Melbourne Archdiocese
Catholic Schools

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School Advisory Council members in Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools Ltd (MACS) schools should meet high standards of community, group and individual behaviour and appreciate, value and share the educational mission and ethos of the Catholic Church. School Advisory Councils members are bound by the MACS Code of Conduct.

They therefore share a commitment to:

- acknowledge that MACS schools operate as part of the educational mission of the Catholic Church and work within that understanding.
- develop a deeper understanding of, and commitment to, the mission of Catholic education and promote it within the relevant community.
- acknowledge and undertake to fulfill the conditions in the letter of appointment.
- engage in continuing formation and education about the responsibilities of School Advisory Council members.
- undertake to engage with and understand the School Advisory Councils Terms of Reference.
- familiarise themselves with the contents of the School Advisory Council Manual, the foundational documents and the essential MACS and school policies.
- undertake the reading and preparation required for each meeting.
- undertake School Advisory Council committee work as required.
- act in good faith, care, and diligence, placing the interests of the school above their own interests.
- keep an open mind and be willing to enter into dialogue by being aware of alternative solutions.
- demonstrate solidarity by being attentive to School Advisory Council processes of consultation, discussion, discernment and consensus, leading to a final recommendation.
- respect the confidentiality of School Advisory Council matters and not misuse information of their position.
- exclude themselves from making public statements on any matter which could be perceived as reflecting the position of the school. Such public statements will be made by the principal or MACS Executive Director.
- maintain clarity between the advisory role of the School Advisory Council and the governing role of the MACS Board.
- understand they are not involved in the day-to-day management of the school.
- declare any potential, perceived or actual conflict of interest and consult with the chair regarding possible implications prior to any in-meeting discussion.
- support colleagues on the School Advisory Council through reflection, prayer, and courteous and warm relationships.
- protect the good name and reputation of MACS, the school and its community, the parish and the School Advisory Council.
- comply with the Code of Conduct for MACS Staff.

Failure to comply with the Code of Conduct for MACS Staff and this shared commitment statement could result in removal from the Council.