

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NATIONAL

Fact Sheets



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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NATIONAL

Overview

- Christian Education National is a national family of over 50 member associations which together govern some 80+ schools with approximately 23,000 students and 2,000 teaching staff.
- Member associations are Christian communities of parents and others committed to the vision, formally organised to provide education grounded in the bible.
- Christian Education National membership includes small remote rural schools, large metropolitan schools, multi campus schools and incorporated school systems.
- Christian Education National promotes a biblical worldview where God's love, power and authority inhabit all practice and community life (including leadership, management, teaching, curriculum and effective governance) in its member schools.
- Christian Education National recognises of the critical role of teachers in providing ongoing distinctive Christian school education and is therefore committed to providing rigorous professional development and training for teachers through its teacher training arm, the National Institute for Christian Education.
- Christian Education National shares a government advocacy arm, the Australian Association for Christian Schools and is principal sponsor for a superannuation fund, Christian Super.
- Christian Education National promotes the cause of Christian education in Australia and internationally with and on behalf of its members.
- Christian Education National is a not for profit public company limited by guarantee and is a registered charitable institution with the ATO.
- Christian Education National provides vision, leadership, resources and services directly and through the membership community from a biblical worldview perspective for its members.
- Christian Education National engages a national chief executive officer and staff as well as state and territory executive officers who maintain regular contact with and provide services to schools.
- At all levels, Christian Education National is engaged in building community and relationship and in assisting in the delivery of services to empower associations, boards and senior management to achieve their shared vision.
- Christian Education National is structured around a national board with state councils to determine local priorities. The national board maintains subcommittees which include business and finance, membership, reviews and reconciliation. Professional exchange takes place at multiple levels.

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An Interdependent National Community

Transforming vision

Christian Education National acknowledges Jesus Christ as Lord of all of life! Under him we are a vibrant, healthy, mutually supportive community where home, church and school work together in obedience to God's word to provide education that is biblically grounded, culturally engaging and academically rigorous for all who desire it.

Community united by values

Enduring Foundation

The Bible is central to all we do.

Community Ownership

Christian communities of parents and others committed to the vision are structured to provide Christian Education and secure the vision.

Mature Students

Students are educated and nurtured for the whole of life.

Christian Teachers

Schools employ, train and nurture Christian teachers for transformative education.

Distinctive Education

Educational practice is biblically grounded, culturally engaging and academically rigorous.

National Family

The Christian Education National family is mutually supportive and accountable.

Partnership forged for action

Mutual Empowerment

We empower one another to each fulfil our purpose.

Mobilised Resources

We mobilise our resources to provide biblically faithful education.

Combined Voice

We promote the cause of Christian education.

Coordinated Action

We assist one another to establish and operate Christian Schools.

Dynamic Partnership

We cultivate the educational relationship between home, church and school.

Transformed Teachers

We advance biblically grounded, culturally engaging and academically rigorous Christian teacher training.

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Member Networking

Mission trips

Many schools engage in mission trips between schools, in Australian Indigenous communities and overseas. The Christian Education National community of schools is able to support one another in these ventures, providing expertise and contacts. The experience amongst our schools is high and has been recognized by the federal government through national awards.

Ideas Exchange

Policies

The Ideas Exchange is a collection of curriculum materials, school policies and some educational papers held at the national office of Christian Education National. These resources have been provided by Christian Education National member schools/associations and catalogued to provide ready access.

All policy documents held at the Christian Education National office are saved in electronic mode. Policies are samples only and have been submitted by member schools nationally. The policies are not endorsed or recommended by Christian Education National and are to be used as models for developing policies at a local school/association level. The names of schools that have submitted policies have not been removed from the documentation but should be deleted if using some or all of a policy. It is recommended that if using some or all of a policy the submitting school be acknowledged.

While the Ideas Exchange has a collection of listed policies it is not limited to that list. If a particular policy is sought it can be requested from the Christian Education National office.

Curriculum

All curriculum documents held at the Christian Education National office are saved in electronic mode. Programs and lesson plans are examples which have been submitted by Christian Education National schools nationally and released for use by others. Whilst these curriculum documents are not endorsed or officially recommended by Christian Education National, they can be used to develop curriculum at a local school level. The names of schools that have submitted curriculum documents have not necessarily been removed. If using some or all of a document, it is obviously appropriate to acknowledge the source whilst removing the name of the submitting school from the documentation.

While the Ideas Exchange has listed a range of policies and subjects (see below) it is not limited to that list. If you have a particular enquiry which is not listed, please enquire from the national office.

Policies

Anaphylaxis	Enrolment Policy	Natural Justice
Annual Reports	Environmental	NSW Registration policies
Appraisal (teaching and non teaching staff)	Excursion Permission	Out of School Learning
Assessment	Excursion policy	Parent Handbooks
Biblical bases of assns	Exit interviews	Parent Involvement
Board instruments	Financial policies and surveys	Parent surveys
Bonded Scholarships	First Aid and Medical	Pastoral Care
Bullying	Fundraising and Fees	Prep and Preschooling
Bursaries	Gender Sexual Issues	Principals transition
Child Protection	Gifted and Talented	Privacy
Code of Conduct for Boards	Grant Applications	Professional Development
Committee Mandates	Handbooks	Repeating a student
Communication	Homework	Scholarship
Conflict Resolution	Information Technology	Special needs
Copyright	International Students	Sport
Covenant - with parents	Job Descriptions	Staff Application and Interviews
Creation	Policy Book	Staff Appointment and Expectations
Crisis Management	Library	Strategic Planning
Developing Curriculum	Maintenance	Student expectations
Disability Discrimination	Marketing plans	Bonded Scholarships
Discipline	Middle School	Uniform
Drug Policy	Mission trips	Values
Email Protocols	Naming Policies	Vision and Mission documents

Curriculum examples

Aboriginal Studies	English	Library
Art	History	Mathematics
Biblical Studies	HSIE	Music
Camps and Outdoor Education	ICT	PDHPE
Creative Arts	Integrated Units	Reports
Design and Technology	Language Arts - Reading	Science
Drama	Language Arts - Writing	Special Education
Economics	Language Teaching	Wood Tech

Prayer Support

Christian Education National provides regular and as needed prayer support for its associations and their schools or schools across the nation. This includes:

- **Daily prayer**

Each week a national staff member contacts schools on a cyclical basis to identify particular prayer needs. Christian Education National staff members then pray daily for those needs, covering all associations and their school or schools over the course of time.

- **Prayer Forum**

Christian Education National provides a prayer forum on the member section of its website. Schools may request prayer needs to be posted on this forum and Christian Education National alerts the community to new prayer requests.

- **Emergency prayer support**

Upon request, Christian Education National will contact members and other interested members of the Christian community with emergency and other prayer requests on behalf of associations and schools.



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Teacher Education

The National Institute for Christian Education

In recognition of the critical role of teachers in providing ongoing distinctive Christian school education, Christian Education National maintains a fully accredited teacher training arm, the National Institute for Christian Education (NICE). It aims to:

- Provide Christian teacher education
- Facilitate school and curriculum development
- Articulate and nurture a biblical worldview
- Foster international links and commitment to education

What is NICE?

Nice is a **tertiary** institution providing professional **development** for teachers and other involved in Christian schools in Australia and throughout the world.

Teaching is provided using distance education (accredited programs) and intensive, face-to-face sessions (non-accredited programs).

NICE celebrates the Lordship of Christ over all aspects of education and schooling.

Why is NICE important?

Education is not neutral. Since education is about unfolding the world to children it is important to ask three questions:

- Whose world is that we are unfolding?
- What are we training our children for?
- What does it mean to teach children God's way?

NICE helps teachers to operate in professional learning communities. Teachers support Christian homes by equipping teachers to grasp their faith and engage the culture in every vocation and academic study, thus becoming salt and light witnesses to Christ's kingdom in a lost and needy world. God is relevant to all areas of education as well as to biblical studies and chapel. Each of us brings worldview assumptions to education. Only rigorous examination of our worldviews in light of Scripture will liberate us to think Christianly – to think from biblical categories – about education. This involves engaging faithfully with contemporary educational thinking and research. Constant teacher training is imperative to ensure our schools retain biblically grounded Christian education into the future.



What is offered?

Christian Education National works with and through NICE as a teaching institute of the College of Christian Higher Education, (accredited through the New South Wales government) to provide its teachers with:

- Post graduate training for teachers that can lead to a Bachelor of Education (a conversion course) or a Master of Education degree
- Training other graduates (eg board members) that can lead to a Master of Education (Professional Leadership and Training)
- In addition, NICE provides
- Professional development
- Training support for Christian school communities

For further information:

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Government Advocacy

Australian Association of Christian Schools

Christian Education National links with the Australian Association of Christian Schools (AACCS) through governance and works to establish national cooperation and a cohesive identity in respect of advocacy to state and federal governments.

What is AACCS?

AACCS is a not-for-profit company which affirms the Lordship of Christ over all creation and seeks to:

- provide a combined Christian schools voice on issues relevant to Christian education;
- enable combined representation at the national level on behalf of Christian schools;
- undertake cooperative activities that are in the overall interests of Christian schools; and
- disseminate appropriate information on issues of national significance to Christian schools
- Liaise closely with state and commonwealth authorities.

Why is AACCS important to Christian Education National?

Schools committed to a biblical, Christ-centred worldview, sometimes have a distinctive viewpoint on issues that become the subject of public debate. On other issues, we share a common view with other non-government and government schools and it is important in those cases to engage with the debate to ensure that the policies that have enabled us to create our distinctive approaches to schooling are not diluted or lost by government legislation and regulation. Christian schooling has been increasingly operating in an environment where government funding has been linked to compliance well beyond reasonable accountabilities. The potential impact is that Christian education may lose its early vitality and become fatigued, over-extended, over-regulated and under-resourced. Christian Education

National is thus committed to working in and through AACCS, in partnership with other schools, to address these issues at state and national levels.

What does Christian Education National do through AACCS?

Christian Education National works in and through AACCS to provide its members with:

- Biblical perspectives on public policy
- AACCS develops and articulates biblical perspectives on government educational policy, funding equity and public debate.
- Representing schools
- AACCS brings the needs of schools to the attention of the federal and state governments.



- Up to date briefings
- AACCS informs members in a timely manner about political and funding issues which affect them.
- Support packs
- AACCS provides targeted support packs for members.
- Representation advice
- AACCS provides general advice on representation to government at all levels and to support individual schools with specific advocacy needs.
- Government Surveys etc
- AACCS provides relevant frameworks for in-school action in response to government directives

For further information:

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Governance

Governance Training

Christian Education National provides rigorous governance training programs as an entitlement of membership for the boards of its member associations.

Each board is ultimately accountable for the performance of the school or schools under its care. In an environment of steadily increasing complexity and escalating compliance expectations, boards cannot afford to be uninformed and untrained.

Each board must intentionally develop and hone skills in effective governance policy and practice.

Christian Education National aims to glorify God by training for healthy, effective, professional governance policy and practice within member boards of governance.

Training programs cover areas such as:

- The work of the board
- Corporate and legal responsibilities of the board
- Meetings
- Committees of the board
- Multi school associations and systems
- Enrolment
- Budgets and finances
- The role of the chair
- The role of the principal
- The board / principal relationship
- Employment of teaching and other staff
- Teacher appraisal
- Dispute resolution
- Resources for directors
- Building associations

Governance Advice & Support

Christian Education National provides specialised advice to board chairs and directors which aims to build individual and corporate board professionalism and to support boards in addressing day to day governance issues.

Governance Publications

Christian Education National publishes the *Board Members Handbook*, which aims to provide all member directors with immediate access to sound governance advice, policy and a comprehensive outline of corporate responsibilities.

Christian Education National also provides other commercial professional governance resources at below market rates for the benefit of member directors.

Christian Education National publishes and maintains a range of resources on Christian Education at below market rate for member directors to use personally, in board meetings and with associations, to strengthen and enrich the local vision for Christian education.

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Publications

Christian Education National maintains a publishing arm with and through the National Institute for Christian Education. Publications include:

Books

Christian Education National publishes books in conjunction with its biennial Transforming Education conference. These reference books contribute to thinking and conversations on Christian education for the benefit of members, for the wider Australian Christian education community and world wide. Publications include:

No Icing on the Cake

The Cause of Christian Education

The Crumbling Walls of Certainty

Engaging the Culture

Shocked by Blessing

A full catalogue of resources may be obtained through the National Institute for Christian Education.

Two Quarterly Journals

Christian Teachers Journal which is distributed to all teachers within Christian Education National schools and has a wide subscription base beyond Christian Education National.

Nurture for parents involved in Christian education.

Professional Handbooks

Board Members Handbook

Management and Finance Handbook

Professional School Survey and Review Documents

Christian Education National publishes professional review mechanisms for schools and surveys which research the views of staff, students, parents and the wider community. These reviews assist in strengthening vision and building health. (See also under Professional Services.)

Electronic Newsletter: ACCESS

ACCESS is the key Christian Education National communication channel with members. It provides membership news, national and state news as well as articles designed to enhance vision, governance, management and financial practice.

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Professional Services

Copyright licensing

Christian Education National maintains agency arrangements to provide copyright and performance licensing on behalf of members with CAL, APRA, AMCOS, ARIA and Screenrights.

Critical incident support

Christian Education National provides back up support for members during critical incidents. This includes financial support, in kind support, prayer and immediate advice about dealing with relevant bodies within and external to the school community. Christian Education National is positioned to act on behalf of its members if required.

Organisational Health Survey, Review and Consultancy Services

Christian Education National provides professional review mechanisms and trained consultants to assist school leadership in strengthening vision, enhancing organisational health and establishing future directions.

These services include:

Limited Scope Consultancy

This is undertaken by Christian Education National trained consultants who undertake an organisational health check process that enables key leaders in associations and their schools to identify and comment on particular agreed areas. Associations/schools retain control over the outworking of all recommendations arising from the process. The process relies on cooperation between the consultants and the agreed leadership team (usually board and principals) who determine the objectives of the process. Consultants will then determine strategies address the agreed objectives.

- Strategies may involve:
 - a. Questionnaires to various stakeholder groups in the school community (board, senior executive leadership, staff, parents etc) based around the agreed objectives;
 - b. Meeting with the school community and/or with small comment groups;
 - c. Meeting with leadership groups and/or with individuals in leadership;
 - d. Meeting with individuals from the school community.
- It is suggested that these meetings take place in the school. The consultancy team will be present and involved in the interviews. All interviews will be confidential.
- The consultant develops a written report that captures the responses of people in the context of the agreed objectives. This report will also make recommendations regarding a process for building stable, constructive goals and strategies for the future.

- The consultancy is normally conducted over a 3 to 10 day period utilising relevant senior consultants working closely with the board, the full executive and with contributions from staff, parents and the school community.
- Member school fee for service: from \$ 2,100 to \$7,000; Non member school fee for service: from \$ 4,200 to \$14,000 (excluding GST, travel & other incidentals).

Compact School Review

This is designed to enable schools to work with consultants to provide a comprehensive review across all aspects of school activities. At the conclusion of the review process, consultants write a report with recommendations. The compact school review normally includes at least the following goals:

- To assess the life of the school in the light of the Association's biblical basis as expressed in its constitutional documents, to ensure that our Biblical obligations to one another (parents, staff and students) are being met
- To produce a platform for the development of a renewed vision and plan, together with strategies to implement that vision and plan.
- To review the current programmes, policies and procedures of the association and the school(s) it runs, with a view to bringing about improvement where necessary.
- To give guidance to board members and school executive staff about programmes, policies and procedures for the effective operation of the association and its school community.
- To assist members of the school community to maintain an effective Christian school.
- A visiting team reviews eight areas of school operations: Biblical Basis and Philosophy, Governance, Business and Finance, People, Teaching and Learning, Student Services, Physical Facilities, The School in the Wider Community
- The compact review is normally conducted over a 4 to 5 week period utilising relevant senior consultants working closely with the Full executive and with contributions from staff, parents and the school community. A report and presentation are provided and follow up and implementation strategies.
- Member school fee for service: from \$ 4,500 to \$7,500; Non member school fee for service: from \$ 9,000 to \$15,000 (excluding GST, travel & other incidentals).

Whole School Review

This is designed to empower the school community to undertake its own review processes across all aspects of school activities. The Whole School Review Is conducted in co-operation with an in-school review coordinator and review committee with external validation upon completion by Christian Education National consultants. The school review process normally includes at least the following goals:

- To assess the life of the school in the light of the school's basis as expressed in the Memorandum and Articles of Association, to ensure that our Biblical obligations to one another (parents, teachers and students) are being met.

- To review the current programmes, policies and procedures of the association and the school(s) it runs, with a view to affecting improvements.
- To give guidance to board members and school executive staff regarding the operation of the association and the school concerning programmes, policies and procedures.
- To renew vitality within the school community by exciting newcomers about the original and ongoing vision of the school and inspiring all to develop this vision further and evaluate their own roles within the school community.
- To make all members of the school community aware of all those elements and outcomes which need to be considered in establishing and maintaining an effective Christian school.
- The school review process is designed to evaluate every facet of the school's operation. These areas include: Biblical Basis and Philosophy, Organisation and Administration, Business and Finance, People, Teaching and Learning, Student Services, Physical Facilities, The School in the Wider Community.
- The goals may be refined by the school board into more specific aims that reflect the history and development of that school community.
- A School Review Coordinator convenes a School Review Committee and is responsible for the management of the review.
- The School Review Committee is made up of members with specific responsibility for each of eight areas of the school's operation.
- Sub-committees chaired by review committee members have a special responsibility for each area of review.
- Member school fee for service: from \$3,250 to \$5,000; Non member school fee for service: from \$6,500 to \$10,000 (excluding GST, travel & other incidentals).

Leadership Review

This is designed to build strong and vigorous leadership. The Christian Education National leadership review enables boards to engage skilled external consultants to undertake an objective, healthy review process for their executive staff. At the conclusion of the review process, consultants write a report with recommendations. The purposes of the review includes at least the following:

- To examine the match between the leader's gifts with the association and school community's vision and task;
- To assess the effectiveness of the administration of the school;
- To acknowledge qualities in the leader's contribution and to put them to maximum use in the life of the school community,
- To identify areas where improvement is needed; and
- To make recommendations regarding the renewal of a further contract period.
- Member school fee for service: from \$ 2,100 to \$7,000; Non member school fee for service: from \$ 4,200 to \$14,000 (excluding GST, travel & other incidentals).

Structural Advice

Christian Education National provides advice on and support for restructuring processes as an entitlement of membership. Restructuring can be a difficult challenge for the unwary and inexperienced board. Christian Education National is committed to working alongside boards with appropriate skilled professionals to seek just and equitable solutions which honour all involved and seek to glorify God.

External resource providers

Christian Education National recognises the benefits inherent in the biblical mandate to work together in community. It therefore is pleased to build relationships with other organisations which can contribute a wide range of valuable expertise to support our vision.

Where necessary, Christian Education National engages in formal relationships with a variety of consultants and organisations which appreciate and uphold our shared vision for Christian education. Where it is necessary to access external or additional resources a fee for service may apply.

Telecommunications

CPCS provides access to a wide range of discounted telecommunications services for its members through Telstra.

Software Licensing

CPCS holds corporate software licensing arrangements through Simply International for its members.

Christian Conflict Coaching and Biblical Mediation Services

Christian Education National has consultants trained by PeaceWise Australia in Christian conflict coaching and Biblical mediation processes based on the Peacemakers principles (USA). Christian Education National and PeaceWise will work with schooling communities to build a culture of peace and to address specific areas of conflict.

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Financial Health and Business Services

Financial Health Services

Christian Education National recognises the Lordship of Christ over all our resources and is therefore committed to a communal approach to building financial health and viability amongst its member schools.

Financial Health Check

Each year Christian Education National undertakes a financial health check survey (prudential health watch) for member schools as an entitlement of membership. This is a rigorous process undertaken by the highly skilled national management and finance committee with the national business and finance manager (who is a qualified accountant). All data is maintained in strictest confidentiality. Schools are provided with:

- An analysis of their financial health against benchmarks and against similar schools (anonymously)
- A star rating
- Recommendations for action

Financial Reviews

Christian Education National also provides financial reviews to identify areas of opportunity, risk and sustainability. These include:

- Financial exposure
- Matters of asset management and working capital management, in particular receivables, cash flow management, borrowing and other payables.

Findings are based on:

- Financial analysis of historic information
- Budget
- Relevant key performance indicators
- Explanations provided by representatives of the school as to the historical position and performance of the school.
- Members receive a significant discount on service fees.

School operational and financial review

Christian Education National offers a school operational and financial review to provide an overview of the parameters and resources with which the school functions against industry and Christian Education National benchmarks.

- It particularly considers the requisite versus available resources to meet the schools expectations.
- It combines operations aspects in understanding historical performance with a goal of setting benchmarks and targets for the future which can be combined with sensible resourcing strategies.
- The operational and financial review combined requires 2-3 days on-site consulting advisory services utilising the two senior consultants working closely with the school Business Manager and / or Principal and Board Members.
- To facilitate this process it is expected that certain information is provided in advance of the on-site review. An example of information requirements can be provided at request.
- A brief written report is provided within five working days of the completion of the on-site analysis.
- Members receive a significant discount on service fees.

Small School Management Services

Christian Education National provides school management services at a low cost for member schools. This is of particular benefit for small schools. It may relieve schools of the need to employ a business and finance manager by providing cost effective and timely and uniform accounting, payroll and financial reporting for school operations.

Contact the Christian Education National Business and Finance

Building Fund

Christian Education National maintains an \$850,000 building fund which is available to member associations for the purposes of building projects that do not attract interest rate subsidies. Member schools may borrow up to \$100,000 at discounted interest rates for up to five years. The building fund portfolio fluctuates according to the level of members who access its services and currently has a portfolio of 13 loans.

Contact the Christian Education National Business and Finance Manager for further information on: julie@cen.edu.au or 02 9671 3311).

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Professional Leadership Development

Christian Education National provides a comprehensive range of conferences, retreats and professional development opportunities for the ongoing professional and spiritual development of current and future educational leaders within its family of members. These are offered locally, regionally, state wide and nationally. They include:

Annual General Meeting and Conference

This is the key opportunity for Christian Education National to bring annual reports to its members and for boards and senior management to engage as Christian Education National in community in long term decision making. This is also an opportunity to build vision and governance capacity through key note addresses and workshops.

Teacher Education Seminars

These are carried out within schools and regionally through the Christian Education National teacher training arm, NICE and provide a conduit to accreditation for those who choose.

Annual Developing Leaders Retreat

This is provided through Christian Education National (Victoria) and is intended to build capacity and spiritual and leadership maturity in emerging leaders for the future.

Annual Parent Vision Conferences

These are provided across the nation at local and state level to constantly build the vision for biblically faithful community owned education amongst parent communities. Christian Education National (Tasmania) makes its parent vision conference available nationally.

Annual State Conferences

State conferences are facilitated through state councils and state and territory Executive Officers. They are important avenues for vision building, professional exchange, spiritual and leadership development and local networking.

Biennial Board Chairs Conference

These Retreats are intended to build Godly capacity in board leadership. They draw on legal and governance expertise to address key needs of the board chair as well as engaging participants in dealing with real life case studies.

Biennial Management and Finance Conference

This conference draws on relevant high level expertise to address key issues within the school business and finance arena. Topics include risk management, integrity and fraud.

Biennial Transforming Education Conference

Christian Education National is committed to ensuring that our thinking and practice remains healthy and invigorated by engaging with the broader discourse on Christian education. Therefore a key rationale behind Transforming Education is to provide a conduit for Christian educators to exceptional writers, thinkers and speakers, both home grown and world renowned. This conference is held in different locations around the nation.

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Affiliated Service Partners

Accessible resources for schools to support families

In recognition of the critical role of school staff in providing ongoing distinctive Christian support for families, Christian Education National maintains a formal partnership relationship with Focus on the Family (FOFA) for low cost training and resources. FOFA aims to strengthen families and communities across Australia motivated by the call of Jesus Christ to love and serve our neighbour.

What is Focus on the Family?

Focus on the Family Australia is an organisation dedicated to strengthening families and communities across Australia. It aims to equip and encourage families to experience hope and fulfilment by providing quality programs, resources, events, crisis counselling and referral through its radio programs, preventative education programs. It is committed to developing quality products and services that demonstrate the importance of families, parenting, children and healthy relationships and it is. It values leadership, excellence, integrity and stewardship to guide all its activities.

Why is FOFA important to Christian Education National?

Human society is founded around families. Families are a biblical mandate. In fact God chose a family to establish and unfold his revelation of himself throughout the scriptures! The work of Christian Education National schools is deeply enmeshed with families through the teaching of children. Staff members often find themselves privileged and challenged to provide significant support to families at times of crisis or ongoing stress. Christian Education National seeks to provide low cost resources and training opportunities for schools in this area through Focus on the Family.

What does FOFA provide for Christian Education National?

- Flexible Training and Programs Focus interacts through newsletters and family-relevant materials and provides education programs in all areas of family life including parenting, marriage, child and relationships. Focus does this by developing programs and resources relevant to the needs of families, by using flexible learning formats such as CD-Rom, DVD, books, radio broadcasts, training programs with locally based facilitators, working on prevention methods, and community partnerships.
- Family Lifestage Framework Focus contemporary, highly effective programs are based on a framework that recognises the different life stages of families. The programs ensure that no matter what families are going through, whether it be as new parents, newly weds, or new empty nesters, whatever the family's situation, there is support. Programs under The Family Lifestage Framework currently include:

Connect-2: Focusing on early marriage.

Starting Points: Focusing on a child's early years.

How to Drug Proof Your Kids: Focusing on teenage years.

No Apologies: Focusing on teenage sexuality.

Heritage Builders: Focus on building a family with faith.

Bringing up Boys: Focus on the needs of male children.

Contact: website www.families.org.au; email response@families.org.au;

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Developing Christian Education

International

Christian Education National actively supports and assists the ongoing growth of Christian schooling in Australia and overseas. It partners with New Hope International (NHI) to support the growth of Christian education in developing countries.

What is NHI?

NHI is a non-profit charity that was established for the purpose of making the world a better place by bringing hope to people living in the less developed nations.

Why is NHI important to Christian Education National?

The so-called developing countries have been negatively impacted by globalisation to the extent that most, if not all of them, are falling behind the more developed countries as the gap between the richer and the poorer countries widens. In many cases falling living standards have resulted and these in turn have led to major social problems, unrest and sometimes coups and/or inter tribal fighting and killing. Christian Education National seeks to partner with NHI in being salt and light by bringing hope for the needy peoples of the world through education and community development.

What does NHI do?

New Hope International seeks to achieve this Vision by:

- Networking Christian schools, institutes of higher education, ethical businesses and aid organisations;
- Assisting the less developed countries through integrated projects to help provide, values-based education, community development and health;
- Encouraging ethical government and business operation;
- Creating awareness of the needs of others and working for a more just and a safer world.

Contact details:

For further information visit www.newhopeinternational.net or email rfrisken@bigpond.net.au or phone 0407 075 341

Within Australia

Establishing schools

Christian Education National provides information and support for Christian communities interested in establishing a Christian school. In addition it provides both general and specific advice and links a new schooling community with an existing one whilst staying in close contact throughout the establishment phase. The Christian Education National community can provide policies and curriculum as well as umbrella governance, registration and other arrangements to facilitate new schools.

Christian Education National provides a New Schools Starter Kit covering issues such as:

- Getting Started
- Doing the groundwork
 - Forming an association
 - Forming a board
 - Approval and registration
 - Establishing the school
 - Important issues to note
- Support services for member schools
- Samples of biblical bases
- General information
- National schools listing

Building Relationships

Christian Education National actively fosters good relationships across the independent education sector, the Christian schooling sector and with the not-for-profit corporate sector with and on behalf of its members both within Australia and internationally.