Model Constitution and Commentary for Catholic Education Boards – Article IV

Article IV: Membership

SECTION 1: GENERAL

CLAUUSES: 1.2 ELIGIBILITY AND SUITABILITY

After Clause 1.2.1 in CONSTITUTION

Please delete the existing text at 1.2.2 and insert the following:

1.2.2

A person who has been found guilty or convicted of a serious offence or an offence relating to dishonesty is ineligible to be a member of the Board.

Members who are 18 years of age or older must be holders of a current positive notice (blue) card issued by the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian (CCYPCG).

However, a member who is eighteen years of age or older who is a volunteer parent of a child attending the school, or a registered teacher under the Education (Queensland College of Teachers) Act 2005 does not require a blue card.

Persons requiring verification of their suitability for membership who are elected to the Board may not attend meetings until their positive notice (blue) card or other form of verification is issued.

Please delete the existing text at 1.2.2 and insert the following:

The term ‘serious offences’ covers those offences identified as ‘serious offences by the CCYPCG from time to time which is accessible on the website of the CCYPCG. A Catholic school Authority may exercise some discretion when presented with details of offences against dishonesty.

Each Catholic School Authority will develop and implement procedures which will ensure that ineligible persons are not appointed to the Board.

As at March 2005, a person who has been selected as a member of the Board and is not included in the exemption for volunteer parents and registered teachers will apply to the CCYPCG by completing and submitting the “Volunteer Blue Card Application Form” (Form V). In Section 6 of that form the applicant will tick the box labelled “Churches, clubs and associations”.

Current legislative regulations governing authorization of persons to access non-state school property and personnel (including students) will apply also in this instance.

A parent is a person as defined at Section 158 of the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian Act 2000. This definition is inclusive of other terminology such as ‘carer’ and “legal guardian”.

Forms of verification may include statutory declarations or police checks voluntarily obtained and provided by the intending member to the Catholic school authority.

A form of declaration for the use of Catholic school authorities is provided as Appendix X of this Model Constitution and Commentary.