Summary of the 484th meeting of the Catholic Education Commission of Western Australia held on Friday 5 February 2016 at Catholic Education Western Australia

CECWA Governance and Standing Committees

The Commissioners considered the recommendations of the Governance Implementation Working Party on the review of CECWA Governance and Standing Committees.

The following recommendations were made:

• That CECWA approved the establishment of the Audit and Risk Management Sub-Committee and the Technology Advisory Panel.

• The Technology Advisory Panel be established simultaneously with the Audit and Risk Management Sub-Committee.

• That the current Finance Standing Committee will transition to the new structure and focus areas and become the new Finance Sub-Committee as soon as practicable.

• That the current School Resources Standing Committee work closely with the newly transitioning Finance Sub-Committee to ensure capital development plans align with budget.

• That CECWA Commissioners nominate independent and highly skilled individuals who could serve on the Audit and Risk Management Sub-Committee and the Finance Sub-Committee.

• That the recruitment of Catholic School Leaders for the new sub-committees be based on criteria that ensure nominees demonstrate diversity of school experience, high level expertise, a strong academic background and ongoing learning. Nominations must be endorsed by two principals.

• That the sub-committees be monitored and assisted in their transition and/or implementation to the new structure and that they are reviewed twelve months after implementation.

• All policy will be directed by CECWA but policy development and management will be through a CEWA Policy Review Group. The Policy Review Group will be required to propose a CECWA process for policy review and development for the approval of CECWA. This proposal should include reference to the process for simultaneous consultation with policy interest groups; retaining the integrity and purpose of Catholic schooling; the safeguard process to ensure policy satisfies all legal requirements; and the methods to provide transparency throughout the policy development process.
System Agreement with the State Government

Edward Simons, Director Governance and Administrative Services, presented the draft System Agreement with the State Government of Western Australia.

RESOLVED
That the Catholic Education Commission of Western Australia provide feedback on the proposed content of the System Agreement with the Western Australian State Government.

Enrolment Extension – Ursula Frayne Catholic College, Victoria Park

Shaun Mayne, Capital Consultant, presented a proposed enrolment extension for Ursula Frayne Catholic College in Victoria Park.

RESOLVED
That a permanent fifth stream enrolment extension at Ursula Frayne Catholic College, Victoria Park, be approved, to commence at Year 7 in 2018 on condition that:

i. The total Year 7 enrolment at UFCC should not exceed 160 students (5 streams x 32)

ii. Students on the 2018 UFCC waiting list who have already accepted places at SNC and LCC should not be offered a place in the UFCC fifth stream for 2018

iii. Additional UFCC student applications should be advised that places may be available at SNC and LCC

iv. Staging and timing be subject to the level of enrolments and availability of funds.

v. On the condition that an ongoing focus to increase the number of Catholic children is undertaken.

Enrolment Extension – St Paul’s Primary School, Karratha

Cathy Carr, Capital Consultant, presented the proposed enrolment extension for St Paul’s Primary School in Karratha.

RESOLVED
That approval is given for the school to operate as a permanent double stream primary school from 2016.

Enrolment Extension – Irene McCormack Catholic College, Butler

Shaun Mayne, Capital Consultant, presented a proposed enrolment extension for Irene McCormack Catholic College in Butler.

RESOLVED
That a permanent sixth stream enrolment extension at Irene McCormack Catholic College, Butler, be approved, to commence in 2016 on the condition that an ongoing focus to increase the number of Catholic children is undertaken.