

Statement of Purpose



**The Catholic Education Offices
serve Catholic schools and communities
through collaborative leadership
and co-operative effort.**

Integral to our mission is:

*celebrating the Good News of God with us,
building communities for participation in a changing world,
creating effective learning environments and providing support for their growth.*

In working together we will:

acknowledge and promote Catholic education as an integral part of the mission of the church

acknowledge and promote Catholic education as an influential member of state and national education communities

value the dignity of each person, acknowledging cultural diversity, gender inclusivity and disadvantage

embrace the principle of subsidiarity, ensuring that decisions are taken in the appropriate forum

ensure that financial and administrative practice is complementary to sound educational planning

ensure that religious education programs in Catholic schools are in accord with the directions of the Bishops

be accountable for our work and that of Catholic schools to the Bishops, the South Australian Commission for Catholic schools and the wider community

ensure that educational planning and initiatives which emerge:

- reflect the educational tradition and teachings of the church
- draw on contemporary research, educational understandings and practice
- identify clear goals and objectives
- have observable outcomes for purposes of reporting and evaluation

promote collaborative decision-making processes

view education as a formative life long process

**The Spirit is active in every person
for the good of all.**