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Most Rev. Greg O'Kelly SJ AM
Chairman
Bishops Commission for Catholic Education

Dear Bishop O'Kelly

I am pleased to present to you the Annual Report of the National Catholic Education Commission (NCEC) for the year ended 31 December 2009.

Thank you for the support the bishops have given to the NCEC this year. We are grateful for the opportunity to serve the educational mission of the Church in Australia.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Therese Temby
Chair

July 2010



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Bishops Commission for Catholic Education

The National Catholic Education Commission (NCEC) is responsible to the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference (ACBC) through the Bishops Commission for Catholic Education (BCCE). Until May 2009, BCCE membership included:

- Most Rev. Gerard Holohan, Bishop of Bunbury — Chairman
- Most Rev. James Foley, Bishop of Cairns
- Most Rev. Gregory O’Kelly SJ, Assistant Bishop of Adelaide
- Most Rev. David Walker, Bishop of Broken Bay

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference elected a new BCCE in May 2009. Members of the current BCCE are:

- Most Rev. Gregory O’Kelly SJ, Bishop of Port Pirie — Chairman
- Most Rev. Tim Costelloe SDB, Assistant Bishop of Melbourne
- Most Rev. James Foley, Bishop of Cairns
- Most Rev. Gerard Holohan, Bishop of Bunbury

The BCCE met on three occasions in 2009. It reported biannually to the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference Plenary Meetings in May and November.

Until May 2009, Bishops Walker and Foley were members of the NCEC. From May 2009 Bishops Holohan and Foley were members, and Bishop O’Kelly also attended NCEC meetings in June and September 2009.



Role of the National Catholic Education Commission

The National Catholic Education Commission (NCEC) is the official body charged by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference with developing, advising, enunciating and acting upon policy at the national level for the Church's work in education. The NCEC is directly responsible to the Bishops Commission for Catholic Education.

The NCEC is the focal point for ongoing discussions and negotiations with the Commonwealth Government and other national bodies involved in education. The Commission is also a national forum for discussion and debate on significant matters of interest and concern to Catholic education in Australia.

Responsibilities include:

- liaison with the Australian Government and other key national educational bodies;
- monitoring trends in educational theory and practice in Australia and overseas;
- consulting, complementing and supporting Catholic Education Commissions in each state and territory;
- identifying and disseminating data relevant to Catholic education;
- monitoring developments in religious education; and
- monitoring and encouraging research in Catholic education.

Membership of the NCEC

The NCEC consists of:

- Two Bishops of the Bishops Commission for Catholic Education.
- A Chair appointed by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference.
- Two members drawn from, and nominated by, Catholic Religious Australia.
- The Executive Directors of each state and territory Catholic Education Commission.
- The Vice-Chancellors of the two Catholic Universities in Australia.
- Six other persons appointed by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference. One of these members shall be an Indigenous person and two shall be parent members drawn from nominations made by the state and territory Catholic Education Commissions.

Membership of the NCEC is ordinarily for a period of four years.

MEMBERSHIP

National Catholic Education Commission



Chair:
Mrs Therese Temby



Deputy Chair:
Dr Brian Croke
Executive Director,
Catholic Education
Commission,
New South Wales



Mr Michael Avery
Executive Director,
Catholic Education Office,
Northern Territory



Mr Mike Byrne
Executive Director,
Queensland Catholic
Education Commission



Br Julian Casey FMS
Nominee of Catholic
Religious Australia



The Hon Greg Crafter AO
Nominee of the
Australian Catholic
Bishops' Conference

MEMBERSHIP (continued)

National Catholic Education Commission



Professor Greg Craven
Vice-Chancellor,
Australian Catholic
University



Mrs Danielle Cronin
Parent nominee,
Bishops Commission
for Catholic Education



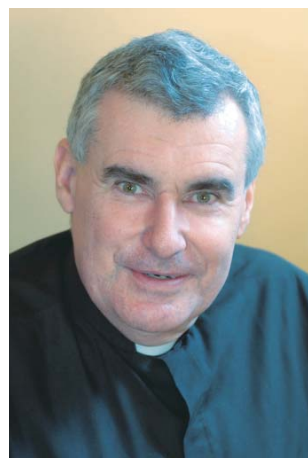
Mr Allan Dooley
Nominee of the
Australian Catholic
Bishops' Conference



Mr Ron Dullard
Director, Catholic
Education Office,
Western Australia



Mr Stephen Elder
Director, Catholic
Education Commission
Victoria



Bishop James Foley
Bishop of Cairns

MEMBERSHIP (continued)

National Catholic Education Commission



Professor Celia Hammond
Vice-Chancellor,
University of Notre
Dame Australia



Dr Melinda Harris
Parent nominee,
Bishops Commission
for Catholic Education



Dr Trish Hindmarsh
Director, Tasmanian
Catholic Education
Commission
(November to December)



Bishop Gerard Holohan
Bishops Commission
for Catholic Education
(June to December)



Sr Rosemary Lewins OP
Nominee of
Catholic Religious
Australia



Ms Delsie Lillyst
Nominee of the
Australian Catholic
Bishops Conference,
Indigenous representative

MEMBERSHIP (continued)

National Catholic Education Commission



Mr Anthony Morgan
Acting Director,
Tasmanian Catholic
Education Commission
(February to September)



Mrs Moira Najdecki
Director, Catholic
Education Commission,
Archdiocese of Canberra
and Goulburn



Mr Tony O'Byrne
Principal, Aquinas
College, Ringwood
Victoria



Ms Jane Swift
Director, South Australian
Commission for Catholic
Schools



Bishop David Walker
Bishops Commission
for Catholic Education
(January to February)



Dr Dan White
Director, Tasmanian
Catholic Education
Commission
(January to February)



1. Professor Greg Craven 2. Dr William Griffiths 3. Mr Stephen Elder 4. Dr Brian Croke 5. Mr Tony O'Byrne
 6. Professor Celia Hammond 7. Mrs Moira Najdecki 8. Mrs Jane Swift 9. The Hon Greg Crafter AO
 10. Mr Ron Dullard, 11. Mr Allan Dooley 12. Mr Mike Byrne 13. Mr Michael Avery 14. Bishop James Foley
 15. Sr Rosemary Lewins 16. Br Julian Casey 17. Ms Delsie Lillyst 18. Dr Dan White 19. Mrs Therese Temby
 20. Dr Melinda Harris.

NCEC SECRETARIAT

Dr William Griffiths (pictured)
 Chief Executive Officer

Staff

Mr Tim Smith, Executive Officer
 (June to December)

Ms Cecilia Roesler, Senior Administrative Officer

Ms Lee Miller, Administrative Assistant



MEETINGS

National Catholic Education Commission meetings

C 178	Melbourne, 19 February
C 179	Sydney, 24 April
C 180	Melbourne, 25 June
C 181	Perth, 10 September
C 182	Melbourne, 19 November

Topics discussed

Catholic education as part of the ecclesiastical identity of the Church

- Catholic identity and first-year students at Catholic universities
- Students with disabilities in Catholic schools
- Public Juridic Persons and the future governance of Congregational schools: Edmund Rice Education Australia
- Schools resource for the implementation of the new translation of the Roman Missal
- Australian Curriculum and Religious Education
- *Funding Principles for Catholic Schools* (published November 2009)

Government policy and funding

- Council of Australian Governments (COAG) projects
- Commonwealth Review of Funding to non-government schools (post-2012)
- Economic stimulus funding (Building the Education Revolution)
- Targeted Programs funding, 2009–12
- Review of state/territory government financial assistance to non-government schools, 2008
- Federal election 2010

National Curriculum

- Australian Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA)
- National Australian Curriculum

MEETINGS (continued)

Topics discussed (continued)

Planning and reporting

- Australian Catholic Education Statistics Database — Annual overview, students and schools
- NCEC Strategic Plan, 2009
- NCEC Communication Plan
- Interstate Long Service Leave Portability Agreement
- Award Modernisation
- H1 N1 flu virus
- National Catholic Education Convention, Adelaide, September 2011
- Planning for the implementation of the My School website



Report on Commission activities, business and discussions

Membership

A new NCEC was appointed from January 2009 by the Bishops Commission for Catholic Education. The Commissioners retiring were Sr Patty Andrew OSU, Mrs Jane Ceolin, Sr Catherine Clark RSJ, Mr Allan Dooley, The Hon John Fahey AC, The Hon Matt Foley, Mr Allan Myers QC and Mrs Grainne Norton.

Commissioners appointed for a four-year term from January 2009 were Br Julian Casey FMS, The Hon Greg Crafter AO, Ms Danielle Cronin, Mr Allan Dooley, Sr Rosemary Lewins OP, Mrs Delsie Lillyst, Mr Tony O'Byrne and Ms Jane Swift.

Mrs Therese Temby continued as NCEC Chair and Dr Brian Croke was elected Deputy Chair for 2009.

NCEC work during 2009

In 2009, NCEC put into action its 2008 resolve to strengthen its policy development capacity. The policy priorities and processes of the Commonwealth Government were, by early 2009, much clearer. In addition to the 2007 Federal Election commitment to review funding for schools, the Commonwealth Government had, in its first year in office, achieved a number of important milestones.

- Legislation to provide funding for non-government schools for the period 2009–12 had been passed by Parliament.
- A Council of Australian Governments (COAG) National Education Agreement had been finalised between the Prime Minister and the state premiers to deliver significant additional school education funding to state governments, and, through National Partnership arrangements, to non-government schools as well.
- The funding conditions in the National Education Agreement with the states/territories and in the Act of Parliament governing funds to non-government schools were essentially identical. These new conditions also served to ramp up the Commonwealth policy agenda and thus influence the work of NCEC. All school authorities (including state and territory Catholic Education Commissions) had agreed to:
 - introduce the new National Curriculum from 2012; and
 - release key data (student performance, income at school level, parent satisfaction survey results) to a third party instrumentality, the Australian Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Authority, for annual publication by school list on the My School website.

The Commonwealth Government's second Economic Stimulus Package, announced in February 2009, launched the Building the Education Revolution (BER) program which will have delivered, by the time the program ends in 2011, a total of more than \$14 billion in building grants to all Catholic primary schools and many Catholic secondary schools. These grants have also been used for repairs and maintenance funding to all Catholic schools. The Catholic Block Grant Authorities were widely and justifiably praised for the competent and cost-effective manner in which the BER funding was disbursed to schools.

The work of implementing the COAG National Partnerships in teaching and learning (the three major National Partnerships were low socioeconomic status (SES) communities; literacy and numeracy; teacher quality) fell in the main to state and territory Catholic Education Commissions. The state/territory-based delivery structure of the COAG National Partnerships was appropriate in politico-legal terms, but the Catholic Education Commissions found it difficult to engage in the additional layers of decision making at state level, especially in a service delivery environment where the state government was as much a competitor in the field as a regulator on behalf of the Commonwealth.

The late-2008 NCEC decisions to reconstitute its committee structure, to establish clearer policy development processes, to implement a more active communication strategy and to review the capacity of the Secretariat thus proved prescient.



NCEC Committee structure

The NCEC formally established, and in some cases, established anew, the following committees in 2009:

- Executive
- Religious Education
- Finance
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education
- Data
- Employment Relations
- Parent
- Technology
- Early Childhood Education and Care Working Party

Each Committee was chaired by a Commissioner. Committee membership was drawn from nominations received from state/territory Catholic Education Commissions. Members were formally appointed for the life of the present Commission (that is, to end 2012). The first task of each Committee was to develop terms of reference and a work plan for 2009 to 2012, and these were in turn approved by the NCEC. Committees meet regularly (usually four times annually) and report formally to the NCEC.

NCEC Secretariat strengthened

The decision was made in the first quarter of 2009 that there should be a second senior education policy appointment made to the Secretariat based in Canberra. Mr Tim Smith was appointed Executive Officer and began work in early June 2009. Later in 2009, NCEC also agreed to the appointment of a part-time Research and Policy Officer for 2010 to assist in particular with the Commonwealth Funding Review.

The Secretariat still relied heavily on the specialist expertise in the major capital city offices, particularly in the areas of recurrent and capital funding policy.

The Commission also continued to rely more generally but equally significantly on state/territory Commissions being prepared to nominate senior officers to serve as NCEC representatives on the many national committees and working groups the new Commonwealth Government programs have created.

The religious dimension of the Catholic school

In the second half of 2009, the Chair determined that each NCEC meeting should begin with an extended non-technical discussion on an issue that spoke to the heart of the work of Catholic schools.

The three discussion topics in 2009 each provided a forum for Commissioners to debate at greater length some of the more complex but nevertheless defining issues that set Catholic education apart, or that had a particular definitive power in the work of Catholic education.

The first issue was the Catholic identity of first year students at Catholic universities, a discussion led by Professor Celia Hammond on the occasion of the Commission's visit to the University of Notre Dame Australia in Fremantle in September. The construction of Catholic identity among students and young people had earlier been a topic at the meeting of all Directors of Catholic Education Offices and their Directors/Coordinators of Religious Education organised by the NCEC in Melbourne in August 2009.

The second discussion forum focussed on students with disabilities in Catholic schools. This was led by Dr Brian Croke, Deputy Chair, NCEC. The statistical and funding evidence was examined (significant growth in the number of students with disabilities eligible for Commonwealth funding in the last decade, but major shortfalls in funding). The NCEC resolved to develop a new policy on funding students with disabilities and to bring the Commission's concern about the paucity of funding in this area to the notice of the Commonwealth Minister and Shadow Minister at every available opportunity.

Catholic Religious Education and its place in the proposed National Curriculum was the third forum topic. This discussion was led by Bishop Gerard Holohan, Chair of the NCEC RE Committee. NCEC agreed that it would be best to await the publication of the first drafts of the new Curriculum and the subsequent advice of the RE Committee in 2010 before proceeding to define a policy position on this matter.

NCEC Funding Research Project

Cognisant of the crucial importance of the 2010–2011 Commonwealth Funding Review, NCEC recommended to BCCE an increase in the levy for 2010 to generate funds:

- to enable printing of the document *Funding Principles for Catholic Schools*, prepared by NCEC and endorsed by the Bishops Conference Plenary in late November 2009;
- to allow NCEC to undertake research to inform our participation in the Commonwealth Funding Review 2010–2011; and
- to enable NCEC to commission funding model analysis as part of our contribution to the Commonwealth Funding Review.

Priority issues for the future

The more rapid unfolding and enactment of the Rudd Government's policy agenda meant that the NCEC has to deal with a dynamic and sometimes volatile national education policy agenda. The Chair and the Chief Executive Officer went to considerable efforts during 2009 to establish good working relationships with the Minister and her staff, and the leading school education departmental bureaucrats.

The principal issues for 2010 will be the 2010–2011 School Funding Review, the Federal Election and funding for Catholic schools. The NCEC will also be involved in the following priority areas over the next two to three years:

- the Commonwealth Government's transparency/accountability agenda: school data to be added to the My School website;
- the Australian Curriculum;
- monitoring the uptake of national awards for people working in Catholic schools; and
- planning for the 2011 National Catholic Education Convention.

NCEC Committees

The Committees and Working Party cover the following themes:

- Religious Education
- Executive
- Finance
- Parent
- Data
- Employment Relations
- Technology
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education
- Early Childhood Education and Childcare

Committee membership and major project works

Religious Education Committee meetings

RE 119	Melbourne, 12 March
RE 120	Melbourne, 28 May
RE 121	Melbourne, 14 August
RE 122	Melbourne, 12 November

Membership

Bishop Gerard Holohan (Chair)
Ms Philomena Billington (VIC)
Mr Damien Brennan (QLD)
Mr Tony Byrne (VIC)
Mrs Mary Dorrian for Ms Andrea Dean (ACT) — 2009 only
Mrs Helen Healy (TAS)
Ms Margaret Hughes (NT)
Mr John McGrath (NSW)
Mrs Anne McLean (Parent Committee)
Mr Tony O’Byrne (NCEC representative)
Ms Debra Sayce (WA)
Dr Paul Sharkey (SA)
Ms Anne Maree Whenman (NSW)

Topics discussed

- Youth Ministry and Catholic secondary schools
- Religious Education e-learning resources
- Schools resource for the implementation of the new translation of the Roman Missal
- The new Australian Curriculum and Religious Education
- Eastern Catholic students in schools
- Congregation for Catholic Schools: Religious education in schools (May 2009)
- Spiritual formation in early childhood

Executive Committee meetings

Melbourne, 26 March

Sydney, 14 May

Melbourne, 12 August

Sydney, 15 October

Teleconference, 11 December

Membership

Mrs Therese Temby (Chair)

Mr Michael Avery

Mr Mike Byrne

Dr Brian Croke

Mr Allan Dooley

Mr Ron Dullard

Bishop James Foley

Sr Rosemary Lewins

Mr Anthony Morgan (February to December)

Mrs Moira Najdecki

Ms Jane Swift

Dr Dan White (January)

Dr William Griffiths (Secretary)

The work of the Executive Committee is to monitor and sustain the policy work of NCEC between full Commission meetings by providing ongoing advice to the Chair.

Finance Committee meetings

Teleconference, 30 January

Teleconference, 8 April

Teleconference, 24 August

Teleconference, 30 October

Membership

Mr Mike Byrne (Chair)

Mrs Therese Temby

Mr Ron Dullard

Topics discussed

The Finance Committee meets quarterly to prepare reports to the NCEC on its finances, comparing expenditure to budget on a range of key items.

Parent Committee meetings

PC 1/09	Melbourne, 20 March
PC 2/09	Teleconference, 12 May
PC 3/09	Teleconference, 7 August
PC 4/09	Melbourne, 23 October

Membership

Mrs Danielle Cronin (Chair)
Ms Kim Bellert (QLD)
Mr Robert Bertagnolio (TAS)
Mrs Sharon Cooke (NSW)
Ms Gordana Crowe (TAS)
Ms Helen Delahunty (ACT)
Mr Paul Dickie (QLD)
Mr Brendan Egan (ACT)
Mrs Carolyn Gutteridge (TAS)
Dr Melinda Harris (WA)
Mrs Catherine Ible (NSW)
Ms Dianne Mack (SA)
Mr Sean Parnell (NT)
Mr Paul Rafferty (WA)
Ms Barbara Reid (VIC)
Mrs Jlse Sanderson (SA)

Topics discussed

- Commonwealth Government COAG Agenda (National Partnerships; Building the Education Revolution)
- DEEWR Family Schools and Community Partnership Bureau
- Assessment and reporting — the ‘transparency’ agenda; school accountability
- Early childhood education; Early Learning Centres
- National Curriculum
- Parent satisfaction survey instruments
- School funding from 2013
- NCEC funding principles
- Commonwealth School Chaplaincy program

Data Committee meetings

Melbourne, 18 February

Melbourne, 25 March

Sydney, 28 August

Membership

Dr Brian Croke (Chair)

Mr John Barker

Ms Ann Daley

Mr Richard Keys

Ms Eileen Lawrance

Mr Pat Love

Mr Greg Rogers

Dr Vin Thomas

Mr Bill Walsh

Topics discussed

- National data audit
- Possible new areas: financial data; early childhood data; teacher data
- Sacramental data sources
- Index of Community Socio-Educational Advantage (ICSEA)
- School sectoral trends
- Student sectoral trends



Employment Relations Committee meetings

Melbourne, 24 June

Melbourne, 20 November

Membership

Ms Jane Swift (Chair)
Mr Allan Clark
Ms Carolyn Hadley
Mr Norm Howett
Mr Eric Leahy
Mr Vin McPhee
Ms Natasha O'Donoghue
Mr Greg O'Mullane
Mr Colin O'Neill
Dr Vin Thomas
Mr Kevin Twomey
Ms Karen Wroughton

Topics discussed

- Referral of industrial relations powers to the Commonwealth
- Monitoring the impact of award modernisation
- Conditions of employment for staff in early childhood settings
- Interstate Long Service Leave Portability Agreement
- Enterprise bargaining negotiations



Technology Committee meetings

Sydney, 11 February

Sydney, 13 May

Sydney, 17 August

Teleconference, 16 November

Membership

Mrs Moira Najdecki (Chair)

Mr Adrian Brown

Mr Liam Garvey

Mr Jeff Gunn

Mr Michael Haigh

Mr Tom Mittiga

Mr Alec O'Connell

Mr Vince Summers

Topics discussed

- catholic.edu domain name changes
- National Secondary Schools Computer Rollout
- Fibre connections to schools and the National Broadband Network
- Digital Education Revolution
- National interoperability
- Digital religious education materials



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education Committee meetings

Melbourne, 20 February

Melbourne, 11 August

Teleconference, 27 October

Membership

Mr Ron Dullard (Chair)
Ms Christine Butterworth
Ms Jane Ceolin
Ms Robyn Collard
Mr David Huggins
Mr James Jolley
Ms Delsie Lillyst
Mrs Nicky Milte
Mrs Kerry O'Callaghan
Mr Frank Pearce

Topics discussed

- Review of the *Schools Assistance Act 2008* Indigenous funding provisions
- Indigenous Education Guarantee funding
- Accessibility/remoteness index of Australia (ARIA)
- National Goals statement (December 2008) and Indigenous education
- COAG National Partnerships and Indigenous education



Early Childhood Education and Child Care Working Party meetings

Teleconference, 10 March

Teleconference, 16 June

Sydney, 9 October

Membership

Dr Melinda Harris (Chair)

Sr Patty Andrew

Mr Bruno Benci

Mr Mike Byrne

Mrs Danielle Cronin

Mr Brendan Egan

Dr Cathie Harrison

Ms Catherine Henbest

Ms Stephanie Jackiewicz

Ms Georgina Kadel

Ms Debra Punton

Mr Tom Sexton

Topics discussed

- Spiritual formation in early childhood
- Early Learning Centres
- The ‘universal provision’ — preschool education for all four year olds
- Australian Early Development Index (AEDI)



Representation on national bodies

The Commission recognises the significance of representation on national education bodies and appreciates the time and effort expended by respective nominees.

During 2009, the following represented the Commission on committees and working parties or as contact persons for the Catholic sector in various national education endeavours and projects. These representatives establish contact networks with officers carrying relevant responsibilities and expertise throughout Australian Catholic education.

The Commission also appreciates the cooperation and contribution made by personnel, not listed, who participate in these networks.

Key to nominee's associations

ACU	Australian Catholic University
CECNSW	Catholic Education Commission, New South Wales
CECVIC	Catholic Education Commission, Victoria
CECWA	Catholic Education Commission, Western Australia
CEO	Catholic Education Office
CEOACT	Catholic Education Office, Australian Capital Territory
CEOSA	Catholic Education Office, South Australia
CEOSYD	Catholic Education Office, Sydney
CEOTAS	Catholic Education Office, Tasmania
CEOWA	Catholic Education Office, Western Australia
ISCA	Independent Schools Council of Australia
QCEC	Queensland Catholic Education Commission
SACCS	South Australian Commission for Catholic Schools

Committee	NCEC nominee
Allanah & Madeline Foundation	
National Centre Against Bullying	Ms Mary Tobin, CECVIC
Asia Education Foundation	
Asia Education Foundation Board	Mrs Helen O'Brien, SACCS
Endeavour Language Teacher Fellowship (ELTF) Project Advisory Group	Mrs Pina Puddu, CECVIC
Australian Bureau of Statistics	
Education and Training Statistics Advisory Group (ETSAG)	Mr Crichton Smith, CECNSW
Australian Catholic University (ACU)	
Working Party to plan a conference on "Mission and Identity: Faith Services"	Dr Paul Sharkey, SACCS
Australian Council for Educational Research	
Project Advisory Committee on Effective Teaching of Mathematics in Secondary Schools	Ms Yvonne Head, Catherine McAuley College
Australian Education Systems Officials Committee (AESOC)	
Student Attendance Working Sub Group (SA, WA and NT)	Mr David Cusack, CEOWA
Sub committee on the establishment arrangements for the Australian Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA)	Mr Ron Dullard, CECWA, CEOWA
NAPLAN Working Group on minimum standards, the 2009 student report matrix and assessment frameworks	Ms Brigitte Ellis, CECNSW
Quality Sustainable Teacher Workforce Working Group	Mr Mark Hogan, CEOACT
National Assessment Program (NAPLAN) Steering Group	Ms Rosalie Nott, CECNSW
School Attendance Steering Group	Ms Rosalie Nott, CECNSW

Committee	NCEC nominee
Australian ICT in Education Committee (AICTEC)	
Australian ICT in Education Committee	Mr Adrian Brown, CECNSW
edu.Domain Administration Committee (eDAC)	Mr Adrian Brown, CECNSW
Digital Education Revolution Teaching in the Digital Age (TDA) Reference Group	Mr Liam Garvey, QCEC
Enabling Technologies and Technical Standards Advisory Group	Mr Jeff Gunn, CECVIC
Systems Interoperability Framework (Australia): Data Standards Working Group	Mr Jeff Gunn, CECVIC
Systems Interoperability Framework (Australia): Interim Board	Mr Jeff Gunn, CECVIC
Digital Education Revolution Teaching in the Digital Age (TDA) Advisory Group	Mr Paul Meldrum, CEO Parramatta
AICTEC Learner Identity Management Project	Mr Tom Mittaga, SACCS
AICTEC Working Party on Interstate Transfer	Mr Tom Mittaga, SACCS
Australian Taxation Office	
GST Forum	Mr Bernard Ferre, CECVIC
Curriculum Corporation	
The Le@rning Federation — English and Literacy Working Party	Ms Rosanne Clough, CECNSW
Board of Directors	Dr Brian Croke, CECNSW
Marking Quality Team — National Assessment Project Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)	Ms Brigitte Ellis, CECNSW
Project Reference Group — National Assessment Project Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)	Ms Brigitte Ellis, CECNSW
The Le@rning Federation — Mathematics Learning Objects	Mr Gerard Lewis, CECVIC
Values Education — Good Practice Schools Project	Ms Phillipa Lovell, CECVIC
Values in Action Schools Project	Ms Phillipa Lovell, CECVIC
National Testing Protocols for National Tests 2008 — Selection Committee for Contractor/s to provide test logistical services	Ms Helen O'Brien, SACCS
National Education Committee Mind Matters	Ms Mary Tobin, CECVIC
Department of Education and Training, NSW	
National MakingCents Financial Year 6 Assessment Tool — Reference Committee	Ms Bronwyn Hession, Broken Bay

Committee	NCEC nominee
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR)	
National Asian Languages and Studies in Schools Program (NALSSP) Implementation Group	Mr Ian Baker, CECNSW
Non-Government Schools Risk Profiling Project	Ms Jane Callaghan, CECVIC
Science By Doing pilot project — Australian Academy of Science	Mr Gary Carey, CEOASYD
Indigenous Youth Leadership Programme (IYLP) National Reference Group	Ms Jane Ceolin, QCEC
OECD Teaching and Learning International School Survey (TALIS) Working Party	Mrs Christine Edwards, CEOTAS
Australian Education International	Dr Michael Gaffney, CEOACT
Improving the Practical Component of Teacher Education	Dr Michael Gaffney, CEOACT
Helping Children with Autism Advisory Committee	Ms Geraldine Gray, CECNSW
Advisory Group for Children with a Disability	Ms Geraldine Gray, CECNSW
National Secondary School Fund Advisory Committee	Ms Geraldine Gray, CECNSW
National Secondary Schools Computer Fund Better Practice Guide: ICT in Schools — Contact for Updates	Mr Michael Haigh, CEOACT
National Literacy and Numeracy Week Working Group	Ms Rosalie Nott, CECNSW
Project Steering Group, Common School Starting Age	Ms Helen O'Brien, SACCS
Music Education Advisory Group	Mr Carl Stevens, CECVIC
Primary Connections — Literacy & Science National Committee	Ms Kathy Zed, SACCS
Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts	
National Environmental Education Network (NEEN) and Australian Schools Sustainability Initiative (AUSSI)	Dr Pauline Sharma, CECVIC
Department of Immigration and Citizenship	
Standing Committee of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs	Mr David Huggins, CECVIC
Government Industry Stakeholders Consultations	Ms Caroline Miller, ISCA
Financial Literacy Federation	
National Consumer and Financial Literacy Education Reference Group — Professional Development Action/Reference Group	Ms Bronwyn Hession, Broken Bay

Committee	NCEC nominee
Ministerial Council on Education, Employment, Training and Youth Affairs (MCEETYA)	
Performance Measurement and Reporting Taskforce (PMRT) — National Assessment Program (NAP) Review Committee for Civics and Citizenship	Dr Mark Askew, Broken Bay
Copyright Advisory Group	Mr Ian Baker, CECNSW
School Resources Taskforce (SRT) — Copyright Law Subgroup NEALS	Mr Ian Baker, CECNSW
Reference Group on Indigenous Education	Ms Jane Ceolin, QCEC
Indigenous Early Childhood Education	Ms Robyn Collard, CEOWA
PMRT — 2009 Data Implementation Manual Working Group	Ms Linda Collings, ISCA
National Languages Education Working Party	Mr Kevin Comber, SACCS
National Curriculum Board	Dr Brian Croke, CECNSW
Australian Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA)	Dr Brian Croke, CECNSW
Performance Measurement and Reporting Taskforce (PMRT)	Mr Allan Dooley, SACCS
PMRT — 2009 Science Literacy Review Committee	Mr Michael Doyle, St Columban's Primary, NSW
Schools Resourcing Taskforce (SRT)	Mr Ron Dullard, CECWA, CEOWA
National Curriculum Board	Professor Marie Emmitt, ACU
PMRT — ICT Literacy Review Committee	Mr Liam Garvey, QCEC
Schools Resource Taskforce — Disabilities Working Group	Ms Geraldine Gray, CECNSW
PMRT — School, Student and Staffing Data Working Group (SSSD)	Mr Jeff Gunn, CECVIC
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PMRT — DCR Working Group: ANR Information Framework and Writing Guidelines	Ms Rosalie Nott, CECNSW
PMRT — DCR Sub Group	Ms Rosalie Nott, CECNSW
PMRT — KPM Working Group on Attendance Measures	Ms Helen O'Brien, SACCS

Committee	NCEC nominee
Expert Steering Group for Benchmarking and the Collaborative Model for Establishing National Comparability	Ms Helen O'Brien, SACCS
Pathways for Post-Compulsory Youth Advisory Committee — VET Funding and Structures Working Group	Mr Paul Rodney, CECNSW
Benchmarking and Educational Measurement Unit (BEMU) — Trial of Automatic Essay Scoring	Ms Margaret Scroope, Department of Education & Training, NSW
South Australian Department of Education and Childrens' Services	
National Steering Committee overseeing the development of a National Partnership to improve Year 12 attainment	Mr Stephen Elder, CECVIC
Teaching Australia	
Standards Reference Group	Mr Mike Byrne, QCEC
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Early Childhood Working Party	Ms Cathy Mesaric, CEO Warragul
Curriculum Area Reference Group (CARG) — Languages Other than English	Ms Pina Puddu, CECVIC
Curriculum Area Reference Group (CARG) — Science	Dr Pauline Sharma, CECVIC

Summary
statistics



Summary statistics data is from the NCEC Australian Catholic Education Statistics database and the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (formerly the Department of Education, Science and Training) Annual School Census and Financial Questionnaire. Note that totals may vary to the sum of the parts due to rounding.

Catholic schools in Australia, 2009

	2009	% of schools	Change from 2008
Primary schools	1,222	72%	-3
Secondary schools	325	19%	-25
Combined primary/secondary	141	8%	+27
Special	10	1%	0
Total	1,698	100%	-1

Students in Australian Catholic schools, 2009

	2009	% of students	Change from 2008
Primary schools	383,763	55%	+3,751
Secondary schools	320,095	45%	+3,753
Total	703,858	100%	+7,505

Specific student groups in Australian Catholic schools, 2009

	2009	% of students	Change from 2008
Students with disabilities	24,805	3.5%	+1,590
Indigenous students	14,261	2.0%	+735
Full fee-paying overseas students	2,379	0.3%	+36
Boarding students (52 boarding schools)	6,730	1.0%	-140

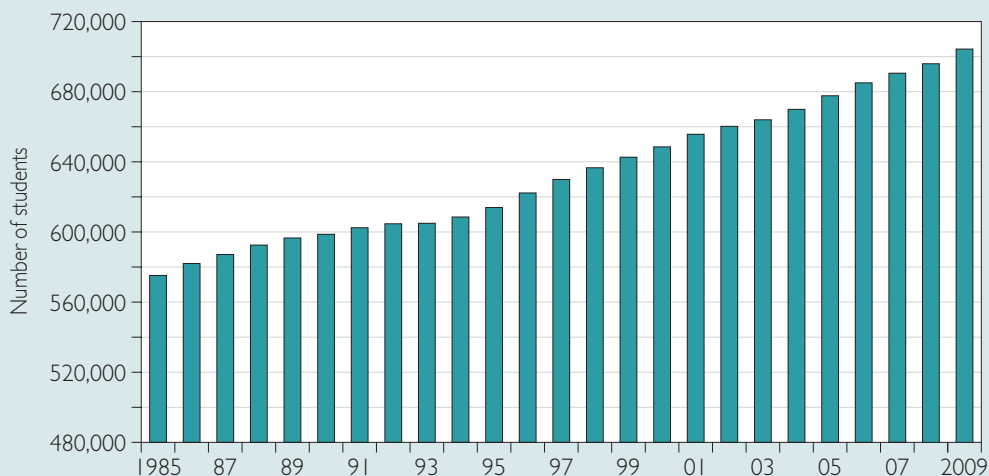
Apparent retention rates in Australian Catholic schools, 2009

	Males	Females	All students
Catholic primary to Catholic secondary	117.4	121.6	119.5
Post compulsory schooling (Year 10 to Year 12)	75.3	83.1	79.2

Enrolment trends in Australian Catholic schools

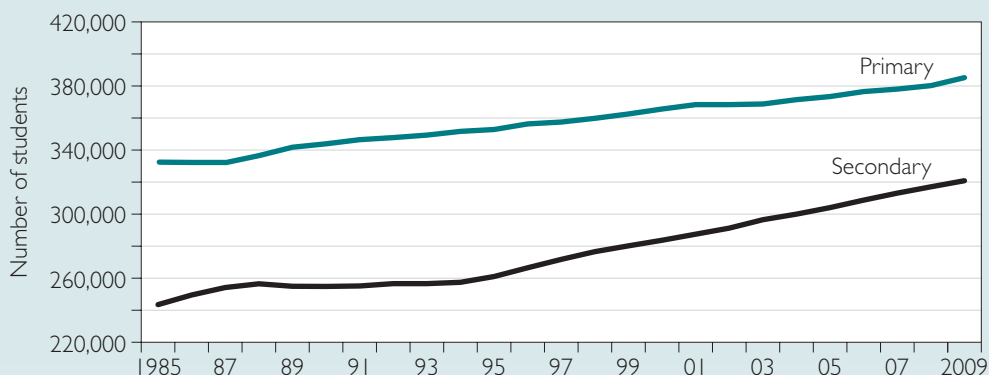
Student enrolments

There were 704,000 students in Australian Catholic schools in 2009, which was an increase of 129,000 since 1985. From 2008 to 2009 the number grew by 7,644, which was 1,900 more than the previous year's increase.



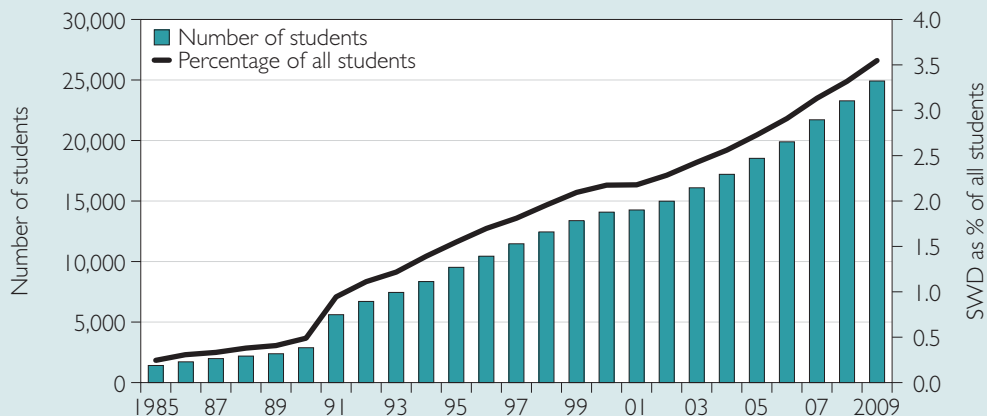
Student enrolment growth

Primary and secondary enrolments continue to increase in Australian Catholic schools. Primary enrolments rose by 3,873 from 2008 to 2009, while secondary enrolments rose by 3,772. Since 1985, more than 60% of the growth in enrolments has been in secondary students who now represent 45% of enrolments.



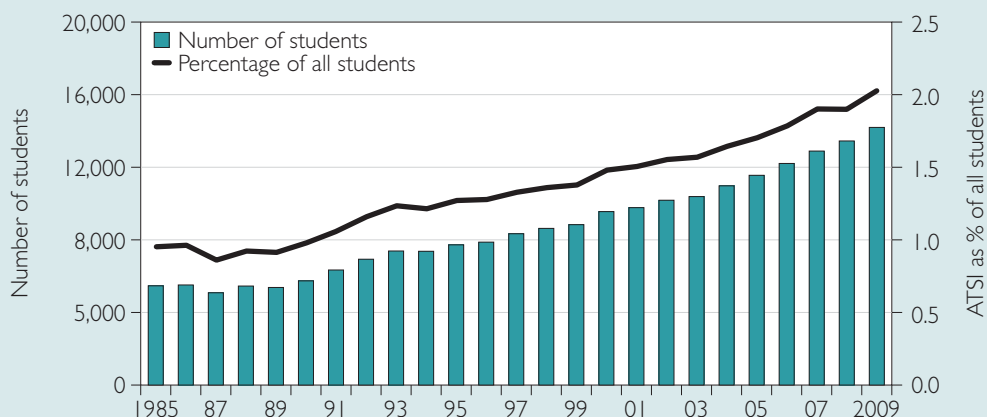
Students with disabilities

In 2009, there were 24,805 students with disabilities (SWD) in Catholic schools which saw a rise of 1,589 from the previous year. Students with disabilities now represent 3.5% of students in Catholic schools.



Indigenous students

There were 14,261 Indigenous (ATSI) students in Catholic schools in 2009, which represented 2.0% of all students. This was a rise of 735 students from the previous year.



Staff (full-time equivalent) in Australian Catholic schools, 2009

	2009	% of staff	Change from 2008
Teachers (including principals)	46,670	74%	+423
Non-teaching staff	16,509	26%	+551
Total staff (full-time equivalent)	63,178	100%	+971

Teachers (including principals, full-time equivalent)

	2009	% of teachers	Change from 2008
Primary	21,661	46%	156
Secondary	24,885	53%	265
Special	124	0%	2
Female	32,231	69%	268
Male	14,438	31%	154
Primary teachers			
Female	17,788	82%	17,788
Male	3,873	18%	3,873
Secondary teachers			
Female	14,349	58%	14,349
Male	10,536	42%	10,536
Special school teachers			
Female	95	77%	1
Male	29	23%	1

Student/staff ratios (full-time equivalent), 2009

	Primary	Secondary
Student / teaching staff	17.7	12.9
Student / total staff	13.4	9.3

Sources of funding, 2008

Income per student

	Primary schools		Secondary schools		Combined primary/secondary		All Catholic schools	
Commonwealth grants	\$5,134	59%	\$6,427	51%	\$5,605	42%	\$5,673	53%
State grants	\$1,786	21%	\$2,297	18%	\$2,063	16%	\$2,012	19%
Private income	\$1,720	20%	\$3,878	31%	\$5,523	42%	\$3,059	28%
Total income	\$8,640	100%	\$12,602	100%	\$13,190	100%	\$10,745	100%

	Primary schools	Secondary schools	Combined primary/secondary	All Catholic schools
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Expenditure per student

	Primary schools	Secondary schools	Combined primary/secondary	All Catholic schools
Recurrent	\$7,496	\$11,100	\$11,630	\$9,410
Capital	\$1,070	\$1,635	\$2,035	\$1,416
Total	\$8,565	\$12,735	\$13,665	\$10,826

Annual movement

	Primary schools	Secondary schools	Combined primary/secondary	All Catholic schools
Loans at start of year	\$1,669	\$2,897	\$4,344	\$2,506
Loans at end of year	\$1,868	\$3,089	\$4,694	\$2,724
Annual movement of borrowings	\$198	\$192	\$350	\$218

Summary statistics by state/territory, 2009

A. Schools

	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	AUST
Primary	23	415	7	195	68	24	379	111	1,222
Secondary	5	130	3	67	10	5	88	17	325
Combined *	2	31	5	26	22	8	18	29	141
Special	0	6	0	0	2	0	2	0	10
Total	30	582	15	288	102	37	487	157	1,698
<i>Boarding</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>52</i>

* Primary and secondary

B. Students (full-time equivalent)

	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	AUST
Primary	8,817	123,702	2,821	75,492	28,085	7,392	100,305	37,150	383,763
Secondary	8,504	115,568	1,919	52,687	19,185	6,780	87,361	28,092	320,095
Total	17,321	239,269	4,740	128,179	47,270	14,172	187,666	65,243	703,858

C. Boarding students (full-time equivalent)

	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	AUST
Primary	0	0	0	23	1	0	0	0	24
Secondary	0	2,663	178	2,241	298	0	386	940	6,706
Total	0	2,663	178	2,264	299	0	386	940	6,730

D. Full fee-paying overseas students

	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	AUST
Primary	6	71	1	74	13	0	208	44	417
Secondary	9	751	35	431	353	3	267	113	1,962
Total	15	822	36	505	366	3	475	157	2,379

E. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students

	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	AUST
Primary	106	2,704	976	2,039	290	309	416	1,486	8,326
Secondary	103	1,875	589	1,829	206	237	357	740	5,935
Total	209	4,579	1,565	3,868	496	546	773	2,226	14,261

F. Students with disabilities

	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	AUST
Primary	181	6,205	130	2,213	1,097	151	4,051	1,329	15,356
Secondary	138	4,144	54	1,258	478	109	2,584	685	9,449
Total	319	10,349	184	3,470	1,575	260	6,635	2,014	24,805

G. Teachers (full-time equivalent including principals)

	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	AUST
Primary									
Females	375	5,654	160	3,303	1,262	302	5,057	1,676	17,788
Males	99	1,042	27	812	365	94	1,013	420	3,873
Persons	474	6,696	187	4,115	1,627	396	6,070	2,096	21,661
Secondary									
Females	348	5,109	94	2,384	854	288	4,045	1,228	14,349
Males	259	3,694	77	1,776	702	219	2,844	965	10,536
Persons	607	8,803	171	4,160	1,556	507	6,889	2,193	24,885
Special									
Females	0	60	0	0	16	0	20	0	95
Males	0	18	0	0	7	0	4	0	29
Persons	0	78	0	0	23	0	24	0	124
All teachers									
Females	723	10,823	254	5,687	2,132	590	9,122	2,904	32,232
Males	358	4,754	104	2,588	1,074	313	3,861	1,385	14,438
Persons	1,081	15,577	358	8,275	3,206	903	12,983	4,289	46,670

H. Non-teaching staff (full-time equivalent)

	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	AUST
Primary	110	1,684	155	1,666	571	163	1,467	1,125	6,943
Secondary	220	2,723	96	1,969	573	222	2,702	931	9,436
Special	0	74	0	0	36	0	20	0	130
Total	330	4,482	251	3,635	1,180	385	4,189	2,056	16,509

I. Student/teaching staff (full-time equivalent) ratio

	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	AUST
Primary	18.6	18.5	15.1	18.3	17.3	18.7	16.5	17.7	17.7
Secondary	14.0	13.1	11.2	12.7	12.3	13.4	12.7	12.8	12.9

J. Student/all staff (full-time equivalent) ratio

	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	AUST
Primary	15.1	14.8	8.2	13.1	12.8	13.2	13.3	11.5	13.4
Secondary	10.3	10.0	7.2	8.6	9.0	9.3	9.1	9.0	9.3

K. Apparent retention rates

Catholic primary to Catholic secondary

	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	AUST
Girls	130.7	121.5	102.7	129.1	115.3	135.6	120.2	185.1	121.6
Boys	107.6	121.2	101.1	117.7	115.2	126.8	110.8	168.2	117.4
All students	118.1	121.3	101.9	123.2	115.3	131.2	115.4	168.2	119.5

Post-compulsory (Year 10 to Year 12)

	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	AUST
Girls	71.9	82.5	52.8	84.9	90.3	65.8	87	80.6	83.1
Boys	77.6	72.5	43.8	76.8	77.2	61.4	76.8	71.4	75.3
All students	74.8	77.4	48.4	80.8	83.7	63.6	82.1	76.1	79.2

L. Income and expenditure (\$ per student), 2008

Catholic primary schools (see note 1 below)

	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	AUST
Commonwealth gov't grants	4,925	5,115	6,391	4,885	5,305	5,241	5,352	4,917	5,134
State gov't grants	1,442	1,911	2,261	2,023	1,508	1,612	1,539	1,875	1,786
Total private income	2,453	1,830	1,842	1,766	2,046	2,765	1,478	1,393	1,720
<i>Fees and charges</i>	1,532	1,147	945	1,372	1,593	1,105	984	984	1,160
<i>Private donations and income</i>	921	683	897	393	453	1,660	494	409	560
Total income	8,820	8,856	10,493	8,673	8,859	9,618	8,368	8,185	8,640
Recurrent expenditure	7,203	7,808	9,698	7,388	8,017	7,174	7,129	7,394	7,496
Capital expenditure	1,153	919	858	1,277	968	1,814	1,158	860	1,070
Total expenditure	8,356	8,728	10,556	8,665	8,985	8,988	8,288	8,254	8,565
Loans at start of year	750	2,057	859	1,341	3,018	2,425	1,278	1,437	1,669
Loans at end of year	747	2,195	1,143	1,551	3,098	3,363	1,515	1,697	1,868
Annual movement in borrowing	-3	138	284	210	80	938	237	260	198

Catholic secondary schools (see notes 1 and 2 below)

	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	AUST
Commonwealth gov't grants	—	6,425	—	6,895	6,460	6,276	6,328	6,018	6,427
State gov't grants	—	2,488	—	2,550	2,016	2,304	1,881	2,655	2,297
Total private income	—	3,942	—	3,919	4,214	2,759	3,736	3,995	3,878
<i>Fees and charges</i>	—	3,057	—	3,200	3,629	2,460	3,186	3,252	3,156
<i>Private donations and income</i>	—	885	—	719	585	299	550	743	722
Total income	—	12,855	—	13,365	12,691	11,339	11,945	12,668	12,602
Recurrent expenditure	—	11,249	—	11,246	11,349	10,343	10,878	11,125	11,100
Capital expenditure	—	1,438	—	2,402	1,717	1,340	1,409	1,940	1,635
Total expenditure	—	12,688	—	13,648	13,067	11,683	12,288	13,065	12,735
Loans at start of year	—	2,920	—	2,657	2,496	2,261	3,071	3,301	2,897
Loans at end of year	—	3,127	—	3,108	2,322	2,743	3,115	3,555	3,089
Annual movement in borrowing	—	206	—	450	-174	482	44	254	192

1. Figures are rounded to the nearest dollar. Totals may vary to the sum of the parts due to rounding.
2. Income and expenditure information has not been published for the Northern Territory (NT) and the Australian Capital Territory (ACT) to maintain confidentiality.

L. Income and expenditure (\$ per student), 2008

Catholic combined primary/secondary schools (see notes 1 and 2 below)

	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	AUST
Commonwealth gov't grants	—	5,020	—	5,813	5,806	5,687	4,561	5,881	5,605
State gov't grants	—	2,139	—	2,370	1,636	1,780	1,715	2,362	2,063
Total private income	—	6,804	—	4,452	4,924	2,411	10,431	4,070	5,523
<i>Fees and charges</i>	—	5,661	—	3,726	4,249	1,991	9,073	3,453	4,670
<i>Private donations and income</i>	—	1,144	—	726	675	420	1,358	618	853
Total income	—	13,963	—	12,634	12,365	9,878	16,707	12,314	13,190
Recurrent expenditure	—	12,099	—	11,190	11,057	9,028	15,046	10,741	11,630
Capital expenditure	—	1,824	—	2,558	1,765	1,788	2,395	1,855	2,035
Total expenditure	—	13,923	—	13,748	12,822	10,816	17,440	12,596	13,665
Loans at start of year	—	4,108	—	4,876	4,796	2,110	6,004	3,264	4,344
Loans at end of year	—	4,335	—	5,411	5,393	2,533	5,812	3,656	4,694
Annual movement in borrowing	—	227	—	534	596	423	-191	392	350

All Catholic schools (see note 1 below)

	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	AUST
Commonwealth gov't grants	5,291	5,659	9,097	5,666	5,687	5,682	5,723	5,439	5,673
State gov't grants	1,707	2,176	2,685	2,248	1,634	1,867	1,694	2,203	2,012
Total private income	3,584	3,196	2,385	2,924	3,648	2,656	2,948	2,712	3,059
<i>Fees and charges</i>	2,814	2,384	1,391	2,370	3,076	1,775	2,381	2,162	2,398
<i>Private donations and income</i>	770	812	994	555	572	881	567	549	661
Total income	10,582	11,031	14,167	10,838	10,969	10,205	10,366	10,354	10,745
Recurrent expenditure	9,073	9,670	11,383	9,272	9,848	8,674	9,176	9,181	9,410
Capital expenditure	1,483	1,225	1,908	1,859	1,431	1,666	1,336	1,383	1,416
Total expenditure	10,556	10,895	13,291	11,131	11,279	10,340	10,512	10,564	10,826
Loans at start of year	1,394	2,617	1,412	2,409	3,760	2,281	2,310	2,363	2,506
Loans at end of year	1,523	2,792	1,372	2,753	4,042	2,928	2,441	2,649	2,724
Annual movement in borrowing	129	175	-40	344	282	647	131	286	218

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In a small shack in the country with her six
relatives, Rochelle and Stanley
as well.
Every day Ginky-Ella had to cook their meals
as well.
Cleaning the beds
Reading the books
Cocking the
Hanging



Financial report
for the year ended
31 December 2009

NATIONAL CATHOLIC EDUCATION COMMISSION'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2009

The National Catholic Education Commission (NCEC) submits their financial report for the year ended 31 December 2009.

Commission members

The NCEC is appointed by the Bishops Commission for Catholic Education. The NCEC consists of 21 members representing various aspects of Catholic education.

Principal activities

The principal activities of the NCEC during the financial year were to develop, enunciate and act upon policy at the national level for the Catholic Church's work in education on behalf of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference.

Significant changes

No significant change in the nature of these activities occurred during the year.

Operating result

The net loss for the period amounted to \$59,259.

Signed on behalf of the NCEC.



Dr William Griffiths
Chief Executive Officer



Mrs Therese Temby
Chair

Dated 19 April 2010

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL CATHOLIC EDUCATION COMMISSION

Report on the financial report

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of the National Catholic Education Commission (the Commission), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2009, the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity, and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes.

Commission's responsibility for the financial report

The Commission is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report and has determined that the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements, which form part of the financial report, are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The Commission's responsibilities also include designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Auditor's responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used, as described in Note 1, are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. These Auditing Standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control.

An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the Commission, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

The special purpose financial report has been prepared for distribution to members for the purpose of fulfilling the Commission's financial reporting requirements. We disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report or on the financial report to which it relates to any person other than the members, or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Independence

In conducting our audit, we have complied with the independence requirements of Australian professional ethical pronouncements.

Auditor's opinion

In our opinion, the financial report of the National Catholic Education Commission presents fairly, in all material respects the financial position of the National Catholic Education Commission as of 31 December 2009 and of its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements.



Shane Bellchambers, CA
Partner
Registered Company Auditor
ACT
WalterTurnbull
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Canberra,
19 April 2010

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2009

	Note	2009 \$	2008 \$
Revenue	2	946,575	808,848
Employee expenses		(400,870)	(251,992)
Depreciation and amortisation expenses	3	(10,537)	(12,250)
Rent expense		(32,988)	(31,376)
Meeting expenses		(362,690)	(331,115)
Outsourcing expenses		(91,087)	(15,701)
Interest paid	3	(330)	(905)
Office and other expenses		(107,332)	(114,058)
(Loss)/Profit for the period		(59,259)	51,451
Total comprehensive income for the period		(59,259)	51,451

THE ACCOMPANYING NOTES FORM PART OF THESE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2009

	Note	2009 \$	2008 \$
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	4	743,853	817,602
Trade and other receivables	5	17,438	15,089
Inventories	6	284	4,091
Other current assets	7	24,403	10,314
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		785,978	847,096
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, plant and equipment	8	25,462	20,894
Intangible assets	9	18,101	—
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		43,563	20,894
TOTAL ASSETS		829,541	867,990
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables	10	70,352	48,255
Borrowings	11	3,589	2,429
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		73,941	50,684
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Borrowings	11	1,119	3,566
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		1,119	3,566
TOTAL LIABILITIES		75,060	54,250
NET ASSETS		754,481	813,740
EQUITY			
Retained earnings		135,126	168,740
Reserves		619,355	645,000
TOTAL EQUITY		754,481	813,740

THE ACCOMPANYING NOTES FORM PART OF THESE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2009

	Retained Earnings	Capital Replacement and LSL Reserve	2006 Conference Surplus Reserve	Policy Planning Reserve	National Convention Reserve	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Balance at 1 January 2008	640,194	10,247	111,848	—	—	762,289
Total comprehensive income for the period	51,451	—	—	—	51,451	
Transfers from retained earnings	(522,905)	—	—	—	—	(522,905)
Transfers to/(from) reserves	—	24,753	(111,848)	150,000	460,000	522,905
Balance at 31 December 2008	168,740	35,000	—	150,000	460,000	813,740
Total comprehensive income for the period	(59,259)	—	—	—	—	(59,259)
Transfers to retained earnings	25,645	—	—	—	—	25,645
Transfers to/(from) reserves	—	(8,215)	—	(2,142)	(15,288)	(25,645)
Balance at 31 December 2009	135,126	26,785	147,858	444,712	754,481	

THE ACCOMPANYING NOTES FORM PART OF THESE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2009

	Note	2009 \$	2008 \$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Receipts from subsidies and other income		971,951	827,298
Interest received		27,076	56,321
Interest paid		(330)	(905)
Payments to employees and suppliers		(1,037,953)	(816,106)
Net cash (used in)/provided by operating activities	12	(39,256)	66,608
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Purchase of property, plant and equipment.		(33,206)	(4,232)
Net cash (used in) investing activities		(33,206)	(4,232)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Repayment of borrowings		(1,287)	(2,004)
Net cash (used in) financing activities		(1,287)	(2,004)
Net (decrease)/increase in cash held		(73,749)	60,372
Cash at beginning of the financial year		817,602	757,230
Cash at end of the financial year	4	743,853	817,602

THE ACCOMPANYING NOTES FORM PART OF THESE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2009

Note 1: Statement of significant accounting policies

The Commission has prepared the financial statements on the basis that the NCEC is a non-reporting entity because there are no users dependent on general purpose financial reports. This financial report is therefore a special purpose financial report that has been prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Commission.

The financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historical costs unless otherwise stated in the notes. The following significant accounting policies disclosed below, which the Commission has determined are appropriate to meet the needs of members, have been adopted in the preparation of these financial statements. The accounting policies have been consistently applied, unless otherwise stated.

Accounting policies

a. Income tax

No provision for income tax has been raised, as the Commission is exempt from income tax under Division 50 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*.

b. Inventories

Inventories are measured at the lower of cost and current replacement value. Inventories acquired at no cost, or for nominal consideration are valued at the current replacement cost as at the date of acquisition.

Note 1: Statement of significant accounting policies (continued)

c. Property, plant and equipment

Each class of property, plant and equipment is carried at cost or fair value as indicated less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

Plant and equipment

Plant and equipment are measured on the cost basis less depreciation and impairment losses.

The carrying amount of plant and equipment is reviewed annually by the Commission to ensure it is not in excess of the recoverable amount from these assets. The recoverable amount is assessed on the basis of the expected net cash flows that will be received from the asset's employment and subsequent disposal. The expected net cash flows have been discounted to their present values in determining recoverable amounts.

Intangibles

Software is recorded at cost. Software has a finite life and is carried at cost less any accumulated amortisation and impairment losses. It has an estimated useful life of three years. It is assessed annually for impairment.

Depreciation

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets is depreciated on a straight line basis over the asset's useful life to the Commission commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use. Leased assets are depreciated over the shorter of either the unexpired period of the lease or the estimated useful life of the asset.

The depreciation rates used for each class of depreciable assets are:

Class of fixed asset	Depreciation rate
Furniture and fittings	10%
Machines and equipment	10 – 33.33%
Leased machines and equipment	20 – 25%

The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at each balance sheet date.

An asset's carrying amount is written down immediately to its recoverable amount if the asset's carrying amount is greater than its estimated recoverable amount.

Note 1: Statement of significant accounting policies (continued)

c. Property, plant and equipment (continued)

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing proceeds with the carrying amount. These gains or losses are included in the statement of comprehensive income. When revalued assets are sold, amounts included in the revaluation reserve relating to that asset are transferred to retained earnings.

d. Leases

Leases of fixed assets, where substantially all the risks and benefits incidental to the ownership of the asset, but not the legal ownership that are transferred to the Commission are classified as finance leases.

Finance leases are capitalised by recording an asset and a liability at the lower of the amounts equal to the fair value of the leased property or the present value of the minimum lease payments, including any guaranteed residual values. Lease payments are allocated between the reduction of the lease liability and the lease interest expense for the period.

Leased assets are depreciated on a straight-line basis over the shorter of their estimated useful lives or the lease term.

Lease payments for operating leases, where substantially all the risks and benefits remain with the lessor, are charged as expenses in the periods in which they are incurred.

e. Financial instruments

Initial recognition and measurement

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the Commission becomes a party to the contractual provisions to the instrument. For financial assets, this is equivalent to the date that the Commission commits itself to either purchase or sell the asset (i.e. trade date accounting is adopted). Financial instruments are initially measured at fair value plus transactions costs except where the instrument is classified 'at fair value through profit or loss' in which case transaction costs are expensed to profit or loss immediately.

Classification and subsequent measurement

Financial instruments are subsequently measured at either fair value, amortised cost using the effective interest rate method or cost. Fair value represents the amount for which an asset could be exchanged or a liability settled, between knowledgeable, willing parties. Where available, quoted prices in an active market are used to determine fair value. In other circumstances, valuation techniques are adopted.

Note 1: Statement of significant accounting policies (continued)

c. Financial instruments (continued)

Classification and subsequent measurement (continued)

Amortised cost is calculated as:

- (i) the amount at which the financial asset or financial liability is measured at initial recognition;
- (ii) less principal repayments;
- (iii) plus or minus the cumulative amortisation of the difference, if any, between the amount initially recognised and the maturity amount calculated using the *effective interest method*; and
- (iv) less any reduction for impairment.

The *effective interest method* is used to allocate interest income or interest expense over the relevant period and is equivalent to the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash payments or receipts (including fees, transaction costs and other premiums or discounts) through the expected life (or when this cannot be reliably predicted, the contractual term) of the financial instrument to the net carrying amount of the financial asset or financial liability. Revisions to expected future net cash flows will necessitate an adjustment to the carrying value with a consequential recognition of an income or expense in profit or loss.

(i) Loans and receivables

Loans and receivables are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market and are subsequently measured at amortised cost.

(ii) Financial liabilities

Non-derivative financial liabilities (excluding financial guarantees) are subsequently measured at amortised cost.

Derecognition

Financial assets are derecognised where the contractual rights to receipt of cash flows expires or the asset is transferred to another party whereby the Commission is no longer has any significant continuing involvement in the risks and benefits associated with the asset. Financial liabilities are derecognised where the related obligations are either discharged, cancelled or expire. The difference between the carrying value of the financial liability extinguished or transferred to another party and the fair value of consideration paid, including the transfer of non-cash assets or liabilities assumed, is recognised in profit or loss.

Note 1: Statement of significant accounting policies (continued)

f. Impairment of assets

At each reporting date, the Commission reviews the carrying values of its tangible and intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have been impaired. If such an indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset, being the higher of the asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use, is compared to the asset's carrying value. Any excess of the asset's carrying value over its recoverable amount is expensed to the statement of comprehensive income.

Where it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, the Commission estimates the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs.

g. Employee benefits

Provision is made for the Commission's liability for employee benefits arising from services rendered by employees to reporting date. Employee benefits expected to be settled within one year together with benefits arising from wages, salaries and annual leave which may be settled after one year, have been measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled. Other employee benefits payable later than one year have been measured at the net present value.

i. Revenue

Revenue from the Bishops Conference Subsidy is recognised when received. Revenue from the sale of publications is recognised upon delivery to the customer.

Profit from the sale of assets is recognised when the ownership of the asset has passed.

Interest revenue is recognised using the effective interest rate method.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

j. Economic dependency

The Commission is dependent upon the financial support of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference for the majority of its revenue used to operate the business. At the date of this report the Commission has no reason to believe the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference will not continue to support the NCEC.

Note 1: Statement of significant accounting policies (continued)

k. Goods and services tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office. In these circumstances the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of the expense. Receivables and payables in the statement of financial position are shown inclusive of GST.

Cash flows are presented in the statement of cash flows on a gross basis, except for the GST component of investing and financing activities, which are disclosed as operating cash flows.

l. Comparative figures

Comparative figures have been adjusted to conform to changes in presentation for the current financial year where required by accounting standards or as a result of changes in accounting policy.

Critical accounting estimates and judgments

The Commission evaluates estimates and judgments incorporated into the financial report based on historical knowledge and best available current information. Estimates assume a reasonable expectation of future events and are based on current trends and economic data, obtained both externally and within the Commission.

Key estimates — Provision for impairment of receivables

The Commission believes that all receivables are recoverable, and no provision for impairment of receivables has been raised as at 31 December 2009.

m. New accounting standards for application in future periods

The AASB has issued new, revised and amended standards and interpretations that have mandatory application dates for future reporting periods. The Commission has decided against early adoption of these standards because the standards are not applicable to the Commission.

	2009 \$	2008 \$
Note 2: Comprehensive income		
Revenue		
– Bishops conference subsidy	847,000	744,000
– Contributions to legal costs	71,000	—
– Publications sales	692	440
– Conference funding	807	—
– Sundry income	—	8,087
	919,499	752,527
Other Income		
– Interest received	27,076	56,321
Total comprehensive income	946,575	808,848

Note 3: Profit

a. Expenses:

Depreciation and amortisation expense	10,537	12,250
Interest expense	330	905
Auditor remuneration		
– audit services	2,725	2,725
– other services	1,700	1,545
Total auditor remuneration	4,425	4,270

Note 4: Cash and cash equivalents

Cash at bank	743,703	817,426
Cash on hand	150	176
	743,853	817,602

Note 5: Trade and other receivables

CURRENT

Trade debtors	6,457	5,286
GST receivable	10,981	9,803
	17,438	15,089

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2009

Note 5: Trade and other receivables (continued)

a. Provision for impairment of receivables

Current trade receivables are generally on 30-day terms. These receivables are assessed for recoverability and a provision for impairment is recognised when there is objective evidence that an individual trade receivable is impaired. No provision for the impairment of receivables has been required to be raised.

b. Credit risk — Trade and other receivables

The Commission does not have any material credit risk exposure to any single receivable or group of receivables.

The following table details the Commission's trade and other receivables exposed to credit risk (prior to collateral and other credit enhancements) with ageing analysis and impairment provided for thereon. Amounts are considered as 'past due' when the debt has not been settled within the terms and conditions agreed between the Commission and the customer or counter party to the transaction. Receivables that are past due are assessed for impairment by ascertaining solvency of the debtors and are provided for where there are specific circumstances indicating that the debt may not be fully repaid to the Commission.

The balances of receivables that remain within initial trade terms (as detailed in the table) are considered to be of high credit quality.

	Gross amount	Past due and impaired	Past due but not impaired (days overdue)				Within initial trade terms
			< 30	31–60	61–90	> 90	
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
2009							
Trade and term receivables	6,457	—	—	—	—	5,203	1,254
Other receivables	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	6,457	—	—	—	—	5,203	1,254
2008							
Trade and term receivables	5,286	—	—	—	—	—	5,286
Other receivables	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	5,286	—	—	—	—	—	5,286

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2009

Note 5: Trade and other receivables (continued)

The Commission does not hold any financial assets whose terms have been renegotiated, but which would otherwise be past due or impaired.

There are no balances within trade receivables that contain assets that are not impaired and are past due. It is expected that these balances will be received when due.

	2009	2008
	\$	\$

Note 6: Inventories

CURRENT

Inventories held for sale	284	4,091
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Note 7: Other current assets

Prepayments	24,403	10,314
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Note 8: Property, plant and equipment

Furniture and fittings — at cost	12,701	25,716
Less accumulated depreciation	(4,158)	(24,413)
	8,543	1,303
Machines and equipment — at cost	28,912	41,281
Less accumulated depreciation	(15,561)	(28,080)
	13,351	13,201
Leased machine and equipment — at cost	11,764	11,764
Less accumulated depreciation	(8,196)	(5,374)
	3,568	6,390
Total plant and equipment	25,462	20,894

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2009

Note 8: Property, plant and equipment (continued)

a. Movements in carrying amounts

Movement in the carrying amounts for each class of property, plant and equipment between the beginning and the end of the current financial year:

	Furniture and fittings	Machines and equipment	Leased machine and equipment	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Balance at 1 January 2008	1,748	12,604	9,212	23,564
Additions	—	10,536	—	10,536
Disposals	—	(956)	—	(956)
Revaluation increments/ (decrements)	—	—	—	—
Depreciation expense	(445)	(8,983)	(2,822)	(12,250)
Balance at 31 December 2008	1,303	13,201	6,390	20,894
Additions	8,280	6,825	—	15,105
Disposals	—	—	—	—
Revaluation increments/ (decrements)	—	—	—	—
Depreciation expense	(1,040)	(6,675)	(2,822)	(10,537)
Carrying amount at 31 December 2009	8,543	13,351	3,568	25,462

Note 9: Intangible assets

	Note	2009 \$	2008 \$
Computer software — at cost		18,101	—
Less accumulated amortisation		—	—
Net carrying value		18,101	—

	Note	2009 \$	2008 \$
Note 10: Trade and other payables			
CURRENT			
Accrued expenses		4,969	4,444
Trade creditors		40,618	15,926
PAYG payable		13,104	7,676
Superannuation payable		1,800	11,335
Employee benefits		9,861	8,874
		<u>70,352</u>	<u>48,255</u>

Note 11: Borrowings

CURRENT			
Bank overdraft		994	—
Lease liability	16	2,595	2,429
		<u>3,589</u>	<u>2,429</u>
NON-CURRENT			
Lease liability	16	1,119	3,566
		<u>1,119</u>	<u>3,566</u>

Note 12: Cash flow information

a. Reconciliation of cash

Cash and cash equivalents	743,853	817,602
	<u>743,853</u>	<u>817,602</u>

b. Reconciliation of cash flows from operations with profit

(Loss)/Profit	(59,260)	51,451
Non-cash flows:		
Depreciation	10,537	12,250
Loss on disposal of asset	—	957
Insurance claim	—	(6,305)
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
(Increase) in receivables	(2,195)	(9,960)
Decrease in inventories	3,807	545
(Increase) in prepayments	(14,088)	—
Increase in creditors	1,943	17,670
	<u>(39,256)</u>	<u>66,608</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2009

Note 13: Contingent assets

Estimated of the potential financial affect of contingent assets that may be received:

2009	2008
\$	\$

The Commission has reported fraudulent transactions credited to the CEO's credit card. It is expected that the amount paid by the Commission to continue use of the credit card will be successfully recovered from the Commonwealth Bank, pending conclusion at the bank's investigation.

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Note 14: Events after balance sheet date

There have been no events subsequent to reporting date, which require disclosure in the financial statements.

Note 15: Capital management

The Commission controls the capital of the NCEC to ensure that adequate cash flows are generated to fund operations. The Commission is responsible to form the overall risk management strategy. Due to the low risk associated with the Commission no formal polices for risk management are in place.

The Commission's capital consists of financial liabilities, supported by financial assets.

The Commission effectively manage the NCEC's capital by assessing the Commission's financial risks and responding to changes in these risks and in the market. These responses may include the consideration of debt levels.

The Commission does not have a formal policy on capital management and gearing ratios.

Note 16: Capital and leasing commitments

a. Finance lease commitments

	2009	2008
	\$	\$
Payable — minimum lease payments		
– not later than 1 year	2,772	2,926
– later than 1 year but not later than 5 years	1,309	3,967
Minimum lease payments	4,081	6,893
Less future finance charges	(367)	(898)
Present value of minimum lease payments	3,714	5,995

The finance leases are for a copier and scanner, with lease terms of 5 and 3.8 years respectively. Payments are made on a monthly basis.

Note 17: Reserves

a. Capital Replacement and LSL Reserve

These funds are to be used in funding the costs of an additional contract staff member and associated infrastructure costs and the introduction of an Electronic Record Management System (basically a brand new archiving system).

b. 2006 Conference Surplus Reserve

The conference surplus for 2006 was originally transferred into this reserve. During 2008 that amount was rolled over into the new National Convention Reserve.

c. Policy Planning Reserve

This reserve holds funds to cover the wages and travel of a new staff member (on contract) who will be working on education policy and planning.

d. National Convention Reserve

Funds in this reserve will be used to cover the costs associated with the 2011 NCEC conference in Adelaide.

Note 18: Commission details

The office of the Commission is:

Favier House
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Braddon ACT 2612

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2009

STATEMENT BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE COMMISSION

NCEC has determined that the Commission is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

In the financial report as set out on pages 47 to 63:

1. Presents a true and fair view of the financial position of the National Catholic Education Commission as at 31 December 2009 and its performance for the year ended on that date.
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that National Catholic Education Commission will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

Chief Executive Officer



Dr William Griffiths

Dated this *19th* day of *April* 2010

COMPILATION REPORT TO THE NATIONAL CATHOLIC EDUCATION COMMISSION

We have compiled the accompanying special purpose financial statements of National Catholic Education Commission for the period ended 31 December 2009. The specific purpose for which the special purpose financial statements have been prepared is to provide information relating to the performance of the entity that satisfies the information needs of the directors.

The responsibility of the Commission

The Commission is solely responsible for the information contained in the special purpose financial statements and have determined that the basis of accounting used is appropriate to meet their needs and for the purpose that the financial statements were prepared.

Our responsibility

On the basis of information provided by the Commission we have compiled the accompanying special purpose financial statements in accordance with the basis of accounting adopted and APES 315: Compilation of Financial Information.

Our procedures use accounting expertise to collect, classify and summarise the financial information, which the directors provided, in compiling the financial statements. Our procedures do not include verification or validation procedures. No audit or review has been performed and accordingly no assurance is expressed.

The special purpose financial statements were compiled exclusively for the benefit of the Commission. We do not accept responsibility to any other person for the contents of the special purpose financial statements.



Shane Bellchambers, CA
Partner
Registered Company Auditor
ACT
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Canberra,
19 April 2010

DETAILED INCOME STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2009

	2009 \$	2008 \$
Income		
Bishops conference subsidy	847,000	744,000
Contribution to legal expenses	71,000	—
Interest	27,076	56,321
Publications sales	807	440
Insurance refund	—	8,560
Conference funding	692	—
Sundry income	—	(473)
Total income	946,575	808,848
Expenditure		
Annual leave	986	(6,230)
Audit and accounting fees	4,550	4,145
Loss on sale of assets	—	957
Books, periodicals and subscriptions	4,982	4,749
Copying and printing	13,187	23,158
Depreciation	10,537	12,250
Document management	3,566	—
Electricity	2,305	864
Equipment	481	818
Insurance	3,722	2,599
Interest	330	905
Meetings	362,690	331,115
Loss due to fraud	7,000	—
Obsolete stock	2,987	—
Outsourced contracts	91,087	15,701
Postage and freight	3,711	4,273
Projects	22,142	27,459
Publications	820	545
Rent	32,988	31,376
Repairs and maintenance	363	532
Shared services	16,276	16,276
Stationery and requisites	2,264	2,596
Sundry payments	21,126	15,057
Superannuation	25,576	19,458
Telecommunications	9,057	11,485
Wages	363,101	237,309
Total expenditure	1,005,834	757,397
(Loss)/Profit for the period	(59,259)	51,451

Appendices

A. NCEC terms of reference

1. The National Catholic Education Commission (hereinafter referred to as “the NCEC”) is commissioned by and responsible to the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference (hereinafter referred to as “the Conference”) through the Bishops Commission for Catholic Education for developing, enunciating and acting upon policy at the national level for the Church’s work in education.
2. The NCEC shall accept as a premise that the Church has and must be seen to have a deep and systematic concern for the quality of education available to all Australians. It shall maintain the Church’s traditional special regard for the spiritually, culturally, physically, and financially disadvantaged or deprived.
3. Education in Catholic schools shall be one major focus of the NCEC’s thought and work. Other focuses shall include the religious education of Catholic students not in Catholic schools, tertiary and post-secondary education, the continuing education in faith of young persons and adults (but not seminary/religious/theological education). These concerns may be exercised by the NCEC through appropriate committees and sub-committees.
4. In fulfilment of the commission it receives from the Conference, the NCEC shall:
 - 4.1 give systematic witness to its commitment to Christ and the truths and values of His Gospel and His Church within its ecclesiastical, educational, social and political milieu;
 - 4.2 report regularly to Conference through the Bishops Commission for Catholic Education;
 - 4.3 complement and support State/Territory Catholic Education Commissions, Diocesan and Order structures and services in education, recognising at all times their proper authority in accordance with the principle of subsidiarity;
 - 4.4 work towards developing such policy consensus, both short-term and long-term, as will promote the most effective application and use of resources devoted to Catholic education in Australia with regard to, for example, curriculum emphases, funding policies, industrial relations;
 - 4.5 monitor trends in educational theory and practice, national and international, and ensure that a Catholic position is declared on issues which are raised or should be raised in the public forum;
 - 4.6 negotiate on behalf of Catholic education with national political authorities and government instrumentalities;
 - 4.7 collaborate with other national bodies associated with education; for example, parent bodies, National Council of Independent Schools, research organisations;

- 4.8 support at the national level the legitimate educational aspirations of those sections of society which are least able to argue their own cause, and pursue national policies which best serve those aspirations;
- 4.9 act as an organ of communication at the national level on matters pertaining to Catholic education;
- 4.10 assemble, maintain and disseminate data relevant to Catholic education;
- 4.11 undertake, support or commission educational research;
- 4.12 establish liaison with international educational bodies, Catholic and other, and with experts in education and related fields of potential value to Australian Catholic education;
- 4.13 undertake the work as negotiated with the Bishops Commission for Catholic Education.

B. NCEC statutes

The National Catholic Education Commission

1. The National Catholic Education Commission (hereinafter called “the NCEC”) is commissioned by and responsible to the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference (hereinafter called “the Conference”) through the Bishops Commission for Catholic Education (hereinafter “BCCE”).
2. The NCEC shall carry out its functions within the terms of reference established or amended by the Commission, and in accordance with these statutes.
3. The NCEC shall report regularly to the BCCE.
4. The NCEC shall have a Chairperson appointed by Conference and an Executive–Secretary appointed by the BCCE.
5. The NCEC shall consist of at least sixteen (16) and no more than eighteen (18) members, composed of:
 - i. Two (2) Bishops of the Bishops’ Commission for Catholic Education.
 - ii. A Chair appointed by the Australian Catholic Bishops’ Conference.
 - iii. Two (2) members drawn from and nominated by Catholic Religious Australia.
 - iv. The Chief Executive Officers of each State and Territory Commission (=8).
 - v. The Vice-Chancellors of the two Catholic Universities in Australia (or by delegation and with the approval of the Chairman of the Bishops’ Commission for Catholic Education, their Deputy Vice-Chancellors or equivalent).
 - vi. Six (6) other persons may be appointed by the Australian Catholic Bishops’ Conference. One (1) of these members shall be an indigenous person and two shall be parent members drawn from nominations made by State and Territory Catholic Education Commissions.
6. Membership of the NCEC shall ordinarily be for a period of four (4) years.
7. Retiring members may be re-appointed, but no member shall serve more than eight (8) consecutive years unless he/she be the Chief Executive Officer of a State or Territory Education Commission or the tertiary nominees.

8. Substitutes for members shall not ordinarily be appointed. Notwithstanding this provision, the Chair of the NCEC may accept a suitable substitute for any member unable to attend one or more meetings of the NCEC. Such substitute appointee shall have full membership and voting rights for the period of substitution.
9. Where a member is absent from three (3) consecutive meetings of the NCEC without reasonable cause, his/her membership shall be deemed to have lapsed and another person shall be appointed.
10. In the event of a member of the NCEC relinquishing membership for any reason, another person shall be appointed to complete the unexpired term in accordance with 5 above.
11. The NCEC shall have a Deputy Chair elected by and from the members of the NCEC. The appointment shall be for a period of one year and may be renewed. The Deputy Chair shall preside at meetings when the Chair is absent.
12. In the absence of the Chair and Deputy Chair, the meeting shall elect a member to preside.
13. The Chair of the NCEC shall be ex officio a member of all Committees established by the NCEC.
14. The Chair of the NCEC shall be the official spokesperson for the NCEC.
15. The NCEC shall have an executive consisting of the Chair, Deputy Chair, Executive-Secretary, and at least one other member elected annually. The executive shall include one member who is a bishop.

Meetings

16. The NCEC shall hold at least five (5) ordinary meetings each calendar year.
17. Extraordinary meetings of the NCEC shall be called by the Chair, either at his/her own discretion, or on the request of at least four members. In the latter case, the meeting shall be held within one month of receipt of the request. A quorum shall consist of half the members of the NCEC plus one.
18. All discussions at meetings of the NCEC shall be governed by the usual rules of debate. All members, including the Presiding Chair, have a deliberative vote, and the Chair shall also have a casting vote. Proxy votes shall not be permitted.
19. The Chair may on behalf of the NCEC invite any person, group or organisation to attend a meeting.

Committees

20. The NCEC shall appoint committees, either standing or ad hoc, to assist it in its activities, or to carry out specific functions. Such committees shall be required to report their operations regularly to meetings of the NCEC. The terms of reference of any standing committee shall include the period of membership.
21. In addition to the committee processes indicated above, it is within the competence of the NCEC to seek the short-term appointment or secondment of an appropriate person for a specific purpose.

Finance

22. Costs of travel, accommodation and other approved expenses incurred in the work of the NCEC or its committees will be met from funds approved by the Conference.
23. Sitting fees are paid, at a level determined by the NCEC from time to time, to members who forego salary, or incur similar financial disadvantage, in attending meetings.
24. The NCEC shall submit an annual budget for approval by the Conference. It shall also annually submit to the Conference an audited financial statement. Financial statements shall be presented regularly to the NCEC.

Support services

25. Secretarial and other support services shall be provided to the NCEC by its Secretariat. The CEO of the NCEC is also the Executive Secretary of the BCCE.

Amendments

26. Amendments to the above statutes may be recommended to the Conference provided they have the support of two-thirds of the members of the NCEC.

Dissolution

27. The NCEC may be dissolved by a resolution of the Conference.
28. Should the NCEC be dissolved its records, minutes, books of account, etc., together with the residue of its funds shall be transmitted to the Chair of the BCCE within two (2) months of the date of dissolution.

List of abbreviations

AICTEC	Australian ICT in Education Committee
ANR	Annual National Report (on schooling in Australia)
BCCE	Bishops Commission for Catholic Education
CARG	Curriculum Area Reference Group
CEO	Catholic Education Office
CEO	Chief Executive Officer
COAG	Council of Australian Governments
DCR	Data Collection and Reporting
DEEWR	Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations
GST	Goods and services tax
ICT	information and communication technology
KPM	key performance measure
LSL	long service leave
NAPLAN	National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy
NCEC	National Catholic Education Commission
NEALS	National Education Access Licence for Schools
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
PAYG	pay as you go
PMRT	Performance Measurement and Reporting Taskforce
RE	religious education
Sr	Sister
VET	Vocational education and training



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