St Augustine’s Education Board

The St. Augustine’s Education Board has as its central purpose the realisation of the Vision of the school.

The Board is a formal gathering of the parties connected with the educational needs of the children. It is a means of giving advice to the Parish Priest [Canonical authority] and Principal [delegated authority] so that responsible decisions can be made.

The Education Board is a forum for discussion of ideas and initiatives and also the sharing of information with the parent body.

- To act as a forum for discussion on matters concerning education in the school
- To act as an advisory body to the Parish Priest and Principal, on all matters concerning education in the school.
- To provide a link between Parish Priest, Principal, parents and teachers in relation to the provision of Catholic education in the Parish Community.
- To promote community development by fostering a strong interrelationship between parish and school.

The Education Board’s functions are outlined as follows:

- Celebrating the integration of faith and life through parish and school experience.
- Assisting in the formulation and review of school policy, in conjunction with the Parish Priest, Principal, school staff and parents.
- Monitoring of the school's financial operation and contributing towards the budget process.
- Planning for the future and ensuring that the parish school can accommodate future enrolments.
- Assisting the Parish Priest in the selection of a lay principal\(^1\) when such an appointment is being made.
- Working in collaboration with parish and school auxiliary groups to promote effective communication, and contribute to building the parish community by realising the school’s vision and achieving its aims.
- Developing strategies for the local promotion of Catholic education.
- Making annual educational reports to the community.
- Enabling individual parents to speak on educational matters through their representatives.
- Fostering adult education in faith.

**Membership**

Through membership on the Education Board each person assumes a leadership role in the school. Members contribute equally to all discussions. In the final analysis, decisions are taken to build community through consensus rather than by majority vote.

Tenure on The Education Board is for two years with a twelve month gap before re nominating

The membership of the Board is as follows:-

**Ex-Officio Members**
- Parish Priest
- Principal

**Nominated Members**
- Staff representatives

**Parent Representatives**
- Self nominated

**Meetings**

The School Board meets eight times during the year. Meetings are scheduled in the annual school calendar and agenda papers are circulated prior to the scheduled date. The final meeting of the year is usually held in conjunction with the Parents Auxiliary and is in the form of a dinner.

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