

Council Chair: Mr David Hutton OAM



David Hutton was educated at Christ the King School, Graceville and Marist Brothers College, Rosalie. He subsequently completed bachelor degrees in Commerce and Education (University of Queensland) and Theology (Melbourne College of Divinity) and a Master of Educational Administration degree (University of New England).

From 1985 to 1989 he worked for Brisbane Catholic Education as Executive Officer within the Religious Education Team and Faith Education Services. In 1990, he was appointed Assistant Director – Administrative Services, a position he held for nine years. From November 1998 to January 2013 he was Executive Director of Catholic Education within the Archdiocese of Brisbane.

David has been a member of the following bodies: the Ministerial Advisory Committee for Non-State Schools, the Ministerial Advisory Committee for Educational Reform, the Queensland Catholic Education Commission (QCEC), the QCEC Executive, the QCEC Political Action Committee, the QCEC Catholic Capital Programs Committee, the Queensland Catholic Education Directors' Forum, the Archdiocesan Pastoral Planning Committee, the Archdiocesan Pastoral Council, the Non-Government Schools Council and the Ecumenical Schools Group. He was appointed in 2012 by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference to the National Catholic Education Commission review panel.

David is a Fellow of both the Australian Council for Educational Leaders and the Australian College of Educators, and an Honorary Fellow of the Australian Catholic University. In June 2012 he was awarded the Order of Australia Medal for services to education in Queensland.

Deputy Chair: Professor Marie Emmitt



Professor Marie Emmitt is currently Emeritus Professor at Australian Catholic University (ACU) following her retirement in 2014 from the role of Executive Dean of Education at ACU, to which she was appointed in 2004. Prior to this appointment Marie was Associate Dean (Teaching and Learning) and Head of School, Faculty of Education at Deakin University.

Marie attended St Joseph's School in Finley, NSW and completed her secondary education at Genazzano College in Kew, Victoria. She has a Trained Infant Teachers' Certificate (Toorak Teachers' College) and a Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Education and Master of Education (Monash University).

Marie's professional career began as an infant teacher and she has maintained a long interest and expertise in language and literacy education. Her research includes early years, middle years and workplace literacy. She was the Director of the Middle Years Literacy Research Project, and the Literacy Project Leader for the 'Review of the Implementation of the Early Years Literacy and Numeracy Programs' for the Victorian Department of Education and Training.

In the 1990s Marie was the Academic Director at Deakin University for a World Bank project on training primary school teachers in Indonesia. More recently she has worked with colleagues from ACU and other universities and some members of the Jesuit community to provide tertiary education to refugees

in camps along the Thai-Burma border. Through the University she was involved in education in Timor-Leste, Pakistan and Mauritius and more recently with the Jesuits in establishing a secondary school and teachers' college outside Dili in Timor-Leste.

Marie has been a member and chair of a number of State English curriculum committees, a member of the National Curriculum Board, national President of the Australian Literacy Educators' Association, and a Council member of Xavier College, Kew and St Ignatius' College, Riverview. She is currently chair of the St Mary's Primary School Board, East St Kilda and a member of the Faithful Companions of Jesus Education Advisory Board and a former member of the Jesuit Schools Commission. She is a life member and Fellow of the Australian College of Educators.

Council Member: Ms Loretto Richardson

Loretto is an experienced educator who, until her retirement at the end of 2014 had worked for forty years in Catholic schools in Australia. Previous to this Loretto was a teacher in a large Catholic comprehensive school in Edinburgh Scotland and worked for two years for the Foreign and Commonwealth Government as an Education Officer on Tristan Da Cunha in the South Atlantic Ocean.

Loretto has held significant leadership positions in Catholic education in Australia including English Coordinator at Saint Joseph's College Broken Hill from 1980 – 1982; Deputy Principal at Saint Patrick's College Campbelltown from 1983 – 1989; and finished her school career as the Principal of St Scholastica's College Glebe Sydney from 1990 - 2014. Her varied school experiences have given her a deep insight into how learning can provide all students with the means to engage in effective and positive ways with their world, and the strategies to develop and sustain strong and durable learning communities.

In addition to her role as Principal of St Scholastica's Loretto sat on several Boards, including seven years on the New South Wales Catholic Education Commission, six years as a member of the SACS Board, and was a member of the Review Committee of the National Catholic Education Commission in 2012. Loretto was also the congregational representative on the Committee for Special Education for the NSW Catholic Education Commission for ten years.

Loretto is passionate about Catholic education and brings to the work of the Council her broad understanding of the roles of teacher, administrator and Catholic educational leader. She is committed to the belief that our schools can be places of both high achievement and deep spirituality and faith.

Council Member: Mr Paul Herrick



Paul Herrick has gained the qualifications of Bachelor of Arts, Diploma in Education, Graduate Diploma in Curriculum and Master of Educational Leadership. He has over twenty years' experience as a Principal in both primary and secondary schools, including Marcellin College, Bulleen and Marymede Catholic College, South Morang in Victoria and Newman College in Perth.

Paul held the position of Manager, Leadership and Accountability at the Catholic Education Office Melbourne before joining Edmund Rice Education Australia as Southern Regional Administrator covering Victoria and Tasmania. He is currently Regional Director Melbourne for Marist Schools Australia. He has served on the St Columba's College Board, Essendon since 2004 and was appointed Chair of the Board in January 2012.

In 2017 Paul retired from his positions as a member of the Marist Schools Australia Leadership Team, the Marist Schools Australia representative on the Catholic Religious Victoria Education Committee and the Catholic Religious of South Australia Education Committee, and a Director of Catholic Capital Grants Victoria Ltd.

Council Member: Ms Julie Taylor



Julie Taylor was educated at St Aloysius' College, Hamilton in Newcastle and completed her Higher School Certificate at Mercy College, Chatswood. She has a Diploma in Teaching (Kuring-gai CAE), Bachelor of Education (Mitchell CAE) and Graduate Diplomas in both Religious Education (University of South Australia) and Theological Studies (Sydney College of Divinity). She has also completed a Master of Education in Adult Education (University of Technology Sydney) and a Master of Arts in Theological Studies (Sydney College of Divinity).

Julie is the former Mission Integration Manager at St Vincent's Hospital Sydney, Darlinghurst Campus. She has previously had a number of significant roles in the Catholic education sector. She has been an Advisor, Disadvantaged Schools Programme for the Catholic Education Office Sydney. Between 1988 and 2002 she held leadership positions in Catholic education, including as Assistant Principal at both St Luke's Primary School, Revesby and All Saint's Primary School, Liverpool and Principal at St Mark's Primary School, Drummoyne. From 2003 to 2011 Julie was one of the founding Directors of the Chevalier Institute of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart, Kensington and also lectured at the Broken Bay Institute in courses offered by the Chevalier Institute and at Australian Catholic University. In 2019 Julie will take up a position as Director of Mission Integration with Calvary Health Care at Kogarah NSW.

Julie has served on the following committees: Principals Executive Committee for the Catholic Education Office Sydney, the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart National Spirituality Ministries Committee and Lay and Professed Council, and the Mission Competency Reference Group for Catholic Health Australia.

Council Member: Mrs Sandra Diafas

Sandra Diafas has considerable experience as a school and sectoral leader in Catholic education in Victoria. She has a Certificate of Teacher Training from Mercy College, a Diploma of Teaching and a Bachelor of Education from the State College of Victoria, a Bachelor of Arts at Deakin University and Master of Education from the University of Melbourne.

Following a successful career as a teacher and coordinator Sandra began her leadership journey as the Deputy Principal at Star of the Sea College in Gardenvale Victoria, a position she held from 1978 – 1994. In May 1994 she joined the Catholic Education Office Melbourne as an Education Officer and in 1996 she was appointed Deputy Chairperson Curriculum. In 1999 Sandra left the Melbourne CEO to take up the Deputy Principal position at Thomas Carr College Tarneit and in 2002 she was appointed as Co-Principal of Marian College West Sunshine. In 2005 after serving as Principal of Marian College Sandra was appointed Principal of Star of the Sea Gardenvale retiring in 2016 after ten years in this role.

In 2015 Sandra was conferred the distinction of being named a Chartered Fellow of the Principals' Association of Victorian Catholic Secondary Schools (PAVCSS) after serving on the PAVCSS Executive, and on their Curriculum and Professional Development committees variously across 2004 - 2015. Sandra was a member of the Lay Principals Under Contract Committee (2009 -2001), and the congregational

representative on the CECV Grants Allocation Secondary Committee from 2011 – 2017. She was a founding member of the Nagle Education Alliance of Australia and President from 2012 – 2017.