

School Boards provide for the participation of members of the school community in guiding the development of the vision and policy framework for the school. School Boards also provide support and guidance for Principals in the leadership and management of the school.

## 3. IMPLEMENTATION ISSUES

1. The formation and action of the school board will be in accordance with the board's constitution approved by the Bishop and based on "*The Model Constitution and Commentary for Catholic Education Boards in the Diocese of Rockhampton*".
2. With the support of the Principal, School Boards may contribute to the formulation and / or review of school procedures and guidelines to assist in the implementation of policy.
3. Schools and colleges will need to develop their understanding of the nature and role of School Boards.
4. School and college board members will deepen their understanding of the Church's mission as well as the Church's educational ministry and acknowledge the mission of Catholic Education and the mission of the school.
5. School Boards will implement the shared wisdom and discernment approach to decision making.
6. Catholic Education will provide pre-service, continual in-service and ongoing formation for the members of school boards.
7. Schools with enrolments of fewer than 100 may develop a modified model for the operation of a school board for recommendation to the Diocesan Director Catholic Education.



#### 4. REFLECTION MATERIAL

##### CATHOLIC EDUCATION POLICIES AND DOCUMENTS

- [\*The Model Constitution and Commentary for Catholic Education Boards in the Diocese of Rockhampton\*](#) 2006
- Boards in Catholic Education Parent Education Program
- [\*Volunteers' Code of Conduct\*](#) v2 2023
- [\*Catholic School Community\*](#) 2023/03
- [\*Provision of Catholic Education\*](#) 2021/07
- [\*Role of parents and carers in Catholic schools, colleges and services\*](#) 2020/07
- *Ethical Decision-Making Framework* v1 2023

##### RESOURCES

- Sr Mary Benet McKinney *Sharing Wisdom: a Process for Group Decision Making* 1987
- [\*The Identity of the Catholic School for a culture of Dialogue\*](#)