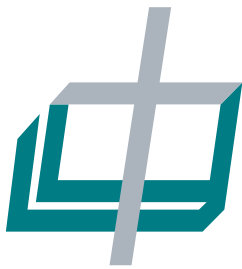




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Dear Bishop O'Kelly

I am pleased to be able to forward to you the Annual Report for 2011 on the work of the National Catholic Education Commission.

The major item of business for NCEC last year was participating in the work of the Australian Government's Review of Funding for Schooling.

The Review process was demanding, with NCEC required to go back time and again to basic principles, to analyse available data, and to generate new datasets. The work has been carried through in a productive and collegial manner, and I believe has been most worthwhile.

NCEC has been able to prepare submissions to the Review with greatly enhanced quality and detail. The Commission's work helped us all develop a clearer and more accurate understanding at the national level of the funding of Catholic schools.

On behalf of NCEC, I would like to thank you, and through you the Bishops Commission for Catholic Education, for your continuing encouragement and support.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Therese Temby
Chair

April 2012



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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).

Members of the BCCE are:

- Most Rev. Gregory O’Kelly SJ, AM, 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 2011. It reported to the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference Plenary Meetings in May and November.

Bishops Holohan and Foley were members of the NCEC during 2011. Both Bishops O’Kelly and Costelloe also attended specific meetings of the Commission as observers during 2011.

The BCCE resolved during 2011 to set up a formal review of the NCEC.

There are four terms of reference for the review. The review will advise the BCCE on:

1. The appropriate strategic roles and responsibilities for NCEC, including a critical assessment of the current NCEC Terms of Reference.
2. How NCEC should best be constituted to achieve these strategic roles and responsibilities, including an assessment of the current NCEC Statutes.
3. The appropriate decision making and operational arrangements for NCEC including the extent to which it operates as either a ‘federal’ or a ‘national’ body in the increasingly national environment of Australian education policy.
4. The appropriate resourcing levels required by the NCEC Secretariat to support NCEC to achieve its strategic roles and responsibilities.

The BCCE appointed Dr Peter Tannock AM to chair the review panel. The review will begin early in 2012 and will report to the BCCE by the end of June 2012.



Role of the National Catholic Education Commission

The National Catholic Education Commission (NCEC or the Commission) 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 Australian 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 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



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,
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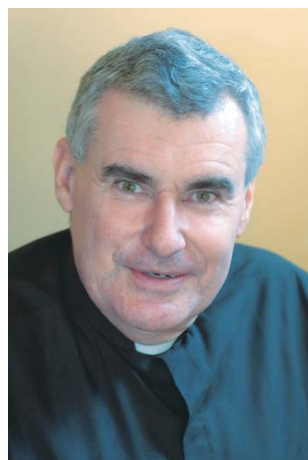
Mr Allan Dooley
Nominee of the
Australian Catholic
Bishops Conference



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



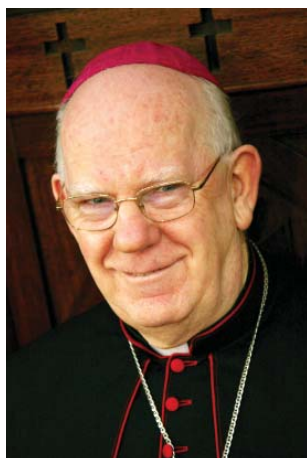
Professor Celia Hammond
Vice-Chancellor,
University of Notre
Dame Australia



Dr Melinda Harris
Parent nominee,
Bishops Commission
for Catholic Education



Dr Trish Hindmarsh
Director, Tasmanian
Catholic Education
Commission



Bishop Gerard Holohan
Bishops Commission
for Catholic Education



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



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



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



Dr Paul Sharkey
Director, South Australian
Commission for
Catholic Schools

NCEC SECRETARIAT

Dr William Griffiths (pictured)
Chief Executive Officer

Staff

Mr Tim Smith, Executive Officer
Ms Michelle Fitzgerald, Senior Policy Officer
Mrs Jo Pardoe, Executive Assistant



Report on NCEC activities

National Catholic Education Commission meetings

C 188	Canberra, 23 February
C 189	Sydney, 28 April
C 190	Sydney, 29 and 30 June
C 191	Adelaide, 20 September
C 192	Melbourne, 16 and 17 November

Membership

Dr Paul Sharkey, Director, South Australian Commission for Catholic Schools replaced Mrs Jane Swift as a member of the NCEC from the beginning of 2011.

Dr Brian Croke was re-elected Deputy Chair for 2011.

Bishop Greg O’Kelly SJ and Bishop Tim Costelloe SDB, while not formally members of NCEC, continued to attend Commission meetings as observers in 2011 as their schedules allowed.

NCEC work during 2011

The Review of Funding for Schooling

The major focus for NCEC during 2011 was the ongoing funding for Catholic schools from 2014. In April 2010, the then Minister for Education, the Hon. Julia Gillard MP, launched the *Review of Funding for Schooling*, establishing an expert panel under the leadership of Mr David Gonski AC to prepare a report by end 2011 for government on all funding for all schools.

The NCEC engaged Ernst and Young to act as consultants for the preparation of its main submission to the Gonski Review in March 2011. Several state Catholic Education Commissions also contributed significantly to the NCEC research projects, notably by preparing initial responses to the four major pieces of research the Gonski Panel published in August 2011.

The NCEC maintained its ad hoc Media Strategy Working Group from the 2010 Federal Election to give ongoing advice on how best to manage media and public relations within the context of the Gonski Review.

Australian Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Authority

The NCEC was a major contributor during 2011 to the finalisation of the second set of school-level financial data to be published early in 2012 on the *My School 3.0* website. The NCEC thanks Mr David Wilkes, Catholic Education Office Melbourne, for his leadership of this project, and the chief finance officers of the state and territory Catholic Education Commissions for their valuable contribution.

Developing a position paper on the relationship of Religious Education and the emerging Australian Curriculum

The NCEC Religious Education Committee continued its work to examine the way in which Catholic school Religious Education could be properly recognised under the proposed Australian Curriculum, and related matters.

The 7th National Catholic Education Convention

The NCEC sponsored the 7th National Catholic Education Convention held on 21-23 September 2011 in Adelaide. The Convention was organised by Catholic Education South Australia with more than 930 delegates attending. The theme of the Convention was *Inspiration and identity: Catholic education in Australia*.

Major speakers included Most Rev Claudio Maria Celli (Titular Archbishop of Cluentum and President of the Pontifical Council for Social Communications), Mr Bernard Salt (KPMG Melbourne), Professor Anne Hunt (Australian Catholic University), Professor Didier Pollefeyt (Catholic University of Leuven), Sr Gemma Simmonds CJ (Heythrop College) and Most Rev Greg O'Kelly SJ AM (Chairman, Bishops Commission for Catholic Education).

Website e-learning resource for Religious Education

In June 2011, NCEC launched its web-based learning resource on the Eucharist, *Together at One Altar*. The inspiration for this e-learning resource was the introduction in mid-2011 of the new English translation of the Roman Missal. The e-learning resource has more than 70 learning objects, and is a major contribution to the resources available to Religious Education teachers in Catholic schools throughout the country. The resource can be accessed at www.togetheratonealtar.catholic.edu.au

The NCEC would like to thank Fraynetwork Multimedia and Fr Peter Williams, Executive Secretary of the Bishops Commission for Liturgy for their very significant contribution to the success of this project.

Committee membership and major project works

Religious Education Committee meetings

RE 127	Melbourne, 10 March
RE 128	Sydney, 26 May
RE 129	Melbourne, 4 August
RE 130	Melbourne, 9 and 10 November

Membership

Bishop Gerard Holohan (Chair)
Ms Philomena Billington (Vic)
Mr Wayne Bull (WA)
Mr Tony Byrne (Vic)
Mr Ernie Christie (Qld)
Bishop Tim Costelloe SDB
Mrs Helen Healy (Tas)
Ms Margaret Hughes (NT)
Ms Mary Kenyon (ACT)
Mr John McGrath (NSW)
Mrs Anne McLean (Parent Committee)
Mr Tony O'Byrne (NCEC representative)
Mr Michael Vial (SA)
Mrs Ann Maree Whenman (National CCD)
Dr William Griffiths (Secretariat)

Topics discussed

- Year of Grace, Pentecost 2012 to Pentecost 2013.
- The religious dimension of the Australian Curriculum.
- An Australian framework for Religious Education Curriculum.
- *Together at One Altar*: An e-learning resource for children and young people in Years F-12 in Australia to develop their understanding of the Eucharist and assist their 'full, conscious and active participation' in its celebration.
- Retreats and Catholic secondary schools.
- Early childhood and religious education.

Executive Committee meetings

Melbourne, 8 February (Extraordinary meeting)
Melbourne, 24 March
Teleconference, 1 June
Teleconference, 11 August
Teleconference, 9 September (Extraordinary meeting)
Adelaide, 20 September (Extraordinary meeting)

Membership

Mrs Therese Temby (Chair)
Mr Michael Avery (NT)
Mr Mike Byrne (Qld)
Dr Brian Croke (NSW)
Mr Ron Dullard (WA)
Mr Stephen Elder (Vic)
Bishop James Foley (NCEC)
Dr Patricia Hindmarsh (Tas)
Sr Rosemary Lewins (NCEC)
Mrs Moira Najdecki (ACT)
Dr Paul Sharkey (SA)
Dr William Griffiths (Secretariat)

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.

The principal work of the Executive Committee during 2011 was to act as the Steering Committee for NCEC's work for the Australian Government's *Review of Funding for Schooling*.



Finance Committee meetings

Teleconference, 2 February
Teleconference, 12 April
Teleconference, 7 September
Teleconference, 2 November

Membership

- Mr Mike Byrne (Chair)
- Mr Ron Dullard (WA)
- Mrs Therese Temby (NCEC Chair)
- Dr William Griffiths (Secretariat)

Topics discussed

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



Parent Committee meetings

Melbourne, 1 April

Melbourne, 10 June

Adelaide, 20 September

Membership

Mrs Danielle Cronin (Chair)
Ms Kim Bellert (Qld)
Mr Tony Bentley (Vic)
Mr Robert Bertagnolio (Vic)
Mrs Sharon Cooke (NSW)
Ms Helen Delahunty (ACT)
Mr Brendan Egan (ACT)
Mrs Carolyn Gutteridge (Tas)
Mr Michael Hangan (Tas)
Dr Melinda Harris (WA)
Mrs Catherine Ible (NSW)
Ms Dianne Mack (SA)
Ms Carmel Nash (Qld)
Mr Sean Parnell (NT)
Mr Paul Rafferty (WA)
Mrs Ilse Sanderson (SA)
Mr Tim Smith (Secretariat)

Topics discussed

- NCEC Communications Strategy for the Commonwealth *Review of Funding for Schooling*: Disseminating information to the parent community.
- Parent perceptions of school funding levels and arrangements.
- Parental engagement in schooling in low socioeconomic communities.
- ACARA parent satisfaction surveys.
- National trialling of a methodology to identify students with disabilities.
- Early Childhood Education and Care National Quality Framework.
- Student wellbeing and cybersafety.
- Recognition/feasibility of NCEC Parent Committee establishing a National Catholic Parent Body.

Data Committee meetings

Sydney, 8 March

Teleconference, 23 May

Sydney, 19 August

Teleconference, 24 October

Membership

Dr Brian Croke (Chair)

Mr John Barker (ACT)

Ms Ann Daley (Tas)

Mr Richard Keys (NT)

Mr Pat Love (Vic)

Mr Greg Rogers (Qld)

Mr Crichton Smith (NSW)

Dr Vin Thomas (SA)

Mr Jeff Thorne (WA)

Mr Bill Walsh (NSW)

Mr Tim Smith (Secretariat)

Topics discussed

- Australian Catholic Schools 2010 report (see www.ncec.catholic.edu.au for final version).
- Sacramental data collection: Feasibility and practicality issues.
- *My School 2.0* website.
- ACARA draft protocols for accessing data.
- Commonwealth *Review of Funding for Schooling*.
- Measures of socioeconomic status.
- NSW Department of Education and Communities Research in Education Network (education research clearing house).
- Data collection from the Catholic universities.
- Collection of teacher and non-teaching data.
- International education and church data collection and uses: What can be learned from the USA?
- Australian Early Development Index (AEDI) data.

Employment Relations Committee meetings

Teleconference, 18 March
Darwin, 19 and 20 May
Teleconference, 2 September
Melbourne, 14 November

Membership

Dr Trish Hindmarsh (Chair)
Mr Allan Clark (Tas)
Mr Charbel Haddad (CCER NSW)
Ms Carolyn Hadley (NSW)
Mr Norm Howett (Vic)
Mr Vin McPhee (Vic)
Ms Susan O'Connor (ACBC Office for Employment Relations)
Ms Natasha O'Donoghue (ACT)
Mr Greg O'Mullane (NT)
Mr Colin O'Neill (Qld)
Mr John Pacconi (Tas)
Mr Kevin Twomey (Qld)
Dr Vin Thomas (SA)
Ms Karen Wroughton (WA)
Mr Tim Smith (Secretariat)

Topics discussed

- Catholic Social Teaching and its link to workplace relations.
- Developments on *My School* website/transparency agenda.
- 'Rewarding Great Teachers' Federal Election commitment.
- Professional standards for teachers and leaders and performance-based pay.
- Consolidation of Commonwealth Anti-Discrimination laws.
- Implications of *Fair Work Act 2009* — carers and compassionate leave.
- Compendium of state and territory agreements.
- Award modernisation, enterprise bargaining update.



Technology Committee meetings

Canberra, 15 March

Teleconference, 10 May

Canberra, 16 August

Teleconference, 12 October

Membership

Mrs Moira Najdecki (Chair)

Dr Doug Ashleigh (NSW)

Mr David Day (ACT) to June

Mr Liam Garvey (Qld)

Mr Michael Haigh (Vic)

Mr Richard Keys (NT)

Mr Tom Mittiga (SA)

Dr Alec O'Connell (WA) to April

Mr Chris Radnell (ACT) from June

Mr Vince Summers (Tas)

Mr Marcel Wilson (WA) from April

Mr Tim Smith (Secretariat)

Topics discussed

- Australian Curriculum Connect.
- 'Professional Learning Anywhere, Anytime Network for Educators' (PLAANE).
- National Broadband Network—Enabled Education and Skills Services (NBN-EESS) Program.
- National Schools Interoperability Program.
- Digital Architecture Advisory Group.
- Catholic Network Australia.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education Committee meetings

Melbourne, 18 February

Melbourne, 20 October

Membership

Mr Michael Avery (Chair)
Mr Geoff Aufderheide (SA)
Ms Christine Butterworth (Tas)
Ms Jane Ceolin (Qld)
Ms Robyn Collard (WA)
Mr David Huggins (Vic)
Ms Delsie Lillyst (NCEC)
Mrs Kerry O'Callaghan (ACT)
Mr Frank Pearce (NSW)
Mr Chris Pollard (NT)
Mr Tim Smith (Secretariat)

Topics discussed

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Action Plan.
- NCEC Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education Position Statement.
- Indigenous student retention rates in Catholic schools across Australia.
- Increasing enrolments of Indigenous students in Catholic schools nationally.





Representation on national bodies

The Commission recognises the significance of NCEC representation on national education bodies and appreciates the time and effort expended by its many nominated representatives.

During 2011, the following officers represented NCEC on committees and working parties or as contact persons for the Catholic sector in various national education policy areas and projects. To inform their national representative work these representatives often establish contact networks with colleagues with the relevant responsibilities and expertise throughout Australian Catholic education. The NCEC also appreciates the contribution these contact network officers make to the development of national policy.

Key to representative's associations

CECNSW	Catholic Education Commission, New South Wales
CEO	Catholic Education Office
CEOCG	Catholic Education Office, Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn
CEOM	Catholic Education Office, Melbourne
CEONT	Catholic Education Office, Northern Territory
CEOTAS	Catholic Education Office, Tasmania
CEOWA	Catholic Education Office, Western Australia
CESA	Catholic Education South Australia
ISCA	Independent Schools Council of Australia
NCEC	National Catholic Education Commission
QCEC	Queensland Catholic Education Commission

Committee	NCEC representative	
Australian Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA)		
Directors of Curriculum	Ms Mandy Anderson	QCEC
Directors of Curriculum	Mrs Helen O'Brien	CESA
Directors of Curriculum	Ms Debra Punton	CEOM
Directors of Curriculum	Mr Seamus O'Grady	CECNSW
English Language Proficiency Working Group (formerly English as an Additional Language/Dialect (EAL/D) Working Group)	Ms Mary-Anne Fleming	QCEC
F–12 Curriculum Reference Group	Mr Seamus O'Grady	CECNSW
Finance Data Working Group	Mr David Wilkes	CEOM
Growth Working Group	Dr John DeCourcy	CEO Parramatta
Information and Communication Technologies Literacy 2011 Review Committee	Mr Liam Garvey	QCEC
NAPLAN National Testing Working Group	Ms Karen Ferrante	CECNSW
National Assessment Reference Group and the Reporting Reference Group (formerly the Assessment and Reporting Policy Advisory Panel)	Ms Rosalie Nott	CECNSW
Satisfaction Surveys Working Group	Dr Mary Oski	CEOM
Students with Disability Advisory Group (formerly Special Education Working Group)	Ms Geraldine Gray	CECNSW
Australian Education, Early Childhood Development and Youth Affairs Senior Officials Committee (AEEYSOC)		
Australian Information and Communications Technology in Education Committee (AICTEC)	Mr Liam Garvey	QCEC
Copyright Advisory Group	Mr Ian Baker	CECNSW
Digital Education Revolution Teaching in the Digital Age (TDA) Reference Group	Mr Paul Meldrum	CEO Parramatta
edu.au Domain Administration Committee	Mr Michael Haigh	CEOM
Finance Committee of the Schools Resourcing Taskforce (AGSRC, Financial Questionnaire)	Ms Jane Callaghan	CEOM
Indigenous Education Working Group	Mr Michael Avery	CEONT

Committee	NCEC representative	
AEEYSOC (continued)		
Languages Education Working Group	Mr Kevin Comber	CESA
National Education and Training Statistics Unit (NETSU)	Mr Michael Haigh	CEOM
National Partnerships Implementation Working Group	Mrs Moira Najdecki	CEOCG
Safe and Supportive School Communities	Ms Helen Thomas	CEOM
Schools Resourcing Working Group— Reporting income at school level	Mr David Wilkes	CEOM
Strategic Policy Working Group (formerly National Goals of Schooling Working Group)	Mr Ron Dullard	CEOWA
Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership (AITSL)		
Teacher Standards Quality Assurance Committee (TSQAC)	Ms Elina Raso	CEOM
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) Working Groups		
Defining Students with Disability Expert Advisory Group	Ms Stephanie Grant	CESA
Empowering Local Schools (ELS) Reference Group	Mr Mike Byrne	QCEC
Examination of Student Achievement in Asian Languages Education (ESAALE)	Ms Gillian Cordy	CECNSW
Expert Reference Group—Evidence Base of Effective Practice in Literacy and Numeracy	Ms Jill Morgan	CEOTAS
Financial Health Assessment Framework (FHAF)	Dr Bill Griffiths	NCEC
Indigenous Youth Leadership Program (IYLP) National Reference Group	Ms Jane Ceolin	QCEC
National Quality Framework Early Childhood Development Stakeholder Reference Group	Mr Tim Smith	NCEC
Positive Partnerships: Helping Children with Autism Advisory Committee	Ms Geraldine Gray	CECNSW
Primary Connections Science and Literacy Project	Ms Kathy McGuigan	CESA
Productivity Data Development Groups Unique Student Identifier Subgroup	Mr Michael Haigh	CEOM
Student Vocational Pathways (SVP) Evidence Steering Committee	Mr Bob Knight	QCEC

Committee	NCEC representative	
Ministerial Council for Education, Early Childhood Development and Youth Affairs (MCEECDYA)		
Australian Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA)	Dr Brian Croke	CECNSW
Australian Institute of Teaching and School Leadership (AITSL)	Mr Stephen Elder	CEOM
Education Services Australia	Dr Brian Croke	CECNSW
National Working Group for implementing the Australian Government election commitments on Empowering Local Schools, Reward for School Improvement, Online Diagnostic Tools and National Trade Cadetships	Mr Mike Byrne	QCEC
MCEECDYA Working Groups		
Chief Information Officers Group	Mr Michael Haigh	CEOM
Joint Working Group to progress the Nationally Consistent data on Students with Disability	Mr Tim Smith	NCEC
National Partnership on Youth Attainment and Transitions Multilateral Working Group	Mr Paul Rodney	CECNSW
National School Interoperability Program (NSIP) Steering Group	Mr Jeff Gunn	CEOM
National Steering Committee overseeing the development of a National Partnership to improve Year 12 attainment	Mr Stephen Elder	CEOM
Teacher Quality Steering Committee	Mr Mike Byrne	QCEC
Other		
Asia Education Foundation Board	Mrs Helen O'Brien	CESA
Education Services Australia Board Member	Dr Brian Croke	CECNSW
International Education	Ms Mariana Lane	ISCA
National Education for Sustainability Network	Dr Pauline Sharma	CEOM
National Reference Group on Consumer and Financial Literacy Education	Dr Vin Thomas	CESA
Standing Committee on Immigration and Multicultural Affairs	Mr David Huggins	CEOM

Summary statistics



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

Catholic schools in Australia, 2011

	2011	% of schools	Change from 2010
Primary schools	1,229	72%	+ 2
Secondary schools	317	19%	+ 1
Combined primary/secondary	148	9%	—
Special	10	1%	—
Total	1,704	100%	+ 3

Students in Australian Catholic schools, 2011

	2011	% of students	Change from 2010
Primary schools	395,835	55%	+ 5,667
Secondary schools	327,637	45%	+ 4,940
Total	723,473	100%	+ 10,610

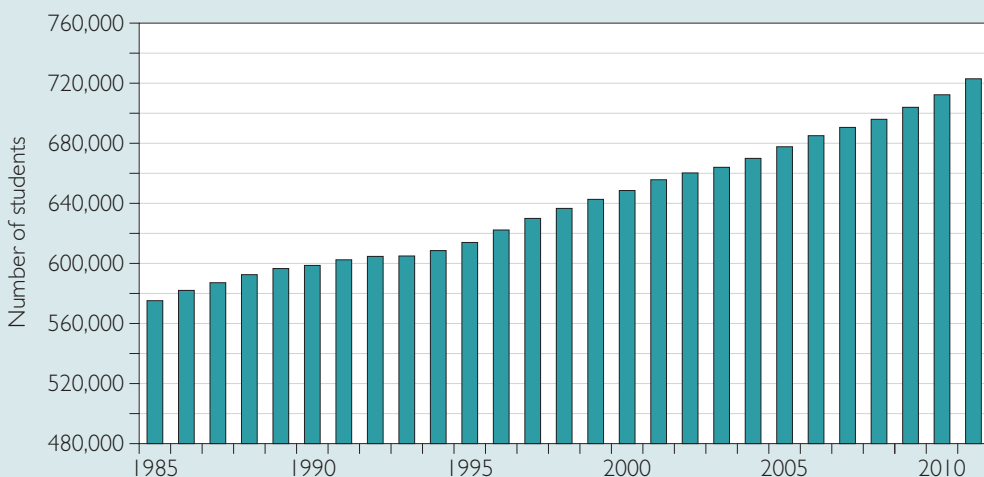
Specific student groups in Australian Catholic schools, 2011

	2011	% of students	Change from 2010
Students with disabilities	28,730	4.0%	+ 2,103
Indigenous students	16,091	2.2%	+ 899
Full fee-paying overseas students	1,934	0.3%	– 293
Boarding students (50 boarding schools)	6,414	0.9%	+ 106

Enrolment trends in Australian Catholic schools

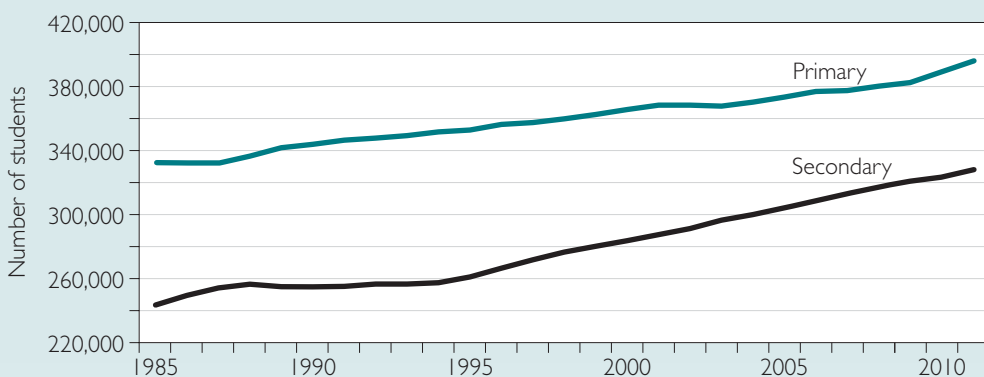
Student enrolments

There were 723,472 students in Australian Catholic schools in 2011, which was an increase of 148,467 since 1985. From 2010 to 2011 the number grew by 10,608, which was 1,602 more than the previous year's increase.



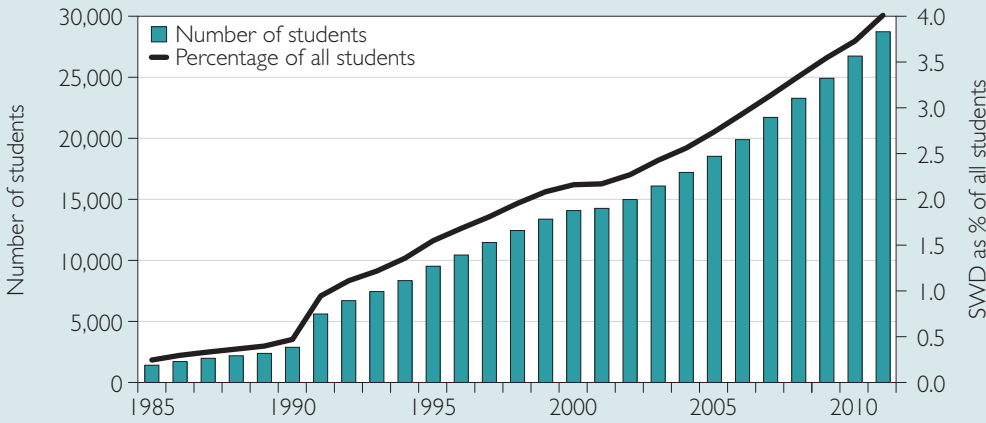
Student enrolment growth

Primary and secondary enrolments continue to increase in Australian Catholic schools. Primary enrolments rose by 5,667 from 2010 to 2011, while secondary enrolments rose by 4,940. Since 1985, more than 57% of the growth in enrolments has been in secondary students, who now represent 45% of enrolments.



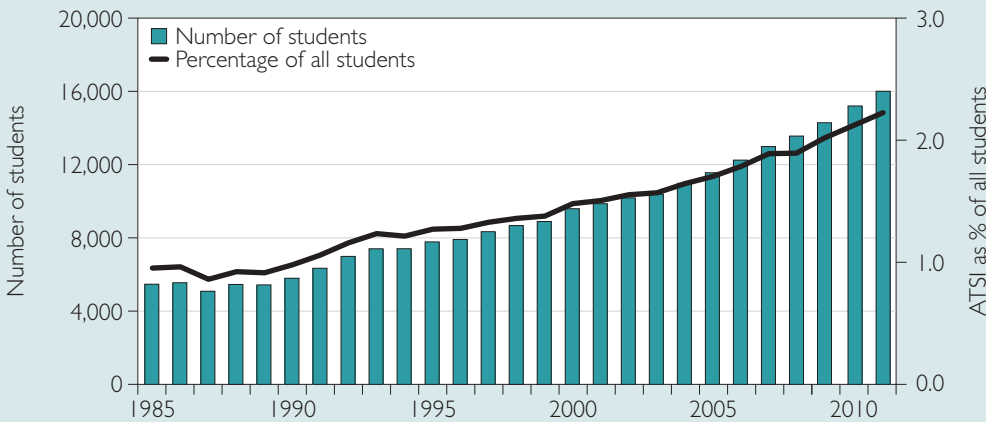
Students with disabilities

In 2011, there were 28,730 students with disabilities in Catholic schools which saw a rise of 2,301 from the previous year. Students with disabilities now represent 4.0% of students in Catholic schools.



Indigenous students

There were 16,091 Indigenous students in Catholic schools in 2011, which represented 2.2% of all students. This was a rise of 899 students from the previous year.



Staff (full-time equivalent) in Australian Catholic schools, 2011

	2011	% of staff	Change from 2010
Teachers (including Principals)	48,223	73%	+ 981
Non-teaching staff	17,840	27%	+ 569
Total staff (full-time equivalent)	66,063	100%	+ 1,550

Teachers (including Principals, full-time equivalent), 2011

	2011	% of teachers	Change from 2010
Primary	22,524	47%	+ 458
Secondary	25,574	53%	+ 517
Special	125	< 1%	+ 5
Female	33,469	69%	+ 733
Male	14,754	31%	+ 247
Primary teachers			
Female	18,547	82%	+ 428
Male	3,977	18%	+ 30
Secondary teachers			
Female	14,829	58%	+ 302
Male	10,745	42%	+ 215
Special school teachers			
Female	93	74%	+ 3
Male	32	26%	+ 2

Student/staff ratios (full-time equivalent), 2011

	Primary	Secondary
Student / teaching staff	17.6	12.8
Student / total staff	13.2	9.2

Sources of funding, 2010

Income per student

	Primary schools		Secondary schools		Combined primary/secondary		All Catholic schools	
Commonwealth grants	\$10,313	74%	\$8,039	55%	\$8,289	50%	\$9,184	63%
State grants	\$1,874	13%	\$2,344	16%	\$2,356	14%	\$2,119	14%
Private income	\$1,779	13%	\$4,259	29%	\$6,003	36%	\$3,368	23%
Total income	\$13,967	100%	\$14,641	100%	\$16,648	100%	\$14,671	100%

Expenditure per student

	Primary schools	Secondary schools	Combined primary/secondary	All Catholic schools
Recurrent	\$8,493	\$12,153	\$12,794	\$10,495
Capital	\$5,345	\$2,246	\$4,687	\$4,180
Total	\$13,838	\$14,399	\$17,482	\$14,675

Annual movement

	Primary schools	Secondary schools	Combined primary/secondary	All Catholic schools
Loans at start of year	\$1,981	\$3,052	\$4,832	\$2,850
Loans at end of year	\$2,065	\$3,104	\$5,444	\$3,017
Annual movement of borrowings	\$85	\$52	\$613	\$167

Summary statistics by state/territory, 2011

A. Schools

	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	AUST
Primary	23	419	7	197	68	24	381	110	1,229
Secondary	5	132	3	68	11	5	87	6	317
Combined *	2	27	5	26	22	8	16	42	148
Special	0	6	0	0	2	0	2	0	10
Total	30	584	15	291	103	37	486	158	1,704
Boarding	0	17	1	15	5	0	5	7	50

* Primary and secondary

B. Students (full-time equivalent)

	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	AUST
Primary	8,615	125,252	2,742	79,721	28,142	7,508	103,658	40,197	395,835
Secondary	8,633	118,546	1,819	55,236	20,005	7,096	89,771	26,531	327,637
Total	17,248	243,798	4,561	134,958	48,147	14,604	193,429	66,728	723,473

C. Boarding students (full-time equivalent)

	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	AUST
Primary	0	0	0	21	1	0	0	36	58
Secondary	0	2,497	183	2,129	303	0	373	871	6,356
Total	0	2,497	183	2,150	304	0	373	907	6,414

D. Full fee-paying overseas students

	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	AUST
Primary	7	71	0	57	16	0	239	73	463
Secondary	7	510	56	327	261	3	228	79	1,471
Total	14	581	56	384	277	3	467	152	1,934

E. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students

	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	AUST
Primary	109	3,162	972	2,343	357	390	499	1,528	9,360
Secondary	127	2,249	597	2,093	236	254	489	687	6,732
Total	236	5,411	1,569	4,436	593	644	988	2,215	16,092

F. Students with disabilities

	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	AUST
Primary	195	6,860	166	2,551	1,273	208	4,802	1,612	17,667
Secondary	183	4,714	85	1,550	583	136	3,099	773	11,063
Total	378	11,574	251	4,100	1,856	344	7,841	2,385	28,729

G. Teachers (full-time equivalent including Principals)

	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	AUST
Primary									
Females	367	5,737	155	3,564	1,311	322	5,293	1,798	18,547
Males	104	1,051	27	813	375	89	1,054	463	3,976
Persons	471	6,788	182	4,377	1,686	411	6,347	2,261	22,523
Secondary									
Females	363	5,292	104	2,477	884	302	4,201	1,207	14,830
Males	253	3,750	71	1,840	724	243	2,895	968	10,744
Persons	616	9,042	175	4,317	1,608	545	7,096	2,175	25,574
Special									
Females	0	55	0	0	18	0	20	0	93
Males	0	22	0	0	6	0	3	0	31
Persons	0	77	0	0	24	0	23	0	124
All teachers									
Females	730	11,084	259	6,041	2,213	623	9,514	3,005	33,469
Males	357	4,823	98	2,654	1,106	332	3,953	1,431	14,754
Persons	1,087	15,907	357	8,695	3,319	955	13,467	4,436	48,223

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

	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	AUST
Primary	108	1,821	155	1,818	616	193	1,611	1,252	7,574
Secondary	234	2,838	90	2,153	641	251	2,918	998	10,123
Special	0	84	0	0	39	0	19	0	142
Total	342	4,744	245	3,972	1,296	444	4,548	2,250	17,841

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

	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	AUST
Primary	18.3	18.5	15.1	18.2	16.7	18.3	16.3	17.8	17.6
Secondary	14.0	13.1	10.4	12.8	12.4	13.0	12.7	12.2	12.8

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

	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	AUST
Primary	14.9	14.5	8.1	12.9	12.2	12.4	13.0	11.4	13.2
Secondary	10.2	10.0	6.9	8.5	8.9	8.9	9.0	8.4	9.2



K. Income and expenditure (\$ per student), 2010

Catholic primary schools (see note I below)

	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	AUST
Commonwealth gov't grants	9,365	10,030	13,099	9,610	10,886	11,227	10,986	10,320	10,313
State gov't grants	1,510	1,987	2,472	1,873	1,824	1,860	1,656	2,231	1,874
Total private income	2,318	1,855	2,084	1,933	2,153	1,494	1,546	1,572	1,779
<i>Fees and charges</i>	<i>1,725</i>	<i>1,202</i>	<i>1,136</i>	<i>1,519</i>	<i>1,917</i>	<i>1,192</i>	<i>1,082</i>	<i>1,224</i>	<i>1,282</i>
<i>Private donations and income</i>	<i>593</i>	<i>653</i>	<i>948</i>	<i>414</i>	<i>236</i>	<i>302</i>	<i>464</i>	<i>347</i>	<i>497</i>
Total income	13,194	13,872	17,654	13,415	14,581	14,581	14,189	14,123	13,967
Recurrent expenditure	8,092	8,672	11,412	8,432	8,955	7,964	8,225	8,553	8,493
Capital expenditure	4,767	4,835	7,765	4,754	5,779	6,581	6,228	5,256	5,345
Total expenditure	12,859	13,506	19,178	13,186	14,734	14,545	14,453	13,809	13,838
Loans at start of year	721	2,277	1,487	1,767	2,954	2,465	1,697	1,896	1,981
Loans at end of year	648	2,268	1,394	1,793	2,786	2,409	2,041	1,868	2,065
Annual movement in borrowing	-73	-9	-93	26	-168	-56	345	-28	85

Catholic secondary schools (see note I below)

	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	AUST
Commonwealth gov't grants	7,668	8,064	12,658	8,516	8,210	8,993	7,671	8,552	8,039
State gov't grants	2,057	2,617	3,596	2,540	2,386	2,855	1,854	3,196	2,344
Total private income	5,011	4,270	3,860	4,398	4,502	3,041	4,181	3,916	4,259
<i>Fees and charges</i>	<i>4,531</i>	<i>3,479</i>	<i>2,889</i>	<i>3,652</i>	<i>4,174</i>	<i>2,713</i>	<i>3,649</i>	<i>2,945</i>	<i>3,587</i>
<i>Private donations and income</i>	<i>480</i>	<i>791</i>	<i>975</i>	<i>746</i>	<i>329</i>	<i>328</i>	<i>533</i>	<i>971</i>	<i>672</i>
Total income	14,736	14,951	20,114	15,453	15,098	14,889	13,707	15,665	14,641
Recurrent expenditure	11,449	12,402	15,190	12,631	12,573	11,443	11,613	12,812	12,153
Capital expenditure	1,272	1,979	3,525	2,706	2,256	4,119	2,343	1,868	2,246
Total expenditure	12,722	14,381	18,715	15,337	14,829	15,552	13,956	14,680	14,399
Loans at start of year	1,886	2,920	1,236	3,110	2,819	2,973	3,328	3,182	3,052
Loans at end of year	1,735	2,950	1,078	3,213	3,018	2,905	3,410	2,829	3,104
Annual movement in borrowing	-151	30	-157	102	199	-68	82	-354	52

I. Figures are rounded to the nearest dollar. Totals may vary to the sum of the parts due to rounding.

K. Income and expenditure (\$ per student), 2010

Catholic combined primary/secondary schools (see note I below)

	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	AUST
Commonwealth gov't grants	6,885	7,188	14,960	8,813	8,689	9,083	7,006	8,369	8,289
State gov't grants	2,137	2,318	3,055	2,364	1,925	2,209	1,608	2,900	2,356
Total private income	6,030	8,236	2,516	4,843	5,367	2,740	11,555	4,708	6,003
<i>Fees and charges</i>	<i>5,498</i>	<i>6,452</i>	<i>1,487</i>	<i>4,153</i>	<i>4,849</i>	<i>2,332</i>	<i>9,755</i>	<i>4,206</i>	<i>5,110</i>
<i>Private donations and income</i>	<i>532</i>	<i>1,784</i>	<i>1,030</i>	<i>690</i>	<i>518</i>	<i>408</i>	<i>1,800</i>	<i>503</i>	<i>893</i>
Total income	15,052	17,743	20,531	16,020	15,981	14,032	20,169	15,977	16,648
Recurrent expenditure	12,900	13,600	14,488	11,753	12,646	10,256	15,382	12,615	12,794
Capital expenditure	1,623	4,359	6,104	5,571	3,618	4,478	5,182	4,886	4,687
Total expenditure	14,523	17,959	20,592	17,324	16,264	14,734	20,564	17,501	17,482
Loans at start of year	2,617	4,423	1,289	5,086	5,672	4,383	5,957	4,426	4,832
Loans at end of year	2,322	4,558	1,299	5,426	5,977	4,858	6,237	6,020	5,444
Annual movement in borrowing	-296	135	10	340	305	475	280	1,596	613

All Catholic schools (see note I below)

	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	AUST
Commonwealth gov't grants	8,336	8,928	13,764	9,126	9,524	9,836	9,339	9,291	9,184
State gov't grants	1,814	2,286	2,978	2,169	1,945	2,274	1,737	2,597	2,119
Total private income	3,916	3,477	2,682	3,260	3,937	2,377	3,266	3,208	3,368
<i>Fees and charges</i>	<i>3,374</i>	<i>2,660</i>	<i>1,695</i>	<i>2,693</i>	<i>3,559</i>	<i>2,031</i>	<i>2,692</i>	<i>2,761</i>	<i>2,742</i>
<i>Private donations and income</i>	<i>541</i>	<i>817</i>	<i>987</i>	<i>568</i>	<i>377</i>	<i>346</i>	<i>573</i>	<i>447</i>	<i>626</i>
Total income	14,066	14,691	19,424	14,556	15,406	14,487	14,342	15,096	14,671
Recurrent expenditure	10,113	10,720	13,575	10,343	11,126	9,772	10,093	10,717	10,495
Capital expenditure	2,963	3,573	6,078	4,344	4,320	5,136	4,514	4,949	4,180
Total expenditure	13,076	14,292	19,653	14,687	15,447	14,908	14,608	15,666	14,675
Loans at start of year	1,459	2,750	1,346	2,862	4,179	3,266	2,645	3,194	2,850
Loans at end of year	1,321	2,771	1,280	2,977	4,276	3,387	2,874	3,955	3,017
Annual movement in borrowing	-138	21	-66	115	97	121	229	761	167

I. Figures are rounded to the nearest dollar. Totals may vary to the sum of the parts due to rounding.



NATIONAL CATHOLIC EDUCATION COMMISSION

Financial report for the year ended 31 December 2011

NATIONAL CATHOLIC EDUCATION COMMISSION'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2011

The National Catholic Education Commission (NCEC) submits their financial report for the year ended 31 December 2011.

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

There was a net operating surplus of \$226,113 for 2011.

Signed on behalf of the NCEC.



Dr William Griffiths
Chief Executive Officer

Dated March 2012



Mrs Therese Temby
Chair

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

Report on the financial statements

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being special purpose financial statements, of the National Catholic Education Commission (the Commission), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2011, 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, other explanatory notes and the statement by the Chief Executive Officer of the Commission.

Commission's responsibility for the financial statements

The Commission is responsible for the preparation of the financial report and has determined that the accounting policies described in Note 1 of the financial report are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The Commission's responsibilities also includes such internal control as the Commission determine is necessary to enable the preparation of a financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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 statements are 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 judgement, 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 that gives a true and fair view, 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 statements 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

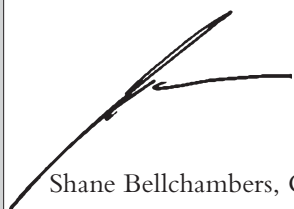
In conducting our audit, we have complied with the independence requirements of Australian professional ethical pronouncements.

Auditor's opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements presents fairly, in all material respects the financial position of the National Catholic Education Commission as at 31 December 2011 and of its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements.

Basis of accounting and restriction on distribution and use

Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared by the Commission for the members of the National Catholic Education Commission. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our report is intended solely for the members of the National Catholic Education Commission.



Shane Bellchambers, CA

Partner

Registered Company Auditor

PricewaterhouseCoopers

Canberra, ACT

9 March 2012

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2011

	Note	2011 \$	2010 \$
Revenue	2	1,741,164	1,476,435
Employee expenses		(640,690)	(410,737)
Depreciation and amortisation expenses	3	(56,527)	(16,050)
Rent expense		(36,528)	(34,756)
Meeting expenses		(518,548)	(345,407)
Outsourcing expenses		(12,685)	(12,277)
Office and other expenses		(250,073)	(344,351)
Profit/(Loss) for the period		226,113	312,857
Total comprehensive income for the period		226,113	312,857

THE ACCOMPANYING NOTES FORM PART OF THESE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2011

	Note	2011 \$	2010 \$
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	4	1,182,457	980,619
Trade and other receivables	5	17,603	76,166
Inventories	6	—	244
Other current assets	7	12,618	44,243
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		1,212,678	1,101,272
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, plant and equipment	8	12,948	16,867
Intangible assets	9	153,348	50,480
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		166,296	67,347
TOTAL ASSETS		1,378,974	1,168,619
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables	10	66,112	101,281
Provisions	11	19,411	—
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		85,523	101,281
TOTAL LIABILITIES		85,523	101,281
NET ASSETS		1,293,451	1,067,338
EQUITY			
Retained earnings		382,224	235,126
Reserves		911,227	832,212
TOTAL EQUITY		1,293,451	1,067,338

THE ACCOMPANYING NOTES FORM PART OF THESE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2011

	Retained earnings	Capital Replacement and LSL Reserve	Policy Planning Reserve	National Convention Reserve	RE Curriculum Project Reserve	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Balance at 1 January 2010	135,126	26,785	147,858	444,712	—	754,481
Total comprehensive income for the period	312,857	—	—	—	—	312,857
Transfers from retained earnings	(212,857)	—	—	—	—	(212,857)
Transfers to/(from) reserves	—	100,000	112,857	—	—	212,857
Balance at 31 December 2010	235,126	126,785	260,715	444,712	—	1,067,338
Total comprehensive income for the period	226,113	—	—	—	—	226,113
Transfers from retained earnings	(79,015)	—	—	—	—	(79,015)
Transfers to/(from) reserves	—	19,015	—	—	60,000	79,015
Balance at 31 December 2011	382,224	145,800	260,715	444,712	60,000	1,293,451

THE ACCOMPANYING NOTES FORM PART OF THESE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2011

	Note	2011 \$	2010 \$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Receipts from subsidies and other income		1,741,861	1,383,812
Interest received		53,440	40,261
GST remitted to the ATO		74,099	56,469
Payments to employees and suppliers		(1,512,086)	(1,198,488)
Net cash provided by operating activities		357,314	282,054
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Purchase of property, plant and equipment		(3,928)	(40,580)
Purchase of intangibles		(151,548)	—
Net cash (used in) investing activities		(155,476)	(40,580)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Repayment of borrowings		—	(4,708)
Net cash (used in) financing activities		—	(4,708)
Net increase in cash held		201,838	236,766
Cash at beginning of the financial year		980,619	743,853
Cash at end of the financial year	4	1,182,457	980,619

THE ACCOMPANYING NOTES FORM PART OF THESE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2011

Note 1: Statement of significant accounting policies

The Commission have prepared the financial statements on the basis that the Commission 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 in accordance with the significant accounting policies disclosed below, which the Commission have determined are appropriate to meet the needs of members. Such accounting policies are consistent with the previous period unless stated otherwise.

The financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historical costs unless otherwise stated in the notes. The accounting policies that have been adopted in the preparation of the statements are as follows:

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.

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.

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%

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.

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.

Note 1: Statement of significant accounting policies (continued)

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. Impairment of assets

At the end of each reporting period, property, plant and equipment, intangible assets and investments are reviewed to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If there is an indication of possible impairment, the recoverable amount of any affected asset (or group of related assets) is estimated and compared with its carrying amount. The recoverable amount is the higher of the asset's fair value less costs to sell and the present value of the asset's future cash flows discounted at the expected rate of return. If the estimated recoverable amount is lower, the carrying amount is reduced to its estimated recoverable amount and an impairment loss is recognised immediately in profit and loss.

f. Employee benefits

Provision is made for the Commission's liability for employee benefits arising from services rendered by employees to the end of the reporting period. Employee benefits have been measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled, plus related on-costs.

Note 1: Statement of significant accounting policies (continued)

g. Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within short-term borrowings in current liabilities on the statement of financial position.

h. 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).

i. 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 Commission.

j. 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.

Note 1: Statement of significant accounting policies (continued)

k. Intangibles

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

l. Trade and other payables

Trade and other payables represent the liability outstanding at the end of the reporting period for goods and services received by the company during the reporting period which remains unpaid. The balance is recognised as a current liability with the amount being normally paid within 30 days of recognition of the liability.

m. 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.

n. Adoption of new and revised Accounting Standards

During the current year, the Commission adopted the following revised Australian Accounting Standards to the extent they affect the mandatory Australian Accounting Standards applicable to entities reporting under the *Corporations Act 2001*.

AASB 2009-5: Further Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from the Annual Improvements Project. The standard made amendments to AASB 101: Presentation of Financial Statements and AASB 107: Statement of Cash Flows. The standard is not expected to impact the company.

2011	2010
\$	\$

Note 2: Comprehensive income

Revenue

– Bishops conference subsidy	1,629,000	1,435,000
– Publications sales	—	40
– Sundry income	—	1,134
– Project income	58,724	—
	<u>1,687,724</u>	<u>1,436,174</u>

Other Income

– Interest received	53,440	40,261
Total comprehensive income	<u>1,741,164</u>	<u>1,476,435</u>

Note 3: Profit

a. Expenses:

Depreciation and amortisation expense	56,527	16,050
Auditor remuneration		
– audit services	2,895	2,810
– other services	1,800	1,750
Total auditor remuneration	<u>4,695</u>	<u>4,560</u>

Note 4: Cash and cash equivalents

Cash at bank	1,182,356	980,564
Cash on hand	101	55
	<u>1,182,457</u>	<u>980,619</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2011

	2011 \$	2010 \$
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Note 5: Trade and other receivables

CURRENT

Trade debtors	5,513	59,132
GST receivable	12,090	17,034
	<u>17,603</u>	<u>76,166</u>

Note 6: Inventories

CURRENT

Inventories held for sale	—	244
	<u>—</u>	<u>244</u>

Note 7: Other current assets

Prepayments	12,618	44,243
	<u>12,618</u>	<u>44,243</u>

Note 8: Property, plant and equipment

Furniture and fittings — at cost	13,525	12,701
Less accumulated depreciation	(6,532)	(5,343)
	<u>6,993</u>	<u>7,358</u>
Machines and equipment — at cost	35,328	33,492
Less accumulated depreciation	(29,373)	(23,983)
	<u>5,955</u>	<u>9,509</u>
Total plant and equipment	<u>12,948</u>	<u>16,867</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2011

	2011 \$	2010 \$
Note 9: Intangible assets		
Computer software — at cost	205,649	54,101
Less accumulated amortisation	(52,301)	(3,621)
Net carrying value	153,348	50,480

Note 10: Trade and other payables

CURRENT

Accrued expenses	4,675	20,375
Trade creditors	22,313	56,307
PAYG payable	6,936	11,426
Employee benefits	32,188	13,173
	66,112	101,281

Note 11: Provision

CURRENT

Long service leave provision	19,411	—
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Note 12: Events after balance sheet date

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

Note 13: 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 policies for risk management are in place.

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

The Commission effectively manage the Commission'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 14: Capital and leasing commitments

a. Operating lease commitments

Non cancellable operating leases contracted for but not capitalised in the financial statements.

	2011 \$	2010 \$
Payable — minimum lease payments		
– not later than 1 year	4,432	4,432
– later than 1 year but not later than 5 years	9,233	13,666
	<u>13,665</u>	<u>18,098</u>

The operating lease is for a photocopier. It is a 5 year lease.

Note 15: 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 (a new archiving system).

b. 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.

c. National Convention Reserve

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

Note 16: Commission details

The office of the Commission is:

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STATEMENT BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE COMMISSION

The Commission has determined that the NCEC 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.

The Commission declares that:

1. The financial statements and notes, as set out on pages 39 to 52, present fairly the Commission's financial position as at 31 December 2011 and its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements; and
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



day of



2012

COMPILATION REPORT TO NATIONAL CATHOLIC EDUCATION COMMISSION

We have compiled the accompanying special purpose detailed income and expenditure statement of National Catholic Education Commission for the period ended 31 December 2011. The specific purpose for which the special purpose financial statement has 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 statement and has determined that the basis of accounting used is appropriate to meet their needs and for the purpose that the financial statement was prepared.

Our responsibility

On the basis of information provided by the Commission we have compiled the accompanying special purpose financial statement 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 statement. 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 statement was 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 statement.



Shane Bellchambers, CA

Partner

Registered Company Auditor

PricewaterhouseCoopers

Canberra, ACT

9 March 2012

DETAILED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2011

	2011 \$	2010 \$
Income		
Bishops conference subsidy	1,629,000	1,435,000
National RE curriculum projects	58,724	—
Interest	53,440	40,261
Publications sales	—	40
Sundry income	—	1,134
Total income	1,741,164	1,476,435
Expenditure		
Annual leave	19,015	3,312
Long service leave		
Audit and accounting fees	4,592	2,727
Loss on sale of assets	—	746
Books, periodicals and subscriptions	8,796	3,884
Copying and printing	15,321	16,690
Depreciation	56,527	16,050
Document management	—	2,302
Electricity	3,300	1,630
Equipment	719	222
Insurance	4,240	1,272
Meetings	518,548	345,407
Outsourced contracts	12,686	12,277
Postage and freight	3,236	4,953
Projects	164,569	263,291
Publications	—	40
Rent	36,528	34,756
Repairs and maintenance	432	32
Shared services	16,405	21,055
Stationery and requisites	5,489	3,080
Sundry payments	16,954	17,032
Superannuation	35,068	20,227
Telecommunications	15,356	10,222
Wages	577,270	382,371
Total expenditure	1,515,051	1,163,578
(Loss) / Profit for the period	226,113	312,857



Appendices

A. NCEC terms of reference

1. The National Catholic Education Commission (NCEC) is commissioned by and responsible to the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference (ACBC) through the Bishops Commission for Catholic Education (BCCE) 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, and tertiary and post-secondary education. These concerns may be exercised by the NCEC through appropriate committees and sub-committees.
4. In fulfilment of its commission from ACBC, 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 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;
 - 4.3 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, employee relations;
 - 4.4 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;
 - 4.5 negotiate on behalf of BCCE with national political authorities and government instrumentalities;
 - 4.6 collaborate with other national bodies associated with education; for example, parent bodies, Independent Schools Council of Australia, research organisations;
 - 4.7 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;
 - 4.8 act as an organ of communication at the national level on matters pertaining to Catholic education;

- 4.9 assemble, maintain and disseminate data relevant to Catholic education;
- 4.10 undertake, support or commission educational research;
- 4.11 establish liaison with international educational bodies, Catholic and other, and with experts in education and related fields of potential value to Australian Catholic education;
- 4.12 perform other tasks as requested by BCCE.

B. Statutes

1. The National Catholic Education Commission (NCEC) is commissioned by and responsible to the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference (ACBC) through the Bishops Commission for Catholic Education (BCCE).
2. The NCEC shall carry out its functions within the terms of reference established or amended by ACBC, and in accordance with these statutes.
3. The NCEC shall report regularly to the Conference. Communication between the NCEC and the Conference to be through the Bishops Commission for Catholic Education.
4. The NCEC shall have a Chairperson appointed by the Conference and a Chief Executive Officer appointed by the Bishops Commission for Catholic Education.



5. The Commission shall consist of up to 21 members, composed of:
 - i. Two (2) Bishops of the Bishops Committee for 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 (eight in total).
 - v. The Vice-Chancellors of the two Catholic universities in Australia.
 - vi. Up to six (6) other persons selected by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference. At least one (1) of these members shall be an Indigenous person drawn from nominations made by state and territory Education Commissions and two (2) shall be parent members drawn from nominations made by state and territory 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.
8. Substitutes for members shall not ordinarily be appointed. Notwithstanding this provision, the Chair of NCEC may accept a suitable substitute for any member unable to attend one or more meetings of the Commission. 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 point 5.
11. The NCEC shall have a Deputy Chairperson elected by and from the members of the Commission. 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 Commission.
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, CEO, a CRA member, a bishop member and the eight state/territory directors.

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 Chairperson, 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.

Amendments

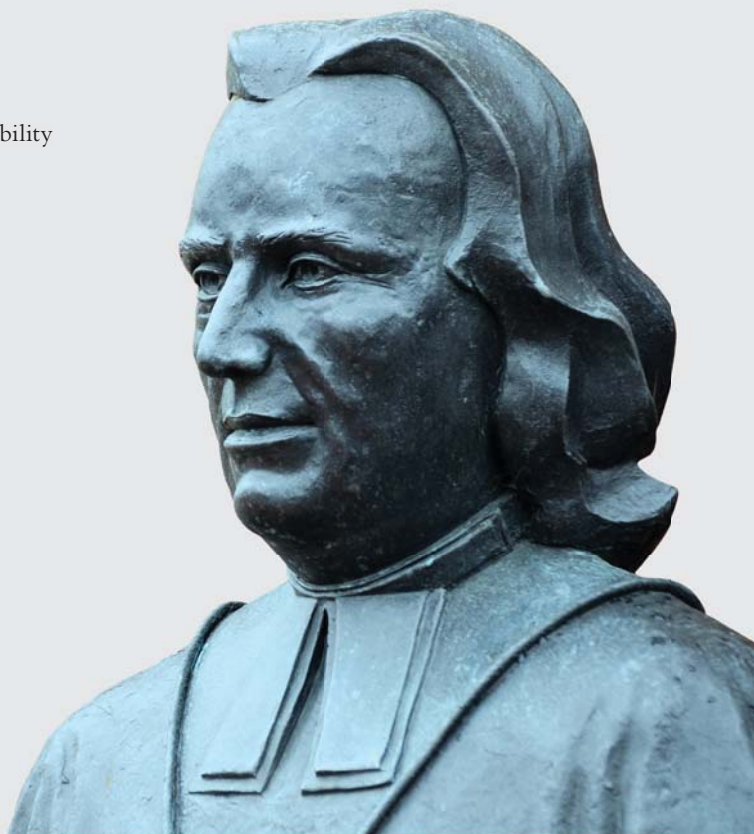
26. Amendments to the above statutes may be recommended to the Conference provided they have the support of two-thirds of the members of the NCEC.

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 Chairman of the Bishops Commission for Catholic Education within two (2) months of the date of dissolution.

List of abbreviations

AASB	Australian Accounting Standards Board
AC	Companion of the Order of Australia
ACARA	Australian Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Authority
ACBC	Australian Catholic Bishops Conference
AO	Officer of the Order of Australia
ATO	Australian Taxation Office
ATSI	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander
BCCE	Bishops Commission for Catholic Education
Br	Brother
CCER	Catholic Commission for Employment Relations
CEO	Catholic Education Office
CEO	Chief Executive Officer
CRA	Catholic Religious Australia
GST	goods and services tax
LSL	long service leave
MP	Member of Parliament
NAPLAN	National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy
NCEC	National Catholic Education Commission
PAYG	pay as you go
RE	religious education
Sr	Sister
SWD	students with a disability





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