



Queensland Catholic Education Commission Executive Director

Queensland Catholic Education Commission Ltd (QCEC) serves the mission of the Catholic Church through Catholic education in Queensland by leading, collaborating, and advocating for the common good.

The role of QCEC is strategic and a partnership with the five Diocesan and seventeen other Catholic School Authorities that govern and administer schools across the state. More than 155,000 students are enrolled across these schools and these students are supported by almost 22,000 staff.

QCEC is the peak body for Catholic education in Queensland and is the entity recognised by the Australian and Queensland governments for the purpose of funding. QCEC has been delegated authority and prime responsibility for state-wide high-level policy making and collaborative action in a number of key areas including:

1. Government funding for Catholic schools and early education programs;
2. Advocacy, negotiation, and agreement with governments and other peak bodies at State and Commonwealth levels;
3. Research, collection, analysis and reporting of statistical, financial and educational data
4. Industrial relations with respect to facilitating collaboration between Catholic School Authorities exercising this responsibility
5. Public relations and communications regarding matters concerning Catholic education on a state-wide basis.

The 2020 – 2023 Strategic Plan outlines the vision, mission, and major objectives for QCEC. Organisational values of Integrity, Justice, Hope, Collegiality and Service are central to the plan.

The Executive Director

The Executive Director supports the QCEC achieve its strategic directions and delegations, particularly by providing strong leadership advocacy and representation in the education sector and the community to enable and facilitate the positive reputation, well-being, growth, and impact of Catholic education in Queensland. The Executive Director will foster active collaboration with and between all Catholic School Authorities in Queensland and establish and enhance relationships with other education authorities, governments and other members of Parliament, and the general community. Leading and advocating in negotiations with governments for the provision of funding and program grants is central to the role, as is the ability to articulate and advocate for educational policy as determined by QCEC with governments and other key education bodies.

Key Capabilities

- A deep understanding of, and personal and professional commitment to, the mission of the Church and Catholic education.
- Strong business and commercial acumen with proven success developing and implementing strategic plans and leading the implementation of formal delegations.
- Sophisticated collaboration, negotiation, communication, and engagement skills that harness and unify the energy and enthusiasm of the QCEC's key stakeholders.
- An ability to lead the initiation of research and analysis into needs, trends and issues at system level relevant to Queensland Catholic education, ensuring currency with innovations and future directions in education globally, nationally and locally.



- A strong understanding of the education and Catholic education context in Queensland and Australia, and the ability to shape national debates and policy outcomes in a broad range of education matters.
- Risk & compliance oriented, with an ability to lead the delivery of education through the development and implementation of operational and business systems that meet state and federal regulatory obligations.
- The successful applicant will also hold a valid clearance to work with Children (Victorian Working with Children Check) and receive a clear National Criminal History Check (NCHC).

To Apply

QCEC will be supported in its search for this appointment by the executive search firm Korn Ferry. Please contact Courtenay Atwell from Korn Ferry at qceced@kornferry.com to request a copy of the position description and to discuss this role further in confidence.

To submit your application, please register your interest with a CV and a cover letter that outlines your skills and experiences relevant to the role to: qceced@kornferry.com

Closing time: 11.59pm (AEST) on Friday, 17 March 2023.