



Catholic Education Commission

Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn

SUMMARY OF CEC MEETING HELD AT ST PATRICK'S COOMA ON MONDAY 5 SEPTEMBER 2016

The CEC members travelled to St Patrick's Cooma for the meeting held on 5 September 2016. Frances Robertson, Principal and community members made the CEC members feel very welcomed. A tour of the school was provided prior to the meeting followed by a dinner.

Major Agenda items discussed at this meeting included:

ACT Catholic Secondary Study

Mrs Ellen Davis-Meehan, Director of Key Insights took the CEC members through the first part of the study and some of the preliminary findings from the focus groups.

The CEC agreed to the extension of the final report to be provided to the Catholic Education Commission at its 14 November Meeting.

The CEC also requested that the Director send out a reminder to Principals seeking their support to promote the study in school communities.

CEC Working Party on Catholic and Non-Catholic Enrolments

Catholic and Non-Catholic Working Party Recommendations. The CEC established a Working Party comprising of:

- Mrs Moira Najdecki, Director
- Monsignor John Woods, Vicar for Education
- Mr David Austin, Principal St Francis of Assisi Calwell
- Mr Steve Centra, Principal Lumen Christi, Pambula
- Mr Michael Lee, Principals St Mary MacKillop College, Tuggeranong
- Mrs Erin Taylor (Parent and member of the CCSP)

The Working Party was requested to analyse the Catholic and Non-Catholic Enrolments in the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn and beyond. This was to be done in respect of the ACT and NSW Bishops Pastoral Letter, Catholic Schools at a Crossroads (August 2007) and in line with the CEC Archdiocesan Enrolment Policy.

The CEC considered the findings of the Working Party and determined that a number of recommendations will be forwarded to the Archbishop for approval.

Preliminary Census Results

The CEC discussed the preliminary August census results with a decline across both ACT and NSW.

Preliminary Budget

The CEC noted the first draft of the system budget which is still subject to the following:

- Final advice of 2016 Commonwealth, ACT and NSW public funding on which 2017 public funding will be based (assumptions are based on the 2015 Departmental funding estimation tool).
- Finalisation of 2017 school staffing and enrolment projections.
- Finalisation of 2017 CEO Strategic Priorities and Service Area budgets.
- Confirmation of Tuition Fee increases for 2017.

2017 Tuition Fees

The System experienced an unexpected enrolment decline in 2016 and, based on Kindergarten and Year 7 enrolments for 2017, further decline is expected next year.

The CEC agreed to make a recommendation to the Archbishop in relation to Tuition Fees for 2017.

Reports were received in relation to:

- Director's Report
- ACT Election
- Parents Council
- Federal Elections

2017 Meeting Dates of the Catholic Education Commission was approved as follows:

DATE
6 March
8 May
5 June
7 August
4 September
9 October
13 November