



CATHOLIC EDUCATION
Archdiocese of Canberra & Goulburn

TERMS OF REFERENCE

In early August 2021 the Catholic Education Commission endorsed a Review into systemic school boards and community councils across the Archdiocese.

The Review of School Boards/Community Councils Working Group (**Working Group**) will investigate and analyse school board/community council arrangements across the 56 CECG schools with reference to:

- Modern school governance considerations relevant to the current structure and operation of systemic school boards/councils;
- Challenges for schools (if any) associated with the board/council framework (with reference to current constitutions, and case studies);
- Cross jurisdictional approaches to the role and structure of bodies similar to school boards/councils; and
- Potential opportunities for further development and/or refinement of boards/councils in the Archdiocese, and any associated opportunities to enhance parent engagement at the school level either within or outside of the existing framework.

The Working Group comprises the Director of Catholic Education, a Primary School Principal, a Secondary School Principal, a Regional NSW Principal, an ACT Principal, and a current Chair of a school board/community council and a Catholic Schools Parent Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn representative. With the exception of the Director, membership of the Working Group will be finalised following an EOI process.

The Working Group will oversee research, consultation and engagement with appropriate internal and external stakeholders.

The Working Group will also oversee the production of a Report to the Catholic Education Commission with associated recommendations.

