

# ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER EDUCATION NETWORK GROUP

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## TERMS OF REFERENCE

### Purpose

- To perform a consultative and advisory role on issues of national interest related to the development, implementation and evaluation of strategies, programs and policies impacting on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander education.
- To provide a collaborative forum for dissemination of information and knowledge sharing.
- To support a unified voice when engaging with the Commonwealth on national collections.

### Network Group Key Result Areas

- Seek input and coordinate feedback from states and territories to respond to a range of key national educational issues.
- Identify key issues impacting on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic education and respond as appropriate to emergent education issues.

### Membership

- Membership to the NCEC Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Network Education Group will be limited to state and territory Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander education senior officers or their representatives.
- Up to two members are to be nominated by each state and territory Commission. One member should be Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander.
- Two members are nominated by the NCEC Secretariat.
- The Chair is nominated by the Deputy Director, NCEC.
- Members are requested to send a proxy if they are unable to attend.

### Meetings

- The agenda will be developed in consultation with members.
- The network group will convene up to four times per year or once a term.
- Three of the meetings will be held via video conference and the remaining one will be a face to face meeting.
- Face to face meetings will be held at state/territory commissions on a rotational basis.

### Reporting

- Where issues of policy relevance are identified these will be reported to the Commission.

### Secretariat Support

- NCEC provides secretariat assistance to the Group.
- A final agenda and papers will be circulated one week prior to the meeting.
- Minutes and actions arising will be distributed within two weeks of each meeting.