

**THE SCHOOLS COMMISSION ORDINANCE 1997  
AMENDING ORDINANCE 2001**

N° 13 of 2001

**AN ORDINANCE**

To amend the Schools Commission Ordinance 1997 in certain respects.

**PREAMBLE**

WHEREAS it is desirable to amend the Schools Commission Ordinance in certain respects.

THEREFORE the Bishop, Clergy and Laity of the Diocese of Grafton in Synod assembled decree and enact as follows:

**SHORT TITLE**

- 1. (a) This Ordinance shall be cited as the Schools Commission Ordinance 1997, Amending Ordinance 2001.
- (b) The Schools Commission Ordinance 1997 is in this Ordinance referred to as the Principal Ordinance.
- (c) The Principal Ordinance as amended by this Ordinance shall be cited as The Schools Commission Ordinance 1997-2001.

**AMENDMENT**

- 2. The definition of "School" is hereby deleted and the following definition is substituted therefore:

School means an Anglican School in the Diocese of Grafton the governing body of which has been incorporated under the Anglican Church of Australia (Bodies Corporate) Act, 1938.

- 3. Clause 4(ii) of the Principal Ordinance is hereby deleted.
- 4. Clause 5 of the Principal Ordinance is hereby deleted and a new Clause 5 inserted therefore:

The object of the Commission shall be the promotion of education in Anglican Schools, and more particularly:

- (a) to support Member Schools in the Diocese both existing and new, in planning, establishment, governance, promotion and funding as part of the mission of the Anglican Church particularly in developing areas.
- (b) to support and encourage the development of the Christian Faith and Worship through programmes designed to help parents and staff recognise the importance of a complete education in an Anglican School.

- (c) to support communication and co-operation between the Member Schools, the Diocese and the Commission.
  - (d) to recommend policies and initiatives for Member Schools.
  - (e) to communicate with other similar bodies and Tertiary Institutions on educational matters.
  - (f) to communicate with Federal, State and Local Governments on Funding and other matters.
  - (g) to support fund-raising for Member Schools.
  - (h) to consult with and advise Member Schools on industrial, legal and insurance matters;
  - (i) to undertake such other functions as may be committed to the Commission from time to time by the Bishop-in-Council.
5. Clause 6 of the Principal Ordinance is hereby deleted and the following new Clause 6 inserted therefore.
6. (i) Any School as defined in this Ordinance may become a Member School of the Commission.
- (ii) In the event that the governing body of any Member School withdraws that School from membership of the Commission such withdrawal shall not prejudice any responsibility, financial or otherwise which such Member School may have in respect of the Commission.
- (iii) Member Schools shall furnish to the Commission progress reports and summary Financial Accounts as at the 30<sup>th</sup> of June (interim) and the 31<sup>st</sup> of December (audited) each year.
6. Clause 7(iii) of the Principal Ordinance is hereby deleted and the following new Clause 7 (iii) inserted therefore:
7. (iii) The Schools Officer (or Consultant) shall present to each Session of Synod, and to the Anglican Schools Commission on a regular basis a Statement of Receipts and Disbursements of the Fund.
7. Clause 9 of the Principal Ordinance is hereby deleted and a new Clause 9 inserted therefore:
1. (i) The members of the Commission shall be:
- (a) The Bishop, who shall be the President of the Commission;
  - (b) A person appointed from time to time by the Bishop;

- (c) The General Manager/Registrar;
- (d) The person (if any) holding for the time being the office of Schools Officer or Consultant as hereinafter provided, who shall have a seat on the Commission but without a vote;
- (e) The Principal of each Member School;
- (f) The Chair of the Governing Body of each Member School;
- (g) Up to three persons co-opted by the aforementioned Members of the Commission. Co-opted Members shall retire on or before their seventieth birthday.

- (ii) The co-opted members of the Commission shall hold office for such term, being not more than three years, as may be specified when the said members are appointed, and if no term is so specified for a term of three years.
- (iii) A vacancy shall occur in the office of a person co-opted to membership of the Commission when the person resigns in writing to the Bishop and such resignation is accepted by him; or the person shall have been absent without leave from three successive meetings of the Commission;

- 8. Clause 10(v) of the Principal Ordinance is hereby amended by omitting the words "four times" and substituting therefore the word "twice".
- 9. Clause 10 (vi) of the Principal Ordinance is hereby amended by omitting the words "one half of the" and substituting therefore the word "five".

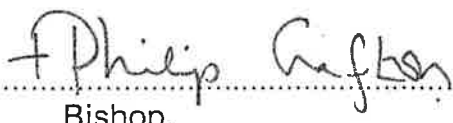
I hereby certify that the Ordinance as printed is in accordance with the Ordinance as passed.

  
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 Chairman of Committees

I certify that this Ordinance was passed by Synod on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2001.

  
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 Registrar

I assent to this Ordinance.

  
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 Bishop.