



## School boards policy

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

### Rationale

Schools are accountable to their communities for their performance and achievements. This includes consultation with and reporting to parents on matters affecting the future direction and performance of the school. The involvement of parents in these matters adds a sense of ownership and responsibility by the local community.

Schools engage parents at this strategic level through the operation of a School board or an approved modified model. Each model has a formal constitution approved by the Bishop and provides support and guidance to principals in the leadership and management of the school.

The approved Constitution outlines specific roles and responsibilities of the Board/approved modified model and its members and the advisory relationship with the school principal.

### Actions

- The formation and action of the 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 Toowoomba'*.
- The formation and action of modified models, for example, the Parent Partnership Forum (PPF), 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 Board/PPF members deepen their understanding of the Church's mission and the mission of Catholic education.
- Board members and executive members of an approved modified model are formally appointed each year by the Executive Director: Catholic Schools.
- Boards and approved modified models will conduct meetings and discernment processes using the shared wisdom approach to decision-making.

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