Why revise?

• Changes to Catholic Schooling
• Changes to parishes
• Increasing legislative compliance
The Pastor and the Parish School: rights and duties of the pastor in relation to the parish school

Published in 1993

Focus on rights and duties of the Parish Priest in relation to the parish school
Collaborating for Mission: The Parish and the Catholic School

Broader focus
How the role of Priest and Principal collaborate for the ongoing mission of the Church.
Rights and responsibilities of the Parish Priest and the Principal in the parish school

Consultation Process
Reference Group
Discussion at Priest/Principal Forum 2012
Council of Priests
Catholic Education Council

Brisbane Catholic Education
Teaching • Challenging • Transforming
Administration of Parish School Assets

Revision of Administration of Parish School Funds – published in 1992

Consultation Process
All Priests and Principals
Archdiocesan and BCEO personnel
Council of Priests
Catholic Education Council
Collaborating for Mission

• Title points to the heart of the relationship between parish and school, for we are all involved in collaborating for mission

• Real collaboration between the three pillars of life-long Christian education – family, parish and school – is crucial in the Archdiocese of Brisbane.

• Document offers clear guidelines for priests and principals to help them understand and carry out their distinct but complementary responsibilities for the sake of this collaboration.
Collaborating for Mission

• Provides policy and recommended practices to assist in the development of the important relationship between priest and principal
• There are many involved in the parish and the school – the parish priest and the principal have critical leadership roles
• Essential there is clarity as to their civil, canonical and organisational responsibilities and relationships.
Contents

• Role of Parish Priest
• Role of Principal
• Religious Education
• Formation of Staff
• Liturgy and Prayer
• Pastoral Care
• Enrolment Policy and Procedures
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- Staffing
- Finance
- Use and Management of Property
- Parental Partnership
- School Board
- Parents and Friends Association
- Establishing, Modifying and Closing Schools
- Dispute Resolution
Administration of Parish School Assets

• Layout:
  – Context
  – General Principles
  – Practical applications
  – Attachments – to assist with understanding the content
General Principles:

1) Observance of Canon Law
2) Observance of civil legal requirements
3) Separate accounts
4) Intentions of contributors
5) Financial reporting
6) Disposal of temporal goods used by the school
7) Use of Church and other parish facilities by the school
8) Use of school facilities by the parish
9) Financial support for schools by the parish
10) Donations to non-school parish funds
Practical Applications:

1) Observance of legal requirements
2) Separate accounts
3) Intentions of contributors
4) Financial reporting
5) Disposal of ecclesiastical goods
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Attachments:

A. Canon Law References
B. Other reference documents
C. School Building Funds
D. School Library Funds
E. Examples of apportionment of operation costs
F. Auditor’s Report
The policy document aims to:

- Affirm the existing good practice of parish priests, principals and others in relation to administration of church goods and finances
- Ensure that the requirements of civil and canon law are met in relation to the parish school administration
- Promote timely and accurate accountability to both the parish and governments in accordance with legal requirements
- Promote, through appropriate identification and accountability for administration, the unity of the parish.
What next?

• Priest and Principal discuss with key groups –
  • Parish Pastoral Council
  • Parish Finance Committee
  • School Board

• What are the implications?

• How to enhance mission through greater collaboration?