



# Governance update

Stewarding the mission

**Tuesday 11 May**

Dear Colleagues

Thanks to so many of you for taking the time to attend one of the School Advisory Council Forums last week. Your presence is a sign of your commitment to be involved in the important work of establishing School Advisory Councils or transitioning your existing school boards into the new structure.

We are currently following up with every parish and school, and we are keen to hear your thoughts on the best way to engage with you during this process.

The forums and discussions afterwards confirmed how diverse the context is in regard to School Advisory Councils. Some schools are well on the way – utilising their previous experience of advisory bodies – while others are starting afresh with no experience of councils. By determining where each school is at in this journey, we will be able to organise where Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS) office staff can direct effective support to schools in the near future.

As a quick means of communicating with us, we would appreciate 2–3 minutes of your time to complete a support and feedback form available at the following [link](#). It would help with our planning if you completed the form by **Wednesday 19 May**. Please feel free to also communicate with us via the School Advisory Council Secretariat on [governance@macs.vic.edu.au](mailto:governance@macs.vic.edu.au).

As we move forward in the process, we will be sending out a link to a series of videos. Included in these videos will be further direction and words of encouragement from Archbishop Peter that can be shared with your communities. In addition, Gerard Dalbosco, Chair of the MACS board, and Jim Miles, MACS Executive Director, will outline the role and importance of School Advisory Councils in the Archdiocese and within MACS.

Please find below:

- the [template](#) for contextualising the Terms of Reference (ToR) for your school
- a [support document](#) to assist you in tailoring the ToR
- the [School Advisory Council Forum presentation](#).

Resources mentioned at the forum are available at: <https://governance.melbourne/sac-resources>.

Additional background material can be found at the following locations:

- [Who we are](#) on the MACS website
- [Why MACS?](#) on the MACS website
- [School Advisory Councils](#) on the Governance website.

Thank you for your cooperation in this important matter.

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