

Shared use of worship facility by Parish and ASC school in the Diocese of Perth

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This policy covers occasions when it is appropriate for a new or existing parish to be established in conjunction with a new or existing school.

Policy

1. If the need should exist, a parish should be established in conjunction with each new school opened by the Anglican Schools Commission (ASC);
2. When the site plans are being developed, the ASC shall consult with the Perth Diocesan Trustees (PDT) concerning the location and nature of the building to be used for worship and other appropriate purposes;
3. In the event that the parish wants to proceed with the development of a building for meetings and worship before the school is built, such building shall fit in as part of the ASC's planning for the site where this is feasible;
4. In the event of any portion of the school being built before the building to be used for worship and other appropriate purposes, the parish shall have access to other appropriate facilities in the school after consulting with the Principal;
5. A building shall be erected to be used for worship and other appropriate purposes in accordance with plans and specifications to be agreed between the ASC, the School Council (if formally established), the Parish Vestry, the Perth Diocesan Trustees (PDT) and only upon a Faculty being issued by the Archbishop of Perth;
6. A Memorandum of Understanding will be entered into between the ASC, School, Diocese and Parish with regards to the use and management of the Chapel (a copy of the Memorandum of Understanding is available from the ASC office);
7. The School and the Parish shall continue to develop and strengthen a good working relationship between them;
8. The School and the Parish should take into account the relationship between them when appointments of Chaplain and Rector are to be made, each consulting the other, being mindful also of the requirement to follow the formal process for appointing a School Chaplain (ASC Policy 1a) and in keeping with the School Constitution.
9. Since 2010 the ASC and the Diocese of Perth have developed a protocol whereby ASC School Chapels and new/relocated parish worship centres have been jointly developed. See Clause 6 above.