Summary of the 479th meeting of the Catholic Education Commission of Western Australia held on Friday 7 August 2015 at Catholic Education Western Australia

Early Childhood and Care Services
Stephanie Jackiewicz, Team Leader of Early Years Learning and Care, provided CECWA Members with a synopsis of the current status of Early Childhood Education and Care Services for Catholic Education WA.

RESOLVED
479/2/1: That
(a) In light of the current context and research, the CECWA reassert its position and imperative to further develop its presence, particularly with the poor and marginalised, through the provision of quality early childhood education and care in Catholic Schools
(b) The CECWA support a scoping project to explore and design a range of early years and care services models that enable schools to resource and provide quality early years education and care particularly to the poor and disadvantaged.

Transforming Lives: Strategy 2020
David Wood, Chief Learning, Teaching and Innovation Officer, presented the Transforming Lives: Strategy 2020 initiative.

RESOLVED
479/3/1: That the Catholic Education Commission of Western Australia provide feedback on the proposed Transforming Lives: Strategy 2025 initiative, including the proposal to establish an Aboriginal Education Brains Trust and not-for-profit fund managed by the Trust.

Capital Funding Assistance Recommended Projects 2015 Round of Applications
Gerry Doyle, Reuben Norris and Paul Leuba presented the Capital Funding Assistance Recommended Projects 2015 – Round of Applications.
RESOLVED
479/3/2: That the projects recommended be approved for funding from the Australian Government Capital Grants Program and the State Government Low Interest Loans Scheme with Co-Responsibility Building Fund and System debt-servicing assistance as required.

CECWA Strategic Priorities

The Executive Director advised that the current CECWA Strategic Intent – LEAD – is due to expire at the conclusion of 2016. It is now timely to develop the future priorities for Catholic Education in Western Australia.

RESOLVED
479/3/3: That CECWA endorse the development of Strategic Priorities for Catholic Education Western Australia, in the following way:
(a) CECWA discussion to confirm the short-term CEOWA Strategic Priority areas for 2016, and
(b) CECWA consider process to develop CECWA Strategic Priorities document for 2017 and beyond.