

Committee of Religious Institute and Ministerial Public Juridic Person School Authorities Australia



Religious Institutes (RI) and Ministerial Public Juridic Persons (MPJP) provide a wide range of Catholic educational opportunities to approximately 149,000 young people across Australia. These include: rural and metropolitan schools, boarding schools, flexible learning centres for the disadvantaged, scholarships for Indigenous and other students, and multi-modal experiences.

These schools have a rich heritage of spiritual charisms, innovation, educational pedagogy and social justice. RI and MPJP schools continue Jesus Christ's mission of liberating, healing, hospitality, sharing wisdom and providing nurturance so that people within school communities may experience "life to the full" (Jn.10:10).

RI and MPJP schools are conscious of the diversity, consumerism and secularisation within Australia – and within their school communities. They embrace this complexity as an opportunity to engage with people who have different experiences and understandings of God and Church. In the tradition of missionary evangelists, RI and MPJP schools seek to learn from, and with, their school communities so that all grow in faith and life.

In 2020, the Association of Ministerial Public Juridic Persons (AMPJP) established the Committee of Religious Institutes and Ministerial Public Juridic Person School Authorities Australia (CORMSAA). CORMSAA replaces and builds upon the legacy of Catholic Religious Australia's education committee.

CORMSAA's aims include to:

- › Focus on the Mission of Catholic Education;
- › Promote the unique contribution of RI and MPJP education;
- › Strengthen, and engage collaboratively with, the National Catholic Education Commission and State Catholic education structures/processes; and
- › Facilitate RI and MPJP School Authority communication and collaboration.

The AMPJP is committed to ensuring that CORMSAA is inclusive of the diversity of RI and MPJP School Authorities. AMPJP sees CORMSAA as a means of living the shared mission and fellowship that exists between RIs and MPJPs.

Summary of data on RI and MPJP School sector

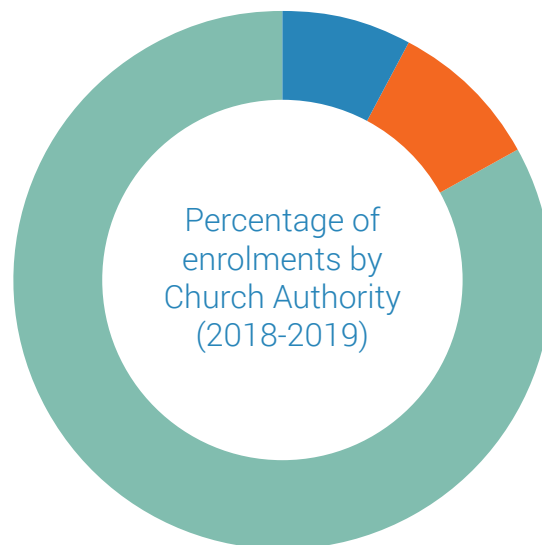
- › There are **77 RI schools** and **90 MPJP schools** in Australia
- › There are **76,278 RI enrolments** and **69,865 MPJP enrolments**
- › There are **28 RI school authorities** and **7 MPJP school authorities** (61% of RIs have only one school in their care).
- › RI and MPJPs operate **9%** of Catholic schools
- › RI and MPJPs have **17% of Catholic enrolments**
- › The percentage of enrolments in each State averages **45% RI** and **55% MPJP** (variations include RI in Victoria have 68% of enrolments, MPJPs in QLD have 73% of enrolments)

Western Australia

RI Schools **8**
MPJP Schools **5**

South Australia

RI Schools **7**
MPJP Schools **8**



● Diocesan Enrolments 83% ● Ministerial PJP enrolments 8%
● Religious Institute enrolments 9%

Northern Territory

RI Schools **0**
MPJP Schools **1**

Queensland

RI Schools **6**
MPJP Schools **30**

NSW & ACT

RI Schools **23**
MPJP Schools **24**

Victoria

RI Schools **32**
MPJP Schools **20**

Tasmania

RI Schools **1**
MPJP Schools **2**