Summary of the 448th Regular Meeting of the Catholic Education Commission of Western Australia (CECWA) 4 May 2012

Chair’s Report
Monsignor Keating informed Members of the following:
• Names of those attending Archbishop Timothy Costelloe’s, Pallium Pilgrimage to Rome. These being the Director, Director of Religious Education, Tony Pietropiccolo, Presidents of the Principals’ Associations, and a representative from the University of Notre Dame.
• Recent death of Fr Brian Harris, Parish Priest, Our Lady Help of Christians, East Victoria Park and Michael Wright from Voyager Estate, benefactor of the University of Notre Dame and St Mary’s Cathedral.

Standing Committee Reports
The CECWA received and accepted the minutes of the:
• Religious Education and Curriculum Committee (RECC) 79th meeting held on 6 March 2012
• School Resources Committee (SRC) 265th meeting held on 8 March 2012
• Finance Committee 80th meeting held on 20 March 2012

Topics in Catholic Education
Jeff Thorne, Chief Policy and Governance Officer, presented a synopsis of the Gonski Report on the review of funding for schooling. Members were reminded that there is still a great deal of negotiation occurring and that the picture may look considerably different in a few months’ time. Jeff also lead members through the work being done to define the Catholic Education Strategic Directions 2013 – 2016. Members gave their thoughts as to what they saw to be the significant strategic issues for Catholic education.

Items for Discussion and Decision
• Risk Management Plan
• Living the Vision

Items for Noting
• Allocation of Funds under the 2012 NPP Youth Attainment and Transitions - Career Development Funding Program
• More Support for Students with Disabilities - Australian Government Initiative
• Proposed New School Australind, Update
• Board Matters