



Jesuit Education Australia

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Dear Delegates, Chairs and Heads of Ministry,

Jesuit Education Australia Strategic Plan 2020-2022 and Website

Peace of Christ!

It is nearly three years since Jesuit Education Australia (JEA) was established as part of the renewed governance arrangements for our educational apostolate within the Province. Following on from this, between November 2017 and July 2018, the Jesuit Colleges transitioned to the new governance arrangements with each Jesuit school now being governed and operated as public companies limited by guarantee, with JEA as their sole member. This year, we are having conversations with the appropriate governing authorities about the renewal of the Memorandums of Understanding for the Jesuit Companion schools.

In response to the new Province Apostolic Plan launched by the Provincial in April 2019, JEA has developed its first strategic plan which will be operative until 2022. There are 5 key mission priorities that JEA is seeking to nurture within the educational apostolate of the Province:

1. Deepening engagement with Ignatian spirituality;
2. Advancing the Safety and Dignity of All;
3. Giving Contemporary Expression to Jesuit Education;
4. Strengthening Partnerships in Mission; and
5. Governing for Mission.

I would like to thank and acknowledge my fellow JEA Directors: Rob Davoren SJ, Danielle Cronin and Don Pasquariello, along with Jennie Hickey, our Executive Officer, and John Daly, our Company Secretary for the discernment that went into the development of this plan. We were assisted by Paul Davis from Integroe Partners who helped facilitate a number of our planning sessions. JEA is also grateful to the Chairs, Principals and Rectors of the Jesuit schools and the Principals of the Companion schools for their input into the discernment process associated with our strategic planning.

A copy of the JEA Strategic Plan 2020-2022 is attached to this letter.

One of the graces of the changed working conditions associated with the COVID-19 pandemic is that we have had an opportunity to develop a digital presence for JEA with our own website. I would like to thank and acknowledge Jennie Hickey for all the work she has undertaken in creating our website – www.jesuiteducationaustralia.org. You may wish to visit this site and feel free to provide feedback and/or suggestions to either Jennie or me.

Wishing you all continued good health and blessings at this time,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Thomas Renshaw SJ'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a distinct 'S' at the end.

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