

Code of Ethics for School Boards/Councils

Board Members of Merici College will:

Acknowledge that schools are a significant expression of the teaching mission of the Catholic Church and function within its structure.

Become more knowledgeable about the mission of Catholic education, as expressed in their school, and sincerely promote it to the various communities with whom they have influence.

Recognise the need for continuing education about their responsibilities and know that they do not officially represent the school's governing body respectively unless explicitly authorised to do so.

Be fully and carefully prepared for each meeting by doing the required readings and completing necessary tasks for committee work and reports.

Be loyal to the governing body's decisions even if personally opposed to the final recommendations and decisions.

Respect the appropriate confidentiality of matters raised at meetings.

Be alert to alternate solutions to problems by keeping an open mind.

Support the Principal in authorised functions and avoid intruding in administrative details unless requested to do so.

Disqualify themselves from discussion and voting on an issue where there is a conflict of interest with the member's family or business interests or if the outcome will grant them any pecuniary or material benefits.

Pray with and for other members of the Council, the School Executive and staff, and the Catholic school community.

