

SCHOOL BOARDS

Scope: This policy applies to all staff employed in Catholic schools and colleges conducted by Catholic Education - Diocese of Rockhampton (referred to as Catholic Education in the document).

1. POLICY STATEMENT

All Catholic schools/colleges of the Diocese will have a board.

2. DESCRIPTION

All baptised persons are called to build and contribute towards the growth of the Church community and to use their gifts in the service of others.

School boards provide for the participation of members of the school community in guiding the development of the vision and policy framework for the school. School boards also provide support and guidance for Principals in the leadership and management of the school.

3. IMPLEMENTATION ISSUES

1. 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 Rockhampton"*.
2. Schools and colleges will need to develop their understanding of the nature and role of boards.
3. Schools' and colleges' board members will deepen their understanding of the Church and implement the shared wisdom and discernment approach to decision making.
4. Catholic Education will provide adequate pre-service, continual in-service and ongoing formation for the members of School Boards.
5. Schools with enrolments of fewer than 100 may develop a modified model for the operation of a school board for recommendation to the Diocesan Director.

4. REFLECTION MATERIAL

CATHOLIC EDUCATION POLICIES AND DOCUMENTS

- [Model Constitution for the Diocese of Rockhampton](#)
- Boards in Catholic Education Parent Education Program

RESOURCES

- Sr Mary Benet McKinney (1987) *Sharing Wisdom: a Process for Group Decision Making*