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FCJ & Loreto Sisters appoint new National Education Board Chair

The FCJ Sisters and the Loreto Sisters are delighted to announce that Ms Susan Pascoe AM has been appointed as the new chair for their joint National Education Board. She will commence this role in July 2010.

Ms Susan Pascoe is currently one of the three commissioners for the Royal Commission into Victorian Bushfires. She has been a full-time Commissioner with the Victorian State Services Authority, with responsibility for Regulatory Reform, since September 2006. She was formerly the Chief Executive of the Catholic Education Commission of Victoria and the Director of Catholic Education in the Archdiocese of Melbourne. Before this, she was the Chief Executive Officer of the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority.



Ms Pascoe has been closely involved in state, national and international efforts to improve the quality and equity of school education. She has been a member of several Australian delegations to the OECD and UNESCO, and lead Australia's delegation to the UN World Education Forum in Senegal in 2001. Ms Pascoe is the past President and Fellow of the Australian College of Educators, Fellow of the Australian Institute of Public Administration, the Australian Institute of Management and the Australian Institute of Company Directors. She is also a past pupil of Loreto Ballarat.

The National Education Board, formerly known as the Ward-d'Houet Board, was established in 2006. Its mission is to promote the charism and educational philosophy of the two congregations and to provide leadership to each school's governing body. After the conclusion of her current role on the Victorian Bushfires Commission, Ms Pascoe will return to her main employment with the State Government of Victoria and will take up her role as Chair of the FCJ/Loreto National Education Board in July 2010. She will be responsible for leading a team committed to the provision of outstanding Catholic education of young people in the Ignatian tradition. Ms Pascoe will also be a key support for the yet to be employed Executive Director of Education for the FCJ/Loreto schools.

Previous Chair, Prof Roslyn Arnold (formerly Dean and Professor of Education at the University of Tasmania and currently Honorary Professor at the University of Sydney) worked closely with the FCJ/Loreto provincials in furthering the faith development at the heart of the schools and working with the individual school councils to ensure the quality and long term viability of these enterprises. Prof Arnold resigned at the end of last year after many years of generous contribution to Loreto Education. She maintained her connections with Loreto over her academic and working career and was actively involved in teacher education, issues relating to students' learning and literacy and empathic leadership development. She was instrumental in guiding the joint Board cohesively and establishing its mandate.

The Board will now advertise for an Executive Director of Education, who will be employed to facilitate the work of the Board. A wide range of highly qualified people have offered to join the current Board members, volunteering their expertise from finance, education, and legal backgrounds. This dynamic and multi-skilled Board promises to be a guiding light in nurturing and guiding the development of our schools into the future.

For further information about the National Education Board, the Loreto and FCJ Congregations, please visit our websites: www.loreto.org.au and www.fcj.org

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