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# St. Joseph's Catholic College

## Governing Body

The Governing Body is responsible for the strategic direction of the College.

Our role is to set the overall direction for the College, to monitor and evaluate its overall performance and determine key policies.

We aim to ensure that the College's self-evaluation works effectively to determine key priorities, while ensuring that our Catholic ethos is represented in long-term, medium-term and short-term planning.

The governing body will have a clear strategic focus on:

- **Achievement**
- **Teaching & Learning**
- **Behaviour & Safeguarding**
- **Leadership**
- **Community & Ethos**
- **Building a Sustainable and Outstanding Future**

The functions of the governing body include the following core functions:

- (a) Ensuring that the vision, ethos and strategic direction of the school are clearly defined;
- (b) Ensuring that the Principal is held to account for his or her responsibilities for the educational performance of the school; and
- (c) Ensuring the sound, proper and effective use of the school's financial resources

The Governors delegate to the Principal and leadership of the College those tasks which are operational (for example, drafting policies, behaviour issues, making judgements about teaching quality, and recruiting and deploying staff below senior leadership level.

The agenda of the governing body is driven by the strategic planning cycle.

The Governing body meet regularly as the Full Governing Body on a monthly basis. The historical committee structure being Staff and Students, Progress, Finance and Premises and the Admissions Panel now combine forces to ensure full consideration of relevant issues are considered by all Governors.

Key Panels and Sub-Committee's to review specific issues or projects are convened as required, to ensure further detailed coverage where necessary.

