

Constitution

Ballina Christian Education Association Limited

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A Company Limited by Guarantee

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1 Definitions and Interpretations

1.1 Definitions

In this Constitution unless the contrary intention appears:

Alternate Director means a person appointed as an alternate Director under Clause 21.1.

Auditor means the auditor for the time being of the Company.

Board means all or some of the Directors acting as a board.

Chairman means the Chairman appointed under Clause 20.1,

Committee means a Directors' Committee constituted under Clause 17.

Company means Ballina Christian Education Association Limited, being an Australian Public Company Limited by Guarantee established under the *Corporations Act 2001 (Cth)* which bears the Australian Business Number (ABN) 22 056 537 065 and the principal place of business of which is 7 Gallans Road, Ballina, NSW, 2478.

Company School means any educational institution or activity owned and administered by the Company and includes Richmond Christian College located 7 Gallans Road, Ballina, NSW, 2478.

Constitution means this Constitution as amended from time to time and a reference to a Clause is a reference to a Clause of this constitution.

Corporations Act means the Corporations Act 2001 (Commonwealth).

Director means a person holding office as Director of the Company.

Deputy Chairman means the Deputy Chairman appointed under Clause 20.1,

General Meeting means a meeting of the Members of the Company,

Member means a person entered on the register of the Company as a Member,

Principles and Commitments means the matters set out in Schedule 1 to this Constitution.

Register means the register of Members under the Corporations Act and if appropriate includes a branch register.

Registered Office means the registered office for the time being of the Company.

Related Body Corporate has the same meaning it has in the Corporations Act.

Representative means a person appointed to represent a corporate Member at a general meeting of the Company in accordance with the Corporations Act.

Rule means a rule made by the Board in accordance with Clause 15.1,

Schedule means a schedule to this Constitution,

Seal means the common seal (if any) of the Company,

Secretary means a person appointed as a secretary of the Company and includes an honorary Secretary and where appropriate includes an acting secretary and a person appointed by the Directors to perform all or any of the duties of a secretary of the Company.

Statement of Faith means the document set out in Schedule 2 to this Constitution

1.2 Interpretation

- (a) In this Constitution unless the contrary intention appears:
- (i) words importing any gender include all other genders,
 - (ii) the singular includes the plural and vice versa,
 - (iii) a reference to a law includes regulations and instruments made under the law,
 - (iv) a reference to a law or a provision of a law includes amendments, re-enactments or replacements of that law or the provision, whether by the State or the Commonwealth of Australia or otherwise,

- (v) a power, an authority or a discretion reposed in a Director, the Directors, the company in general meeting or a Member may be exercised at any time and from time to time,
 - (vi) where, by a provision of this Constitution, a document including a notice is required to be signed, that requirement may be satisfied in relation to an electronic communication of the document in any manner permitted by law or by any State or Commonwealth law relating to electronic transmissions or in any other manner approved by the Directors, and
 - (vii) **writing** and **written** includes printing, typing and other modes of reproducing words in a visible form including, without limitation, any representation of words in a physical document or in an electronic communication or form or otherwise.
 - (viii) a reference to an amount paid on a share includes an amount credited as paid on that share, and
 - (ix) Australian dollars, dollars, A\$ or \$ is a reference to the lawful currency of Australia,
- (b) Corporations Act
- (i) In this Constitution unless the contrary intention appears:
 - (A) an expression has, in a provision of this Constitution that deals with a matter dealt with by a particular provision of the Corporations Act, the same meaning as in that provision of the Corporations Act, and
 - (B) 'section' means a section of the Corporations Act.
- (c) Headings
- Headings are inserted for convenience and are not to affect the interpretation of this Constitution.
- (d) Replaceable rules not to apply
- The provisions of the Corporations Act that apply as replaceable rules are displaced by this Constitution and accordingly do not apply to the Company.

2 Objects of Company

The objects of the Company are:

- (a) to establish and maintain a Company School or Company Schools in the State of New South Wales, to provide Christian education for children, based on the principles of the Word of God as written in the Holy Bible;
- (b) to operate a Company School or Company Schools for the purpose of educating children from preschool to Year 12;
- (c) to conduct such educational courses and programmes as the Directors from time to time determine;
- (d) to act as trustee and to perform and discharge the duties and functions incidental thereto where this is incidental or conducive to the attainment of these objects;
- (e) to do such other things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of these objects; and
- (f) to do all or any of the things authorised by the Corporations Act.

3 Powers

The Company has the legal capacity and powers of an individual and also has all the powers of a Body Corporate under the Corporations Act.

4 Application of income for Objects only

4.1 Profits

The profits (if any) or other income and the property of the Company, however derived:

- (a) must be applied solely towards the promotion of the purposes of the Company as set out in Clause 2; and
- (b) may not be paid or transferred to the Members, in whole or in part, either directly or indirectly by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise.

4.2 Payment in good faith

- (a) Clause 4.1(b) does not prevent payment in good faith to a Member, or to a firm of which a Member is a partner:
 - (i) of remuneration for services to the Company;

- (ii) for goods supplied in the ordinary course of business;
 - (iii) of interest at a rate not exceeding fixed for the purposes of this Clause 4.2 by the Company in general meeting on money borrowed from a Member;
or
 - (iv) of a reasonable rent for premises let by a Member.
- (b) No Director shall be appointed to any salaried office of the Company.

5 Winding up

5.1 Contributions by Members

- (a) Each Member undertakes to contribute to the Company's property if the Company is wound up while they are a Member or within one (1) year after they cease to be a Member.
- (b) This contribution is for:
- (i) payment of the Company's debts and liabilities contracted before they ceased to be a Member;
 - (ii) the costs of winding up; and
 - (iii) adjustment of the rights of the contributories among themselves.
- (c) The amount of the contribution is not to exceed \$100.

5.2 Application of property

- (a) If any property remains on the winding-up or dissolution of the Company and after satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities, that property may not be paid to or distributed among the Members but must be given or transferred to some other institution:
- (i) having objects similar to the objects of the Company; and
 - (ii) whose constitution prohibits the distribution of its income and property among its Members to an extent at least as great as imposed on the Company under this Constitution.
- (b) The institution will be determined by the Members at or before the time of dissolution.

5.3 Revocation of Australian Tax Office Endorsement

- (a) Where the Company has established a tax deductible fund such as a building fund, library fund or scholarship fund and has been endorsed under Subdivision 30-BA of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997 (Cth) (as amended)* as a deductible gift recipient in relation to that or any other fund then where:
- (i) the Company is wound up; or
 - (ii) the gift fund is wound up; or
 - (iii) the endorsement under Subdivision 30-BA of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997 (Cth) (as amended)* is revoked,
- then the moneys in the fund, or funds where the Company is wound up, must be transferred to an endorsed deductible gift recipient.
- (b) Where the Company operates more than one fund for which it is a deductible gift recipient and its endorsement under Subdivision 30-BA of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997 (Cth) (as amended)* is revoked only in relation to one of those funds then it may transfer the funds to any other fund for which it is endorsed as a deductible gift recipient.

6 Membership

6.1 Number of Members

- (a) The minimum number of Members of the Company will be five (5) or such greater number as the Directors determine from time to time, subject to that number complying with the Corporations Act.
- (b) The Members at the date of adoption of this Constitution and any person the Directors admit to Membership under Clause 6.2 are the Members of the Company.

6.2 Admission as Member

The Directors may admit any person as a Member if the person is eligible under Clause 6.3 and agrees to be bound by this Constitution in any manner the Directors determine.

6.3 Membership criteria

To be eligible to be a Member, a person must:

- (a) be proposed and seconded by an existing Member; and

- (b) consent in writing to become a Member of the Company
- (c) subscribe fully to the Statement of Faith

6.4 Membership process

- (a) The application for membership must be made:
 - (i) in writing, signed by the applicant;
 - (ii) in such form as the Directors from time to time prescribe; and
 - (iii) be accompanied by a copy of the Statement of Faith signed by the applicant confirming the applicant's agreement to the Statement of Faith.
- (b) Each application for membership must be considered by the Directors at the meeting of Directors first occurring after the application is made. At that meeting the Directors must determine whether to admit the applicant to membership of the Company or whether to reject the application.
- (c) When an applicant has been accepted or rejected for Membership the Secretary must immediately notify the applicant of the decision of the Directors.

6.5 Directors' discretion

The Directors have the discretion to refuse any person or corporation admission as a Member without giving any reason for refusing.

6.6 Membership terms

- (a) From the date of adoption of this Constitution, all membership of the Company will be renewable every three (3) years.
- (b) At the conclusion of each three (3) year period, each Member must reapply for Membership.

7 Ceasing to be Member

7.1 Cessation of membership

A Member ceases to be a Member on:

- (a) death;
- (b) resignation by written notice to the Company Secretary, such resignation to have immediate effect or with effect from a specified date occurring not more than seven (7) days after the service of the notice;.

- (c) failing to pay any subscription that may be prescribed by the Directors from time to time for a period of three (3) months after the subscription was due and payable;
- (d) becoming of unsound mind or a person whose personal estate is liable to be dealt with in any way under a law related to mental health;
- (e) the passing of a resolution by the Directors or Members in general meeting pursuant to Clause 7.2; or
- (f) on the expiry of the three (3) year term of membership, unless the Member had applied for and been admitted as a Member for the following term; or
- (g) on that Member ceasing to be a Director. In such circumstances the Member is able to make a new application for membership pursuant to Clause 6.2 and 6.4; or
- (h) on termination of his/her appointment as a Director pursuant to Clause 13.

7.2 Termination of membership

- (a) Subject to this Constitution the Directors or Members in general meeting may at any time terminate the membership of a Member if the Member:
 - (i) wilfully refuses to comply with this constitution ;
 - (ii) engages in conduct which in the opinion of the Directors is prejudicial to the interests of the Company;
 - (iii) fails to pay any debt due to the Company for a period of three (3) months after the date for payment such debt not including a subscription referred to in Clause 7.1(c),
 - (iv) makes statements or engages in conduct which is inconsistent with, or contrary to the statements contained in the Statement of Faith; or
 - (v) is no longer willing or able to subscribe to the Statement of Faith.
- (b) For a decision of the Directors or the Members in general meeting under Clause 7.2 to be effective the dispute resolution procedure contained in Clause 28 must be followed. The general nature of the allegations made against the Member must be notified to the Member and for the purposes of Clause 28.1(a) this notification will be the notice of the Dispute;

7.3 Limited liability

The Members have no liability as Members except as set out in Clause 5.1(iv).

8 General Meetings

8.1 Annual General Meetings

Annual General Meetings of the Company are to be held in accordance with the Corporations Act.

8.2 Convening a General Meeting

The Directors may convene and arrange to hold a General Meeting of the Company when they think fit and must do so if required to do so under the Corporations Act.

8.3 Notice of a General Meeting

Notice of a General Meeting of Members must be given in accordance with Clause 33 and the Corporations Act.

8.4 Calculation of period of notice

In computing the period of notice under Clause 8.3, both the day on which the notice is given or taken to be given and the day of the General Meeting convened by it are to be disregarded.

8.5 Cancellation or postponement of General Meeting

- (a) Where a General Meeting of Members (including an Annual General Meeting) is convened by the Directors they may by notice, whenever they think fit, cancel the meeting or postpone the holding of the meeting to a date and time determined by them.
- (b) This Clause 8.5 does not apply to a General Meeting convened in accordance with the Corporations Act by a single Director, by Members, by the Directors on the request of Members or to a meeting convened by a Court.

8.6 Notice of cancellation or postponement of a General Meeting

- (a) Notice of cancellation or postponement or change of place of a General Meeting must state the reason for cancellation or postponement and be given:
 - (i) to each Member individually; and
 - (ii) to each other person entitled to be given notice of a General Meeting of Members under the Corporations Act.

8.7 Contents of notice of postponement of General Meeting

A notice of postponement of a General Meeting must specify:

- (a) the postponed date and time for the holding of the General Meeting;
- (b) a place for the holding of the meeting which may be either the same as or different from the place specified in the notice convening the General Meeting; and
- (c) if the meeting is to be held in two or more places, the technology that will be used to facilitate the holding of the General Meeting in that manner.

8.8 Number of clear days for postponement of General Meeting

The number of clear days from the giving of a notice postponing the holding of a General Meeting to the date specified in that notice for the holding of the postponed General Meeting must not be less than the number of clear days' notice of the General Meeting required to be given by this Constitution or the Corporations Act.

8.9 Business at postponed General Meeting

The only business that may be transacted at a General Meeting the holding of which is postponed is the business specified in the original notice convening the General Meeting.

8.10 Proxy at postponed General Meeting

Where by the terms of an instrument appointing a proxy:

- (a) the proxy is authorised to attend and vote at a General Meeting or General Meetings to be held on or before a specified date; and
- (b) the date for holding the General Meeting is postponed to a date later than the date specified in the instrument of proxy,

then, by force of this Clause 8.10, that later date is substituted for and applies to the exclusion of the date specified in the instrument of proxy, unless the Member appointing the proxy, gives to the Company at its Registered Office notice in writing to the contrary not less than 48 hours before the time to which the holding of the General Meeting has been postponed.

8.11 Non-receipt of notice

The non-receipt of notice of a General Meeting or cancellation or postponement of a General Meeting by, or the accidental omission to give notice of a General Meeting or cancellation or postponement of a General Meeting to, a person entitled to receive notice does not invalidate any resolution passed at the General Meeting or at a postponed General Meeting or the cancellation or postponement of a General Meeting.

8.12 Director entitled to notice of General Meeting

A Director is entitled to receive notice of and to attend all General Meetings and is entitled to speak at those General Meetings.

9 Proceedings at General Meeting

9.1 Reference to Member

Unless the contrary intention appears, a reference to a Member in this Clause 9.1 means a person who is a Member or a proxy of that Member.

9.2 Number for quorum

- (a) Subject to Clause 9.1, ten (10) of the current number of Members are a quorum at a general meeting.
- (b) In determining whether a quorum is present, each individual attending as a proxy is to be counted, except that:
 - (i) where a Member has appointed more than one (1) proxy, only one (1) is to be counted; and
 - (ii) where an individual is attending both as a Member and as a proxy, that individual is to be counted only once.

9.3 Requirement for quorum

An item of business may not be transacted at a General Meeting unless a quorum is present when the meeting proceeds to consider it. If a quorum is present at the time the first item of business is transacted, it is taken to be present when the meeting proceeds to consider each subsequent item of business unless the Chairman of the General Meeting (on the Chairman's own motion or at the request of a Member or proxy who is present) declares otherwise.

9.4 If quorum not present

- (a) If within fifteen (15) minutes after the time appointed for a meeting a quorum is not present, the General Meeting:
 - (i) if convened by a Director, or at the request of Members, is dissolved; and
 - (ii) in any other case stands adjourned to the same day in the next week and the same time and place, or to such other day, time and place as the Directors appoint by notice to the Members and others entitled to notice of the General Meeting.

9.5 Adjourned General Meeting

At a General Meeting adjourned under Clause 9.4(a)(ii), two (2) persons each being a Member or proxy present at the General Meeting are a quorum. If a quorum is not present within fifteen (15) minutes after the time appointed for the adjourned meeting, the General Meeting is dissolved.

9.6 Appointment and powers of chair of General Meeting

If the Directors have elected one of their number as Chairman of their meetings, that person is entitled to preside as chair at a General Meeting.

9.7 Absence of Chairman at General Meeting

If a General Meeting is held and:

- (a) a Chairman has not been elected by the Directors, or
- (b) the elected Chairman is not present within fifteen (15) minutes after the time appointed for the holding of the General Meeting or is unable or unwilling to act,

the following may preside as chair of the meeting (in order of precedence):

- (c) the Deputy Chairman if a Director has been so elected by the Directors,
- (d) a Director or Member elected by the Members present to preside as chair of the meeting.

9.8 Conduct of General Meeting

The chair of a General Meeting:

- (a) has charge of the general conduct of the meeting and of the procedures to be adopted at the meeting;
- (b) may require the adoption of any procedure which is in the Chairman's opinion necessary or desirable for proper and orderly debate or discussion and the proper and orderly casting or recording of votes at the General Meeting; and
- (c) may, having regard where necessary to the Corporations Act, terminate discussion or debate on any matter whenever the Chairman considers it necessary or desirable for the proper conduct of the General Meeting,
- (d) and a decision by the Chairman under this Clause is final.

9.9 Adjournment of General Meeting

- (a) The chair of a General Meeting may at any time during the meeting adjourn the meeting or any business, motion, question, resolution, debate or discussion being considered or remaining to be considered by the meeting either to a later time at the same meeting or to an adjourned General Meeting at any time and any place, but:
 - (i) in exercising the discretion to do so, the chair may, but need not, seek the approval of the Members present in person or by proxy; and
 - (ii) only unfinished business is to be transacted at a meeting resumed after an adjournment.
- (b) Unless required by the chair, a vote may not be taken or demanded by the Members present in person or by proxy in respect of any adjournment.

9.10 Notice of adjourned General Meeting

It is not necessary to give any notice of an adjournment or of the business to be transacted at any adjourned General Meeting unless a General Meeting is adjourned for one (1) month or more. In that case, notice of the adjourned General Meeting must be given as in the case of an original General Meeting.

9.11 Questions decided by majority

Subject to the requirements of the Corporations Act, a resolution is taken to be carried if a simple majority of the votes cast on the resolution are in favour of it. For the avoidance of doubt, where there is an equality of votes a resolution is not carried.

9.12 Equality of votes – no casting vote for chair

If there is an equality of votes, either on a show of hands or on a poll, the chair of the General Meeting is not entitled to a casting vote in addition to any votes to which the chair is entitled as a Member or proxy or attorney or Representative.

9.13 Voting on show of hands

- (a) At any General Meeting a resolution put to the vote of the meeting must be decided on a show of hands unless a poll is properly demanded and the demand is not withdrawn.
- (b) A declaration by the chair that a resolution has on a show of hands been carried or carried unanimously, or by a particular majority, or lost, and an entry to that effect in the book containing the minutes of the proceedings of the Company, is conclusive evidence of the fact.

- (c) Neither the chair nor the minutes need state and it is not necessary to prove the number or proportion of the votes recorded in favour of or against the resolution.

9.14 Poll

If a poll is demanded:

- (a) it must be taken in the manner and at the date and time directed by the chair and the result of the poll is the resolution of the meeting at which the poll was demanded;
- (b) on the election of a chair or on a question of adjournment, it must be taken immediately;
- (c) the demand may be withdrawn; and
- (d) the demand does not prevent the continuance of the meeting for the transaction of any business other than the question on which the poll has been demanded.

9.15 Votes of Members

- (a) Every Member has one (1) vote.
- (b) Subject to this Constitution:
 - (i) on a show of hands, each Member present in person and each other person present as a proxy of a Member has one (1) vote; and
 - (ii) on a poll, each Member present in person has one (1) vote and each person present as proxy of a Member has one (1) vote for each Member that the person represents.

9.16 Right to appoint proxy

- (a) Subject to the Corporations Act, a Member entitled to attend at a meeting of the Company is entitled to appoint another person (whether a Member or not) as proxy to attend in the Member's place at the meeting. A proxy has the same right as the Member to speak and vote at the meeting and may be appointed in respect of more than one meeting.
- (b) The instrument appointing a proxy must be in writing under the hand of the appointor or of his attorney duly authorised in writing or, if the appointor is a corporation, either under seal or under the hand of an officer or attorney duly authorised. The instrument appointing a proxy will be deemed to confer authority to demand or join in demanding a poll. A Member will be entitled to instruct his

proxy to vote in favour of or against any proposed resolutions. Unless otherwise instructed the proxy may vote as he thinks fit.

- (c) No Member, and no other person, may hold and vote in accordance with more than three (3) proxies.
- (d) The instrument appointing a proxy must be in the form set out in Schedule 3 to this Constitution.
- (e) The instrument appointing a proxy and the power of attorney or other authority, if any, under which it is signed or a notarially certified copy of that power or authority will be deposited at the registered office of the Company, or at such other place within the State as is specified for that purpose in the notice convening the meeting, not less than forty-eight (48) hours before the time for holding the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the person named in the instrument proposes to vote, or, in the case of a poll, not less than twenty-four (24) hours before the time appointed for the taking of the poll, and in default the instrument of proxy will not be treated as valid.
- (f) A vote given in accordance with the terms of an instrument of proxy will be valid notwithstanding the previous death or unsoundness of mind of the principal or revocation of the instrument or of the authority under which the instrument was executed, if no notice in writing of such death unsoundness of mind or revocation as aforesaid has been received by the Company at the registered office by 5pm on the day before the commencement of the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the instrument is used.

9.17 Validity of vote in certain circumstances

Unless the Company has received written notice of the matter before the start or resumption of the meeting at which a person votes as a proxy, attorney or Representative, a vote cast by that person is valid even if, before the person votes:

- (a) the appointing Member dies; or
- (b) the Member revokes the appointment or authority.

9.18 Objection to voting qualification

- (a) An objection to the right of a person to attend or vote at the meeting or adjourned meeting:
 - (i) may not be raised except at that meeting or adjourned meeting; and
 - (ii) must be referred to the Chairman of the meeting, whose decision is final.

- (b) A vote not disallowed under the objection is valid for all purposes.

10 Directors

10.1 Number of Directors

- (a) The number of Directors is to be such number between three (3) and nine (9) as the members shall determine. In the absence of such determination the number shall be seven (7).
- (b) At the first meeting of the Directors held following the Company's adoption of this Constitution, the Directors shall elect the officers of the Company. Thereafter, the Directors shall elect those officers with such frequency as the Directors from time to time determine.
- (c) The Directors will have power at any time, and from time to time, to appoint any Member as a Director of the Company either to fill a casual vacancy or as an addition to the existing Directors so that the total number of Directors must not at any time exceed the number fixed in accordance with this Constitution
- (d) The Members may by Ordinary resolution remove any Director before the expiration of that Director's period of office, and may by an Ordinary resolution appoint another person in the place of that Director.

10.2 Change of number of Directors

The Company in general meeting may by resolution increase or reduce the number of Directors, and may also determine the rotation in which the increased or reduced number of Directors is to retire from office.

10.3 Directors elected at general meeting

The Company may, at a general meeting at which a Director retires or otherwise vacates office, by resolution fill the vacated office by electing a person to that office.

10.4 Retirement of Directors

At each annual general meeting any other director who has held office for two (2) years or more since last being elected must retire from office but is eligible for re-election.

10.5 Office held until conclusion of meeting

A retiring Director holds office until the conclusion of the meeting at which that Director retires but is eligible for re-election.

10.6 Casual vacancy or additional Director

- (a) The Directors may at any time appoint any person to be a Director, either to fill a casual vacancy or as an addition to the existing Directors, provided the total number of Directors does not exceed the maximum number determined in accordance with Clause 10.1(a).
- (b) A Director appointed under this Clause holds office until the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company but is eligible for election at that meeting.

11 Remuneration of Directors

The Directors may not be paid any remuneration for their services as Directors.

12 Expenses of Directors

- (a) A Director is entitled to be reimbursed out of the funds of the Company such reasonable travelling, accommodation and other expenses as the Director may incur when travelling to or from meetings of the Directors or a Committee or when otherwise engaged on the business of the Company.
- (b) Any payment to a Director must be approved by the Directors.

13 Vacation of office of Director

In addition to the circumstances in which the office of a Director becomes vacant under the Corporations Act, the office of a Director becomes vacant if the Director:

- (a) becomes of unsound mind or a person whose person or estate is liable to be dealt with in any way under the law relating to mental health;
- (b) resigns from the office by notice in writing to the Company;
- (c) becomes bankrupt or compounds with his creditors or assigns his estate for the benefit of his creditors;
- (d) is absent personally or by proxy or Alternate Director at three successive meetings of the Directors without leave of absence from the Directors; and
- (e) becomes prohibited for being a Director by reason of any order of any court of competent jurisdiction.

14 Powers and duties of Directors

14.1 Directors to manage the Company

- (a) The Directors are to manage the business of the Company and may exercise all the powers of the Company that are not, by the Corporations Act or by this Constitution, required to be exercised by the Company in general meeting.
- (b) The Directors will cause the Company and the school to be conducted in accordance with the Principles and Commitments, and shall use their best endeavours to ensure that the Statement of Faith is honoured in the conduct of the Company and the Company School or Company Schools.
- (c) All of the objects and activities of the Company shall be pursued and conducted in accordance with the Statement of Faith.

14.2 Specific powers of Directors

- (a) Without limiting the generality of Clause 14.1 and subject to any trusts relating to the assets of the Company, the Directors may exercise all the powers of the Company to borrow or raise money, to charge any property or business of the Company to give any security for a debt, liability or obligation of the Company or of any other person.
- (b) The Directors shall appoint the Principal of the School. The Principal shall not be a Director of the Company.

15 Rules

Subject to this Constitution, the Directors may from time to time by resolution make and rescind or alter rules which are binding on Members for the management and conduct of the business of the Company

16 Appointment of attorney

- (a) The Directors may, by power of attorney, appoint any person to be the attorney of the Company for the purposes and with the powers, authorities and discretions held by the Directors for the period and subject to the conditions that they think fit.
- (b) A power of attorney granted under Clause 16(a) may contain any provisions for the protection and convenience of persons dealing with the attorney that the Directors think fit and may also authorise the attorney to delegate (including by way of appointment of a substitute attorney) all or any of the powers, authorities and discretions of the attorney

17 Directors' Committees

- (a) The Directors may delegate any of their powers, other than powers required by law to be dealt with by Directors as a board, to a Directors' Committee or Committees consisting of such one or more of their number as they think fit.
- (b) A Directors' Committee to which any powers have been delegated under Clause 17(a) must exercise those powers in accordance with any directions of the Directors. A power so exercised is taken to have been exercised by the Directors.

18 Powers of delegation

The powers of delegation expressly or impliedly conferred by this Constitution on the Directors are conferred in substitution for, and to the exclusion of, the power conferred by Section 198D of the Corporations Act.

19 Proceedings of Directors

19.1 Directors meetings

- (a) The Directors may meet together for conducting business, adjourn and otherwise regulate their meetings as they think fit.
- (b) A Director may at any time, and the Secretary must on the written request of a Director, convene a meeting of the Directors.

19.2 Questions decided by majority

A question arising at a meeting of Directors is to be decided by a majority of votes of Directors present and entitled to vote and that decision is for all purposes a decision of the Directors.

19.3 Alternate Director or proxy and voting

A person who is present at a meeting of Directors as an Alternate Director or as a proxy for another Director has one vote for each absent Director who would be entitled to vote if present at the meeting and for whom that person is an Alternate Director or a proxy and, if that person is also a Director, has one (1) vote as a Director in that capacity.

20 Chairman and Deputy Chairman

20.1 Election of Office Bearers

The Directors may elect from their number a Chairman and Deputy Chairman of their meetings, and other officers such as Honorary Treasurer as deemed necessary, and may

also determine the period for which the persons elected as Chairman and Deputy Chairman and other officers are to hold such office.

20.2 Absence of Chairman at Directors' meeting

If a Directors' meeting is held and:

- (a) a Chairman has not been elected under Clause 20.1; or
- (b) the Chairman is not present within ten (10) minutes after the time appointed for the holding of the meeting or is unable or unwilling to act;
- (c) the Deputy Chairman, if elected under Clause 20.1, must be the Chairman of the meeting or, if the Deputy Chairman is not present, the Directors present must elect one of their number to be a chair of the meeting.

20.3 Chairman's vote at Directors' meetings

In the event of an equality of votes cast for and against a question, the Chairman of the Directors' meeting does not have a second or casting vote.

21 Appointment of Alternate Director

21.1 Appointment

- (a) Subject to the Corporations Act, a Director may appoint a person, with the approval of the Directors, to be an Alternate Director in the Director's place during such period as the Director thinks fit.
- (b) Subject to the Corporations Act, an appointment of an Alternate Director must be effected by a notice in writing signed by the Director who makes or made the appointment and delivered to the Company.

21.2 Notice

An Alternate Director is entitled to notice of all meetings of the Directors and, if the appointor does not participate in a meeting, the Alternate Director is entitled to participate and vote in the appointor's place.

21.3 Alternate Director's powers

An Alternate Director may exercise all the powers of the appointor except the power to appoint an Alternate Director and, subject to the Corporations Act, may perform all the duties of the appointor except to the extent that the appointor has exercised or performed them.

21.4 Alternate Director responsible for own acts and defaults

Whilst acting as a Director, an Alternate Director:

- (a) is an officer of the Company and not the agent of the appointor, and
- (b) is responsible to the exclusion of the appointor for the Alternate Director's own acts and defaults.

21.5 Alternate Director and remuneration

An Alternate Director is not entitled to receive from the Company any remuneration or benefit.

21.6 Termination of appointment of Alternate Director

The appointment of an Alternate Director may be terminated at any time by the appointor even if the period, if any, of the appointment of the Alternate Director has not expired, and terminates in any event if the appointor ceases to be a Director.

21.7 Termination in writing

The termination of an appointment of an Alternate Director must be effected by a notice in writing signed by the Director who made the appointment and delivered to the Company.

21.8 Alternate Director and number of Directors

An Alternate Director is not to be taken into account separately from the appointor in determining the number of Directors.

22 Quorum for Directors' meeting

- (a) At a meeting of Directors, the number of Directors whose presence in person is necessary to constitute a quorum is as determined by the Directors, and, unless so determined, is one half (1/2) of the Directors holding office, or if there is an odd number of Directors, then the majority of Directors holding office.
- (b) The continuing Directors may act despite a vacancy in their number. If their number is reduced below the minimum fixed by clause 10.1(a), the continuing Directors may, except in an emergency, act only for the purpose of filling vacancies to the extent necessary to bring their number up to that minimum or to convene a general meeting.

23 Chair of Directors' Committee

- (a) The members of a Directors' Committee may elect one of their number as chair of their meetings.
- (b) If a meeting of a Directors' Committee is held and:
 - (i) a chair has not been elected; or
 - (ii) the chair is not present within ten (10) minutes after the time appointed for the holding of the meeting or is unable or unwilling to act,then the members of the Directors' Committee may elect one of their number to be chair of the Directors' Committee meeting.

24 Meetings of Directors' Committee

24.1 Adjourning a meeting

A Directors' Committee may meet and adjourn as it thinks proper.

24.2 Determination of questions

- (a) Questions arising at a meeting of a Directors' Committee are to be determined by a majority of votes of the Directors' Committee members present and voting.
- (b) In the event of an equality of votes, the chair of the Directors' Committee meeting does not have a casting vote.

25 Circulating resolutions

- (a) Directors may pass a resolution without a Directors' meeting being held if all of the Directors entitled to vote on the resolution sign a document containing a statement that they are in favour of the resolution set out in the document.
- (b) Separate copies of a document may be used for signing by Directors if the wording of the resolution and statement is identical in each copy.
- (c) The resolution is passed when the last Director signs.

26 Validity of acts of Directors

All acts done at a meeting of the Directors or of a Directors' Committee, or by a person acting as a Director are, even if it is afterwards discovered that:

(a) there was a defect in the appointment or continuance in office of a person as a Director or of the person so acting; or

(b) a person acting as a Director was disqualified or was not entitled to vote;

are as valid as if the relevant person had been duly appointed or had duly continued in office and was qualified and entitled to vote.

27 Secretary

27.1 Appointment of Secretary

There must be at least one (1) Secretary who is to be appointed by the Directors.

27.2 Suspension and removal of Secretary

The Directors may suspend or remove a Secretary from that office.

27.3 Powers, duties and authorities of Secretary

(a) A Secretary holds office on the terms and conditions (including as to remuneration) and with the powers, duties and authorities, as determined by the Directors.

(b) The exercise of those powers and authorities and the performance of those duties by a Secretary are subject at all times to the control of the Directors.

28 Dispute resolution

28.1 Handling Disputes

Where there is a dispute, grievance or other disagreement between a Member and the Company, whether arising out of the application of these rules or otherwise (**Dispute**), then either must, prior to the commencement of any proceedings in a Court or Tribunal or before any authority or board, notify the other in writing of the nature of the Dispute and the following must occur:

(a) The Member and the Company must in the period fourteen (14) days from the service of the notice of the Dispute ('Initial Period') use their best endeavours to resolve the Dispute;

(b) If the Company and the Member are unable to resolve the Dispute within the Initial Period, then the Dispute must be referred for mediation to a mediator agreed by the Member and the Company;

- (c) if the disputants are unable to agree on a mediator within seven (7) days of the Initial Period, the Member or the Company may request **Christian Education National** to nominate a mediator to whom the dispute will be referred,
- (d) The costs of the mediation will be shared equally between the Member and the Company,
- (e) Where:
 - (i) the party receiving the notice of the Dispute fails to attend the mediation required by Clause 28.1(b); or
 - (ii) the mediation has not occurred within six (6) weeks of the date of the notice of the Dispute; or
 - (iii) the mediation fails to resolve the Dispute;then the party serving the notice of Dispute will be entitled to commence any proceedings in a Court or Tribunal or before any authority or board in respect of the Dispute.
- (f) The procedure in this Clause will not apply in respect of proceedings for urgent or interlocutory relief.

29 Documents

Documents executed for and on behalf of the Company must be executed by:

- (a) two (2) Directors;
- (b) a Director and the Secretary; or
- (c) such other persons as the Directors by resolution appoint from time to time.

30 Accounts

- (a) The Directors must cause proper financial records to be kept and cause the accounts of the Company to be audited in accordance with the requirements of the Corporations Act.
- (b) The Directors must distribute to the members copies of the annual financial reports of the Company accompanied by a copy of the Auditor's report and Directors' report in accordance with the requirements of the Corporations Act.

31 Common seal

31.1 Safe custody of common seal

The Directors must provide for the safe custody of any seal of the Company.

31.2 Use of common seal

If the Company has a common seal or duplicate common seal:

- (a) it may be used only by the authority of the Directors, or of a Committee authorised by the Directors to authorise its use; and
- (b) every document to which it is affixed must be signed by a Director and be countersigned by another Director, a Secretary or another person appointed by the Directors to countersign that document or a class of documents in which that document is included.

32 Inspection of records

32.1 Inspection by Members

Subject to the Corporations Act, the Directors may determine whether and to what extent, and at what times and places and under what conditions, the accounting records and other documents of the Company or any of them will be open to inspection by the Members (other than Directors).

32.2 Right of a Member to inspect

A Member (other than a Director) does not have the right to inspect any document of the Company except as provided by law or authorised by the Directors or by the Company in General Meeting.

33 Service of documents

33.1 Document includes notice

In this Clause 33, a reference to a document includes a notice.

33.2 Methods of service

- (a) The Company may give a document to a Member:
 - (i) Personally;
 - (ii) by sending it by post to the address for the Member in the Register or an alternative address nominated by the Member; or

(iii) by sending it to a fax number or electronic address nominated by the Member.

(b) Post

A document sent by post:

- (i) if sent to an address in Australia, may be sent by ordinary post; and
- (ii) if sent to an address outside Australia, must be sent by airmail;
- (iii) and in either case is taken to have been received on the day after the date of its posting.

(c) Fax or electronic transmission

If a document is sent by fax or electronic transmission, delivery of the document is taken:

- (i) to be effected by properly addressing and transmitting the fax or electronic transmission; and
- (ii) to have been delivered on the day following its transmission.

33.3 Evidence of service

A certificate in writing signed by a Director or a Secretary stating that a document was sent to a Member by post or by fax or electronic transmission on a particular date is prima facie evidence that the document was so sent on that date.

34 Indemnity

The Company may indemnify any current or former Director, Secretary or executive officer of the Company or of a Related Body Corporate of the Company out of the property of the Company against:

- (a) every liability incurred by the person in that capacity (except a liability for legal costs); and
- (b) all legal costs incurred in defending or resisting (or otherwise in connection with) proceedings, whether civil or criminal or of an administrative or investigatory nature, in which the person becomes involved because of that capacity;
- (c) except to the extent that:
 - (i) the Company is forbidden by statute to indemnify the person against the liability for legal costs; or

- (ii) an indemnity by the Company of the person against the liability or legal costs, would, if given, be made void by statute.

35 Insurance

The Company may pay or agree to pay, whether directly or through an interposed entity, a premium for a contract insuring a person who is or has been a Director or Secretary or executive officer of the Company or of a Related Body Corporate of the Company against liability incurred by the person in that capacity, including a liability for legal costs, unless:

- (a) the Company is forbidden by statute to pay or agree to pay the premium; or
- (b) the contract would, if the Company paid the premium, be made void by statute.

36 Director's liability insurance

- (a) The Company may enter into an agreement with a person referred to in Clauses 34 and 35 with respect to the matters covered by these Clauses.
- (b) An agreement entered into pursuant to this Clause may include provisions relating to rights of access to the books of the Company conferred by the Corporations Act or otherwise by law.

37 Accounts

The Directors must cause the accounts of the Company to be audited in accordance with the requirements of the Corporations Act.

Schedule 1

Principles and Commitments

Membership of Christian Education National Limited

The School shall be an active Member of Christian Education National Limited and the School must actively adhere to Christian Education National's Objects, Statement of Faith and Charter.

Schedule 2

Statement of Faith

The basis of the company is the divinely inspired, inerrant word of God, the Holy Bible, as it is acknowledged and defined by the Reformed Confessions. The Company is not a church body nor is it subject to any denominational organisations, but it is governed autonomously in relation to all other institutions and organisations

The Company is based on the following principles:

(a) Holy Scripture and Education

By faith we confess the books of the Old and New Testament to be the divinely inspired, inerrant Word of God, the only absolute rule for all faith and conduct and also for the education of our children at home and at school.

(b) Christian Parents and Education

As believing parents we have Christ's comforting assurance for our children that he will bless them when we bring them to Him.

Expecting the fulfillment of his promise and obeying the command of his apostle, we endeavour to bring our children up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

Since the responsibility for this task has been placed on our shoulders as parents we gladly accept responsibility for that part of the education which takes place outside our homes in the school. We consider our involvement in Christian Schooling to be our duty and God-given privilege.

(c) Christian Schools

As Christ is the Saviour and King of the whole of human life we understand a Christian school to be an educational institution in which Christ is not only honoured by prayer and study of the Bible, but all subjects are taught by the light of God's revelation in Jesus Christ contained in the Old and New Testaments.

For such a Christian school, we, as parents, claim freedom in the field of education as long as this education takes place in obedience to the requirements of God's Word and in adherence to legitimate governmental standards and provision.

(d) Some Doctrines Fundamental to Christian Education

Believing all the truth revealed in the Word of God, we wish to emphasise some doctrines which are of special importance to Christian education. They are:

(i) God and creation.

All things were created by God. God created them in, through and for Christ by his Word and Spirit for His glory. It is also by God's direction, power and care that all created things are sustained. In order to understand the world, man and history, they must be seen in their relationship to God as the Bible speaks of it.

(ii) The Bible and Sciences

Creation as well as Scripture has been brought forth by the same God of Truth. Therefore, any seeming discrepancy between the Bible and science can only be due to human error either in science or in the interpretation of Scripture.

(iii) Man

Man was created in the image of God to enjoy true communion with his creator. Man was instructed to exercise dominion over the world in strict and loving obedience to God.

(iv) Sin

By disobeying God's law, man estranged himself from God and brought God's curse upon himself and all creation.

(v) Regeneration

The call of God to salvation is by his grace alone through faith in which we receive new life.

(vi) Christ

Jesus Christ, the second person of the Holy Trinity, is God incarnate, the Word become flesh. Laying down his life for his people, he paid the price of sin for them, being a ransom for all who truly believe in him. Risen from the dead in his physical body, and having ascended to the throne of heaven, he is the king of the universe.

(vii) The Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit, the third person of the Holy Trinity, the divine source of all created life is also the source of faith in Christ, true spiritual knowledge. As the fruit of Christian education depends on the work of the Holy Spirit, both parents and

teachers pray that God may bless their work that the children come to know the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour and Lord.

Schedule 3 - Form of Proxy

Ballina Christian Education Association Limited

ABN 22 056 537 065

Appointment of Proxy

I/We _____

being a member/members of the abovenamed Company hereby appoint

of _____

or, in his or her absence

of _____

as my/our proxy to vote for me/us on my/our behalf at the meeting of the Company's members of the Company to be held on the _____ day of _____ 20__ and at any adjournment of that meeting.

This form is to be used *in favour of / *against the resolution

SIGNED _____

NAME _____

DATED _____

To be inserted if desired

* Strike out whichever is not desired