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Circular to principals of MACS schools

Governance statement for school websites

Main Points

- It is important that parents, students and the wider public are clear about the relationship between schools and Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS) as the entity responsible for the governance and oversight of the education ministry in the Archdiocese of Melbourne and the employer of school staff.
- A MACS governance statement has been drafted for inclusion on school websites to provide this clarification:

[School name] is a school which operates with the consent of the Catholic Archbishop of Melbourne and is operated and governed by Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools Ltd (MACS).

MACS governs and operates 292 Catholic schools in the Archdiocese to continue the mission of Catholic education to proclaim the Good News and equip our young people with the knowledge, skills and hope to live meaningful lives and enrich the world around them.

Because the good work of educating the young is a co-responsible task led by every member of the Catholic school community, School Advisory Councils have been established to provide a crucial point of connection between the wider school community and school leaders.

This governance model was designed to ease the administrative burden on our schools and parishes, allow parish priests to focus on the mission of education in the parish, enable greater collaboration between schools and ensure greater consistency in school policies and procedures.

More information on MACS is available at macs.vic.edu.au.

Critical Dates

- The MACS governance statement must be added to school websites by **Friday 29 April 2022**.

Actions Required

- Schools are required to include the MACS governance statement on their website by **Friday 29 April 2022**.

Additional Information

- Given the differences in school website layouts, there is no requirement that the statement be placed in a specific place. It can be placed anywhere deemed appropriate – for example, on the policies page, the 'our school' page or in the footer of the home page.

Contact/Enquiries

- For all enquiries, please contact Mr Michael Pountney, General Manager, Communications and Business Support, on 9267 0228 or mpountney@macs.vic.edu.au.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jim Miles', written in a cursive style.

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