

Padua College Governance

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INTRODUCTION

Padua College, which has hitherto been conducted by the Sisters of Mercy, was re-sited on land, purchased by the Roman Catholic Trusts Corporation, in Oakbank Road, Mornington in 1975, in 1987 at Inglewood Crescent, Rosebud and in 2014 at Frankston-Flinders Road, Tyabb. It is a co-educational college for the region of Mornington and its surrounding parishes.

PREAMBLE

With the approval and under the direction of the Archbishop of Melbourne, Padua College has been established at Mornington, Rosebud and Tyabb to provide Catholic education, according to the precepts, teachings and practices of the Catholic Church. This College is administered by the body of Parish Priests (the Canonical Administrators) according to the statutes approved by the Archbishop and is acknowledged as Catholic by his authority.

According to the provisions of Canon Law and their particular applications in the Archdiocese of Melbourne, this College shall follow the directives/guidelines for Religious Education as approved by the Archbishop. The College is subject to other directives and guidelines which may be given from time to time by the said ecclesiastical authority in accord with the Code of Canon Law. (See particularly Canons 803 – 806 “The Code of Canon Law” – 1983).

This College is managed by the Padua Regional College Board, under delegation from the Canonical Administrators, in accordance with the Constitution which is approved by the Archbishop. According to the provision of Canon Law the College Board acts as a Board of Management, and is responsible to the Canonical Administrators who in turn are subject to the vigilance of the Archbishop. (Canon 1279.)

DEFINITIONS

The Archbishop is the Catholic Archbishop for the time being of the Archdiocese of Melbourne of the person duly appointed to administer the Archdiocese.

The College is Padua College, currently situated at Oakbank Road, Mornington, Inglewood Crescent, Rosebud and Frankston-Flinders Road, Tyabb.

The Member Parishes are those Catholic parishes, within the Archdiocese of Melbourne, which have formed the regional College and have agreed to underwrite the financial responsibility of the College.

The Parish Priests are the Parish priests for the time being of the member parishes or the person(s) duly appointed to administer a Member parish.

The Canonical Administrators are the Parish priests of the Member Parishes acting as a juridical person. (Canons 113 – 123)

The Board is the body which is responsible for the management of the College according to the Constitution of the College.

The Constitution is the Constitution of the College, as approved by the Archbishop.

The Region is the geographic area incorporating the Member Parishes.

The Agreed Formula is a document drawn up by the Canonical Administrators detailing such matters as:

- (a) the ownership of the College, in both Canon and Civil Law;
- (b) the equity of the Member Parishes in the College;
- (c) the financial commitment each Member parish may be required to make to the College and the purpose of such, e.g. for recurrent and/or capital expenditure;

- (d) the distribution of residual assets should the property and/or facilities be no longer required as a regional college.
- (e) the conditions and financial arrangements when a parish leaves or joins the region.

It will also give recognition to the responsibility of the Parish Priest for providing for the spiritual formation and Pastoral care of the Principal, staff and students of the College.

The Agreed Formula is attached to the Constitution, after approval by the Archbishop, and may be amended only with his consent.

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MEMBERSHIP OF THE REGION

The Member Parishes of this region shall be:

- Dromana, Our Lady of Perpetual Help
- Western Port, Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception
- Mornington, St. Macartan's
- Mount Eliza, St. Thomas More's
- Rosebud, Our Lady of Fatima
- Sorrento, St Mary's Star of the Sea

SCHOOL GOVERNANCE – DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLES

Padua College supports and promotes the principles and practice of Australian democracy, including a commitment to:

- elected government
- the rule of law
- equal rights for all before the law
- freedom of religion
- freedom of speech and association
- the values of openness and tolerance.

THE COLLEGE BOARD

A College Board shall be set up comprised of:

- (a) one Parish Priest of the Member Parishes, who shall be the President of the Canonical Administrators
- (b)
 - i) The Principal, who shall be the Executive Officer of the Board.
 - ii) The Business Manager, who shall be a permanent non-voting member of the Board.
- (c) An Honorary Accountant other than the Bursar/Business Manager of the College with suitable qualifications.
- (d) Three representatives from the parent body of the College, with a minimum of one representative each from the Northern Parishes (Mount Eliza, Mornington and Westerport) and the Southern Parishes (Dromana, Rosebud and Sorrento Parishes). The representatives will have children at the campus they are representing the year following their election.
- (e) Three representatives appointed by the Canonical Administrators representing Western Port, Sorrento/Dromana/Rosebud and Mount Eliza/Mornington Parishes.
- (f) Up to four members nominated by the Board for specific purposes and for a nominated period of time and approved by the Canonical Administrators.

Padua College Board Members 2020

Chairperson – elected by the Board Members

- Mr Peter Leamon

Honorary Financial Advisor – appointed by the Association of Canonical Administrators

- Ms Carolyn Nicholson

Parent Representatives— elected by Padua College parents

- Northern Region – Mr Peter Leamon, Mr Derek Kiernan
- Southern Region – Mr Leigh Todd

Parish Representatives – appointed by Parish Priest(s)

- Sorrento/Rosebud/Dromana – Mrs Jane Tibb
- Western Port – TBC
- Mornington/Mt Eliza – Mrs Penny Farmer

Canonical Administrators Representatives – appointed by the Association of Canonical Administrators

- Rev Fr Michael Miles

Board Executive Officer – ex-officio member

- Mr Anthony Banks

Business Manager – ex-officio member

- Mr Russell Saunders

Minute Secretary - ex-officio member

- Mrs Carolyn Cockerham