Catholic education in Queensland

Catholic schools aim to cater for the needs of all students and families and welcome students from diverse cultural, religious, social and economic backgrounds.

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CATHOLIC KINDERGARTENS









Our Vision

Shaping the future through prophetic leadership in Catholic education

Our Mission

Serving the Catholic Church through Catholic education in Queensland by leading, collaborating and advocating for the common good

Our Values

Integrity Justice Hope Service



Serving Catholic education in Queensland



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We have a state-wide strategic role, focused on coordinating and supporting Catholic education.

Catholic schools in Queensland are administered by five diocesan school authorities and 17 authorities run by Religious Institutes and other incorporated bodies.

The Commission is a 16-member body led by an independent Chairperson. Membership is made up of:

- · Independent Chair
- QCEC Executive Director
- Directors of the five diocesan school authorities
- Representatives of the Bishops of Queensland, the diocesan Catholic education councils, Catholic School Parents Queensland and Catholic Religious Australia.

The Commission is supported by a Secretariat and draws on the wisdom and expertise from across the sector through a range of committees and other collaborative processes to inform its work.

What we do

QCEC has a number of key functions delegated by the Bishops of Queensland and the leaders of Religious Institutes and other incorporated bodies. These include:

- Negotiating and distributing government funding to Catholic School Authorities
- Advocating on behalf of the Catholic education sector
- Liaising with State and Federal Governments, education partners and other peak bodies
- Communicating and responding to state-wide issues
- Providing advice on workplace relations matters, including leading enterprise bargaining on behalf of Catholic school employing authorities
- Managing statistical, financial and educational data for the Catholic sector.

Who attends Catholic schools

One in five Queensland students attends a Catholic school.

Our schools and kindergartens welcome students from a diverse range of cultural, religious, social and economic backgrounds.

Our students include Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, those in rural and remote locations, new arrival and refugee students, students living with disability and other special needs and students who have become marginalised from mainstream schooling.

Catholic schools offer a high quality, affordable, faith-based education responsive to the needs and challenges of our contemporary Australian society.

