



CATHOLIC EDUCATION COMMISSION
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SUMMARY OF MEETING HELD IN AUGUST 2015

MAJOR AGENDA ITEMS included:

Provision of Early Learning Centres (Helen Casey presented)

Mrs Helen Casey, Acting Deputy Director, presented an historical overview of the development of the Archdiocesan Early Learning Centres since 2009. With the opening of the Holy Spirit Nicholls Early Learning Centre in 2016 and St Anthony's Wanniasa in 2017 there will be 8 Early Learning Centres in Canberra.

Draft Constitution for Catholic Schools Parents, Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn

One of the major tasks since establishment of the Catholic Schools Parents has been to draft a Constitution and Statutes for CSPACG

The CSPACG draft Constitution and Statutes were recommended to Archbishop Christopher Prowse for endorsement.

2014 Financial Questionnaire Data

The CEC noted the school allocations in the Financial Questionnaire data for 2014.

CEC Review

Mr Peter Hamill, Director of CEO Broken Bay has been appointed by Archbishop Christopher Prowse to review the Catholic Education Commission, Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn.

What Does and Doesn't Work in School Funding: John Hattie

The CEC discussed the Paper prepared by Professor Hattie, Chair of the Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership (AITSL).

Some of the suggestions in relation to School Improvement included –

1. The testing and piloting of programs related to NAPLAN results across the Archdiocese.
2. The System setting goals and targets in schools in relation to data.
3. Engaging Critical Friends to assess programs

Reform of the Federation

The CEC discussed the paper relating to school education from the draft *Reform of the Federation Discussion Paper 2015*. The Paper includes four reform options for schools:

1. States and Territories fully responsible for all schools (policy, funding, regulation).
2. States and Territories responsible for funding government schools and the Commonwealth responsible for funding non-government schools.
3. Reduced Commonwealth involvement in school programmes.
4. The Commonwealth is the dominant public funder of all students on an equal and consistent basis.

The CEC discussed:

- What are the advantages and implications of each option on:
 - education generally
 - Catholic education
 - Archdiocesan Catholic education?

The CEC noted that the NCEC will be submitting a joint submission to Government on this issue.

Budget Priorities for 2016

The CEC discussed the System budget priorities for 2016. The CEC requested that the CEO consider

- Pedagogical practice in response to data evidence
- Growing Leaders and succession planning
- Supporting Wellbeing, health and safety culture

REPORTS

Director's Report

- CEO Service Area Reports
- Director's Term Letter
- Bulletin

Non Government School Future Planning

Mrs Najdecki tabled a letter to the Deputy Director-General and Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate regarding our future planning for growth areas of Gungahlin and Molonglo.