



**FEDERATION**  
of Religious Institute  
and Ministerial PJP  
Catholic School Authorities  
in NSW and ACT

Minutes of the Meeting of the Education Policy Committee  
held on Zoom on 11 September 2020 at 9:30am.

Present: Kitty Guerin – Committee Chair

Jennie Hickey, John Robinson, Marea Nicholson, Tony Fitzgerald, Sue Lennox, Lee MacMaster

In Attendance: Michael McDonald

Apologies: Nil

Welcome: Kitty welcomed those present.

Acknowledgement of Country: Kitty acknowledged the traditional owners of the lands on which the virtual meeting took place and paid respect to the elders, past, present, and emerging.

Prayer: ACBC Mental Health Prayer

Conflicts of Interest: In response to enquiry from the Committee Chair, no person present declared any conflict of interest in relation to any agenda item or other matters relating to the Federation.

Previous Minutes: RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 31 July 2020 was adopted.

Business Arising from the Minutes: Nil

Items of Discussion

1. Ian Yard-Smith joined the meeting. Ian introduced himself, spoke about CER and he intends to meet with Principals of RI and PJP schools. He recognises the need to build the service of CER. The transition to a different cost recovery method has new challenges. The intention is to provide a legal service. EPC members stated the need to rebuild the relationship so negotiations can proceed in a more effective way.

2. Catholic Schools NSW. Danielle Cronin attended the meeting briefly and she provided updates on

- a. NESAs and the registration of accredited professional development. This has been driven politically. HALT is still under review.
- b. COVID 19 - School HSC celebrations were a significant part of the conversation.
- c. Choice and Affordability Fund. The distribution of monies is underway.

3 Principals' Briefings

The Principals' Briefing is scheduled for 16 October. Kitty, Sue, Tony, and Michael met and provided a draft outline to the meeting. A date claimer was sent out after that initial meeting. Focus on introducing the Federation to Principals and achieving their

buy in. Kitty and Frank Malloy to contribute to the introduction and then a breakout session for Principals. EPC members to assist with the Briefing.

#### 4 CORMSAA

Dr Frank Malloy and Emeritus Professor Marea Nicholson have been appointed to CORMSAA by AMPJP. Marea provided a report on the first meeting. Three names are to go to the Bishops next year for appointment to NCEC.

Next meeting 16 October 2020 Principals' Briefing

The meeting concluded 11.40 a.m.

