

Values and Economics: Four Complementary but Diverse Perspectives



The crest of the Sydney Anglican Schools Corporation is a shield-shaped emblem. The top section features a stylized building with two diamond-shaped windows. Below this is a blue band with three white stars. The bottom section shows an open book. The entire crest is rendered in a light blue, semi-transparent style.

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What is the Sydney Anglican Schools Corporation?

- a Diocesan corporation created under the [NSW] Anglican Church (Bodies Corporate) Act, 1938
- has its own Constitution – the Sydney Anglican Schools Corporation Ordinance 1947
- governed by a Board, but
- the Corporation also establishes School Councils to ‘manage and control’ the Schools

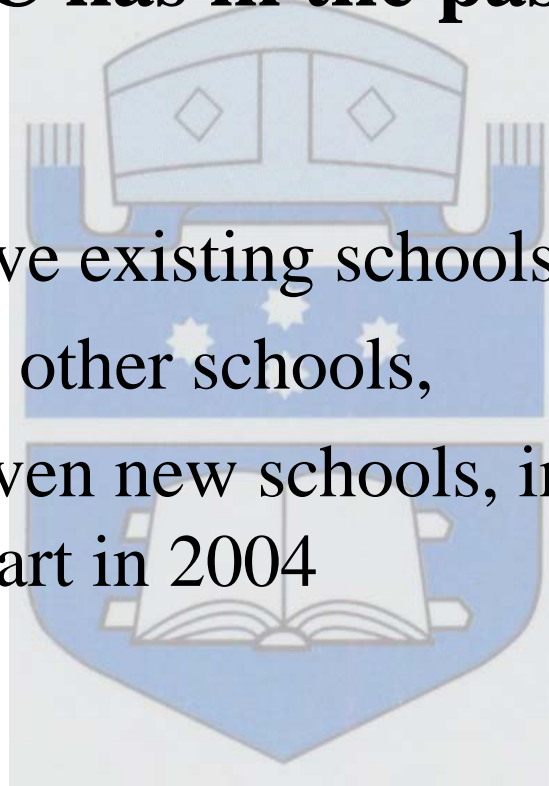
United we stand:

- by uniting our schools together in the one Corporation we are able to utilise their combined strength to:
 - not only develop our existing schools
 - but also start new schools
- our schools are inter-dependent, not independent



The SASC has in the past eight years:

- started with five existing schools,
- recovered two other schools,
- established seven new schools, including the two proposed to start in 2004



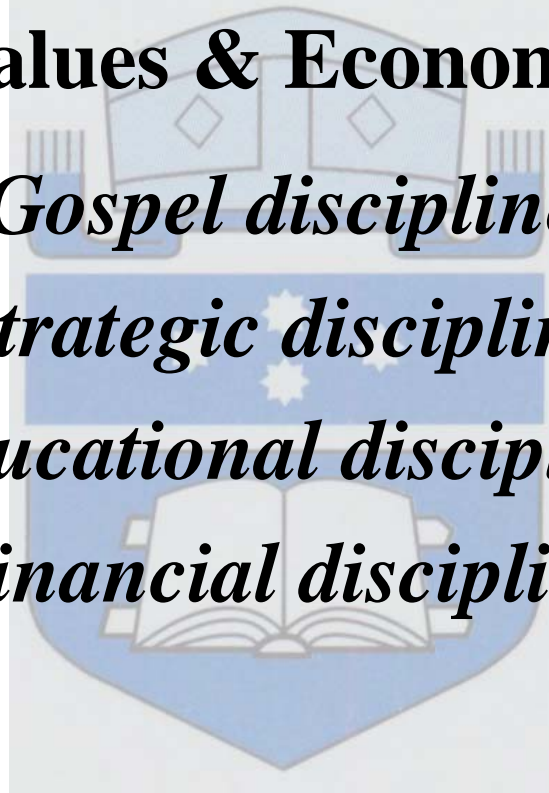
Keys to a successful Schools Corporation “Values & Economics”

Gospel discipline

Strategic discipline

Educational discipline

Financial discipline



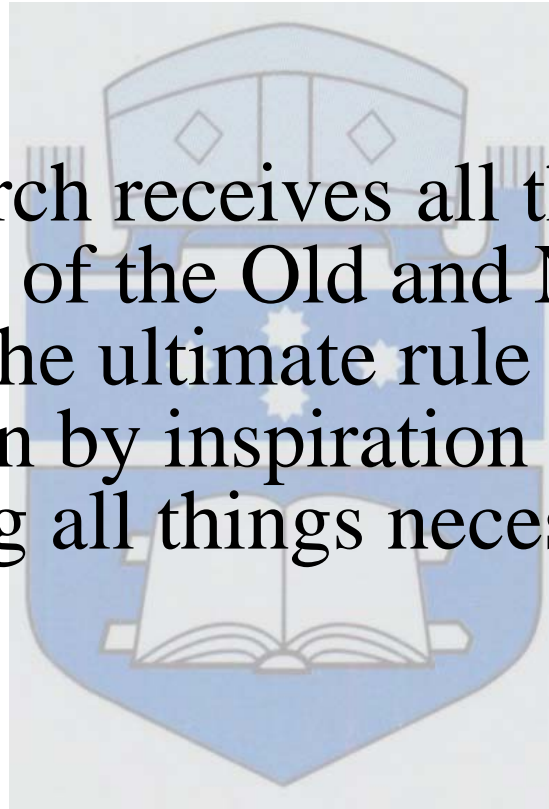
Gospel Discipline – School Council

Under the governing Ordinance School Council members “must be:

- of Christian faith and character,
- regular Church attenders, and
- willing to uphold the teaching syllabus and activities within the School in accordance with the fundamental declarations and ruling principles of the Anglican Church of Australia as adopted in the Diocese of Sydney”

Fundamental Declarations

1.
2. This Church receives all the canonical scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as being the ultimate rule and standard of faith given by inspiration of God and containing all things necessary for salvation.
3.



Gospel Discipline - Principal

The Board must appoint Principals “who shall:

- be persons of Christian faith and character,
- who are regular church attenders
- and are committed to and capable of furthering allegiance to Jesus Christ as Lord and the cause of Christian Education in the schools as church schools”

Strategic Discipline

- Objective: establish one new school per year
- New Schools Committee
- Director of Schools Development
 - Mr John Lambert AM



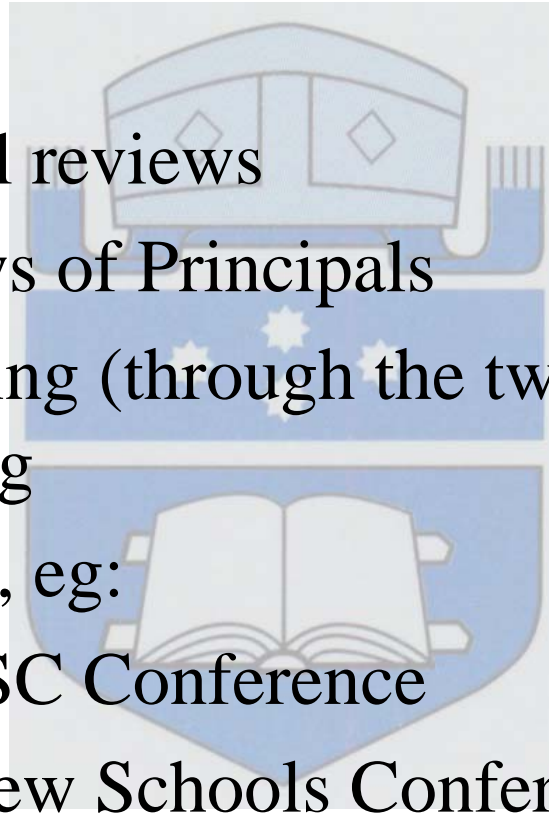
New Schools in developing areas, including, but not limited to:

- Shellharbour
- Tahmoor (southern highlands)
- Glenwood / Parklea
- Edmondson Park / Macquarie Fields
- Marsden Park
- Mulgoa
- Eastern Suburbs (Claremont High)
- Greystanes / Wetherill Park
- St Marys (ADI site)
- Ryde / Parramatta River redevelopments



Strategic Discipline also involves:

- regular School reviews
- regular reviews of Principals
- regular reporting (through the two tier structure) and monitoring
- regular events, eg:
 - annual SASC Conference
 - biannual New Schools Conference



Educational Discipline

- overlaps with Strategic Discipline
- high calibre Principals and staff
- inter-dependence of our Schools
- interaction between our schools
- collegiality, not competition
- professional development
- conferences
- regular reviews of Principals



Financial Discipline

- after 'establishment' schools must budget for a 5% operating surplus
- financial strategy
- manage budgets to maximise surplus
- central management of funds
 - cash flow management
 - payroll and other staff services
 - collection and disbursement of funds

SASC plans: by balancing Values & Economics

- we currently have approximately 7,500 students spread across 12 schools
- by 2006 we expect to have between 10,500 and 11,000 students spread across 16 schools
- after that ...

“For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, because our Gospel came to you not simply with words, but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and with deep conviction.”

1 Thessalonians 1:4 & 5