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Governance update

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Wednesday 17 March 2021



Dear Colleagues

School Advisory Council forums

A reminder to [register](#) for one of the forum sessions listed below by Monday 19 April.

These forums, which will unpack the Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS) [Statement of Mission](#) and [Working Together in Mission](#) charter, will take place during weeks two and three of Term 2.

Due to potential restrictions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, these one-hour forums will be held online (via Zoom). Sessions will be conducted regionally and for interest groups to highlight the importance of working together to support the mission of the school. Face-to-face sessions may be scheduled later.

To register for one of these sessions, please visit the 'School Advisory Council Forums' page of the Governance website: <https://governance.melbourne/sac-forums>.

Discernment process for principals, parish priests and canonical administrators

Prior to the forums, principals, parish priests and canonical administrators should engage in a [discernment process](#) to focus on their crucial role in establishing School Advisory Councils. The discernment process will take into account the [Terms of Reference for School Advisory Councils](#), which will replace constitutions of the previous school boards/councils in all MACS schools.

These discussions should consider issues such as bringing to a close the current school board and the transition to a School Advisory Council, as well as the impact this will have.

Actions required

Principals, parish priests and canonical administrators of MACS schools are expected to:

- work together to engage with the discernment process prior to attending the forums
- register for one of the sessions listed below by Monday 19 April.

Forum dates

Primary schools (principals and parish priests):

- western region – Wednesday 28 April at 11.00 am for 11.30 am Zoom start
- northern region – Wednesday 28 April at 1.30 pm for 2.00 pm Zoom start
- eastern region – Thursday 29 April at 11.00 am for 11.30 am Zoom start
- southern region – Thursday 29 April at 1.30 pm for 2.00 pm Zoom start
- all regions – Wednesday 28 April at 5.00 pm for 5.30 pm Zoom start.

Regional and diocesan colleges (principals and canonical administrators):

- all regions – Wednesday 5 May at 11.00 am for 11.30 am Zoom start.

Primary schools with no previous experience of running a council/board (principals and parish priests):

- eastern and southern regions – Tuesday 4 May at 11.00 am for 11.30 am Zoom start
- northern and western regions – Thursday 6 May at 1.30 pm for 2.00 pm Zoom start.

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