



Rationale

The governing bodies of the C.I.S.D.V. are church ministries within the diocesan and parish communities. As ministries charged with building the Kingdom of God, a high standard of conduct is required of members of these bodies.

Policy

Those elected or appointed to serve on the governing bodies of the Catholic Independent Schools will conduct themselves in a manner consistent with the Mission of the Catholic Independent Schools, Diocese of Victoria.

Regulation

Members of the Board of Directors and of Local School Councils shall:

- acknowledge that schools are a significant expression of the teaching mission of the Catholic Church and function within its structure
- become more knowledgeable about the mission of Catholic education, as expressed in CISDV schools, and sincerely promote it to the various communities with whom they have influence
- recognize the need for continuing education about their responsibilities and acknowledge that they do not, as individuals, represent the council officially unless explicitly authorized to do so
- be fully and carefully prepared for each meeting by doing the required readings and completing necessary tasks for committee work and reports
- support the principal in authorized functions and refrain from getting involved in administrative matters unless the principal requests they do so
- be loyal to Board or Local School Council decisions even when personally holding views differing from the final recommendations and decisions
- be alert to alternate solutions to problems and keep an open mind;
- disqualify themselves from discussion and voting on an issue where there is a conflict of interest with their family or business interests or if the outcome will grant them any pecuniary or material benefits other than any benefits conferred at large on members of the Society or the school parent body.
- pray often for members of the Council, Catholic schools, and the community they serve



Island Catholic Schools

GOVERNANCE OF THE OPERATIONS OF THE SOCIETY

STANDARD OF CONDUCT FOR ELECTED/APPOINTED MEMBERS OF CATHOLIC SCHOOL GOVERNING BODIES

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