

## **New CEO announced for Victorian Catholic Education Authority**

The Board of the Victorian Catholic Education Authority (VCEA), the peak body for Catholic school education in Victoria, today announced the appointment of Professor Elizabeth Labone as its new Chief Executive Officer.

VCEA Chair, James Merlino said the Board was thrilled Professor Labone would be leading VCEA into an exciting period for the organisation and for Catholic school education. She commences in the role on 20 May 2024.

“Elizabeth is an outstanding appointment with a distinguished career and a long standing commitment to Catholic education, having begun her career teaching in Catholic primary schools,” he said.

“Through her senior leadership roles she has developed a reputation for advocacy at the highest levels and her exceptional leadership skills make her the ideal person to take VCEA into the future.”

Professor Labone was most recently Deputy Vice Chancellor, Learning and Teaching at the University of Notre Dame. Prior to joining Notre Dame she spent 20 years at the Australian Catholic University (ACU) where she held various leadership roles including Executive Dean, Faculty of Education and Arts where she led the largest teacher education program in Australia.

Professor Labone has recently stepped down from her position as Director on the National Schools Resourcing Board in order to take up the VCEA role. She has also previously served as non-executive director on a number of boards in the education sector including for the Archdiocese of Sydney and Loreto Ministries.

“VCEA plays a significant role in Catholic school education and I am very pleased to be joining at an important time in its history,” Professor Labone said.

“I look forward to working with the VCEA Board, Company members, staff and school proprietors to advance the mission of Catholic school education in Victoria.”

The Catholic school sector in Victoria educates 213,000 students and has 28,000 teachers and staff across its 496 school communities.

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