

New Entity to represent Catholic schools in Victoria

A new Not-for-profit Company has been established to represent the 19 proprietors of 52 Catholic schools in Victoria.

The Catholic Religious Institute and Ministerial Public Juridic Person Victorian Schools Pty Ltd (CRMV) will represent the 19 Religious Institutes (RI) and Ministerial Public Juridic Persons (MPJP) who between them operate 52 Catholic Schools in Victoria.

This new company was formed to represent the voice of those who have the responsibility of conducting RI and MPJP schools in Victoria. Previously this was carried out under the auspice of Catholic Religious Victoria, which established an Education committee in about 2006.

Mr Jeff Burn, the immediate past Chair of the Committee, said that the committee has representatives on Catholic Education Commission of Victoria (CECV) and Catholic Education Melbourne (CEM) committees and has worked with the CECV to further the mission of Catholic education in Victoria.

Mr Burn said that since 2006, the CRV Education committee has maintained lines of communication with the Catholic Religious Victoria and CECV concerning educational issues;

- acted as a consultative forum for issues referred to it from CRV and CECV;
- received reports from delegates from various standing committees
- and established clear lines of communication with the Catholic Religious Australia Education committee

Mr Peter Kelly, Chair of the Board of Directors of the company said that “in establishing CRMV we celebrate who we are and where we have come from, but also look to our future with hope and joy, confident of our fidelity to who we are and assured of our ability to be who we must become. We become a prophetic people of faith, blessed to walk in the companionship of Jesus and devoted to working in communion with the whole Church in promoting and extending the ministry of Catholic education in Victoria.”

Pope Francis speaks of the ‘the art of accompaniment’ and it is the ideal of this company to advance the mission of Catholic Education by listening to those we serve and be a Church capable of walking at people’s side, of doing more than just listening.

Mr Burn said that “Religious congregations have been invited to run secondary schools in Victoria since 1857 and over the past 10 years have looked to new models of governance. We trust the new company will continue to support their Mission.”



Photo caption: Directors of the Company at the Launch; Paul Ould, Sr Julianna Drobik op. Jeffrey Burn and Peter Kelly (Chair) (Absent – Julie Ryan)