

Newcastle Anglican Schools Corporation Report to Synod

The Newcastle Schools Corporation was established under an Ordinance of Synod, 2007. The Ordinance provides for Board representation from different Diocesan committees as well as representation from our Diocesan Schools. This is an initiative to bring strong governance and oversight to our Diocesan Schools.

The Board members of the Newcastle Anglican Schools Corporation, including the capacity they were elected, are as follows

The Right Reverend Dr Brian Farran (Bishop of Newcastle) (President)

Mr John Cleary (Diocesan Business Manager) (Board Secretary)

Mr John Colvin (Trustee of Church Property)

Mr Malcolm McDonald (Trustee of Church Property)

Mr Colin Johnston (Audit Committee)

Mr Philip Goldsworthy (Elected representative of School Principals)

The Reverend Stephen Pullin (Elected Board member from Member school boards)

Mr Noel Herbert (Diocesan Council appointment)

Dr Allan Taylor (Diocesan Council appointment)

Meetings of the Newcastle Anglican Schools Corporation board commenced on May 22, 2008. The NSW Government officially gazetted the incorporation of the Newcastle Anglican Schools Corporation on 30 May, 2008 (NSW Government Gazette Number 61, Page 4045).

It is anticipated that at least one board meeting per year will be held at each Diocesan School. This enables board members the opportunity to appraise first hand each individual school's facilities and their future growth plans.

The schools report on their financial matters by submitting to the Newcastle Anglican Schools Corporation audited financial statements, six monthly financial updates and business plans.

During 2008, the administrative functions of the Schools Corporation were undertaken by the Diocesan Business Manager, Mr John Cleary. Now that the framework of the Newcastle Anglican Schools Corporation is in place, it is anticipated that an Executive Officer funded by our Diocesan Schools, will be able to further many opportunities synergistically in 2009. It is also expected that the Executive Officer will ensure a co-ordinated and centralised approach to the future growth of our Diocesan Schools and the oversight of current and existing Episcopal certificates for schools.

Future challenges of the Newcastle Anglican Schools Corporation will be assisting the Diocese in managing its current loan portfolio for schools, assisting schools to continue to develop their infrastructure, the exploration of synergies between our Diocesan schools and providing a model of schooling allowing for wide community access to Anglican school education.

John Cleary

On behalf of the Newcastle Anglican Schools Corporation

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