



## GUIDELINES FOR P & F ASSOCIATIONS

The Parents and Friends' Association is an integral part of the Catholic school structure and is a valuable instrument in this important Church Apostolate of education. To ensure its effectiveness, the Association should:

- **Adhere to the aims and objectives** of the State Federation as laid down by the Constitution and approved by the Catholic Bishops of Western Australia
- **Strive to develop at the school a real community of parents, teachers and students, which reflects a truly Christian ethos**
- **Work closely with the School Authorities, in particular the school Principal, who is the leader of the school community, to achieve common goals**
- Ensure that a high level of **social and educational interaction exists between home and school, parents and teachers**
- Endeavour to have **all parents enjoy the exciting experience** of their children's formal school years **by active participation and personal involvement in the school programs**
- Provide a **healthy forum for ideas and discussion** on any relevant issue that will benefit the education of the children. This is for example discussion on how to accurately read the MySchool website. It is NOT a place for discussing teachers, staff performance etc or any grievances. There is a Grievance policy set down by the CEOWA that is to be followed by all parents should such an issue arise.
- In particular, concern itself with further education for the parents of the school in their **faith development** and ensure that a **clear understanding of the school's religious education** program exists eg prayer s at meetings, support for school masses and sacramental programs and also for parish activities.
- Assist in **planning and organising functions associated with the social, sporting, cultural and educational life of the school community. Sometimes fund raising- other times friend raising or fun raising!!**