



CATHOLIC SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Information for Prospective Members

As a member of your school's Advisory Council, you are integral to the spirit of partnership that is being developed within our school community. Membership of the Council allows for the various groups within our community to be represented and to provide support to our school leaders. The Advisory Council enables these groups to meet and work together for the holistic development of our school.

What does the Advisory Council do?

- Supports the Principal in their leadership of the school;
- Is a resource when the Principal is planning for the present and future strategy of our school;
- Brings the voice of the community into our school; and
- Helps to build relationships across our Catholic school community.

Who can be a member?

The Advisory Council reflects the diversity of our community ensuring the representation of different voices, experiences and perspectives. As a member, you must support the Catholic ethos, follow the school's Code of Conduct and act in the best interests of our school.





As a member of the Advisory Council, what is my role?

You represent the interests of all the partners within our school and work positively in the service of our Catholic school community.

The Catholic School Advisory Council is there to support the Principal in their leadership of the school, especially in strategy and finance.

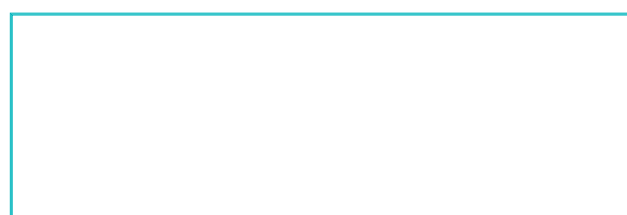


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	Terms of Reference	What it means to you	Example
	<i>Be part of the current and future planning of the school.</i>	Share your unique skills in support of the Principal, guiding the current and future planning of the school.	While day-to-day operations are in the hands of school leaders, your input is invaluable at the strategic level; your expertise can help our school enhance its future planning.
	<i>Provide membership, at the Principal's request, on selection panels for the employment of staff.</i>	Represent the community on selection panels for employing school leaders.	One member of the Advisory Council can be invited by the Principal to participate in a selection panel, where appropriate.
	<i>Communicate about the Catholic school and about Catholic education to persons and organisations in the school community.</i>	As a representative of our school you may be invited by the Principal to support and promote the school within our local community.	Our school is an important member of the local community and is often invited to attend local government events. There may be times when the Principal will invite you to attend and represent the school community.
	<i>Endorse the Catholic school's annual budget.</i> <i>Advise the Principal on school financial matters such as performance against budget, sustainability, and capital and recurrent planning.</i>	The Advisory Council has oversight to confirm the proposed budget meets the school's needs. CEWA Accountants and Deloitte Australia have oversight of the financial operations of the school.	In reviewing the annual budget, the Advisory Council discusses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does this budget reflect the expected enrolments? • Does this budget plan for future operations? • What is the impact of these changes on our school community?



Talk to us about joining our Catholic School Advisory Council.



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