

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NSW

### 2022MODERN SLAVERY STATEMENT

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NSW LIMITED
ABN 46 619 593 369

### CONTENTS

Acknowledgement of Country	3
STATEMENT, APPROVAL AND SIGNATURE FROM THE CHAIRMAN	4
ABOUT CSNSW	
REPORTING CRITERIA 1 AND 2: IDENTIFY THE REPORTING ENTITY AND ITS STRUCTURE, OPERATIONS AND SUPPLY CHAINS	7
STRUCTURE AND OPERATIONS	7
OUR GOVERNANCE FRAMEWORK	8
OUR RISK MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK	10
OUR OPERATIONS	11
OUR SUPPLY CHAIN	12
REPORTING CRITERIA 3: MODERN SLAVERY RISKS IN OPERATIONS	
AND SUPPLY CHAIN	13
OPERATIONAL RISKS	13
SUPPLIER RISK IDENTIFICATION	16
SUPPLY CHAIN RISKS	18
REPORTING CRITERIA 4: ACTIONS TAKEN TO ASSESS AND ADDRESS RISK ONGOING SUPPLIER ENGAGEMENT AND AUDIT OF NEW SUPPLIERS	19
NOT CONTACTED PREVIOUSLY	19
ANTI SLAVERY CLAUSES INTO CONTRACTS	20
MODERN SLAVERY ACTION PLAN	20
RAISING AWARENESS	22
TRAINING	22
BOARD COMMITMENT	22
ONGOING PARTICIPATION IN THE AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC ANTI-SLAVERY NETWORK (ACAN)	22
REMEDIATION	22
OUR FUTURE PLANS	23
REPORTING CRITERIA 5: EFFECTIVENESS ASSESSMENT	24
CSNSW REGULARLY REVIEWS THE RISK MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK, WHICH INCLUDES OUR MODERN SLAVERY RISKS.	24
MODERN SLAVERY GAP ANALYSIS	24
REPORTING CRITERIA 6: PROCESS OF CONSULTATION	
WITH ENTITIES OWNED OR CONTROLLED	25
REPORTING CRITERIA 7: OTHER	25

#### DISCLOSURE NOTE

This statement has been made on behalf of Catholic Schools NSW Limited.

This Statement excludes entities owned or controlled by Catholic Schools NSW Limited.

ABN 46 619 593 369

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NSW MODERN SLAVERY STATEMENT REPORT

2



### knowledgement of Country

CSNSW acknowledges the First Nations traditional custodians of the many lands upon which our schools and offices are located.

CSNSW acknowledges and pays respect to our Elders past, present and emerging and acknowledges that Aboriginal people have, for thousands of years, walked upon and cared for the lands on which we are located.

CSNSW recognises and celebrates the diversity of Aboriginal peoples across NSW and acknowledges their enduring culture which keeps them connected to the lands, waterways and the skies.

CSNSW acknowledges the deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to this country.

CSNSW commits itself to the ongoing journey of reconciliation and ensuring that the young people in our schools achieve their full learning potential, are empowered to shape their own futures, and are supported to embrace their culture and identity as Australia's First Nations peoples.

ARTWORK: Lakkari Pitt | PHOTO: Wollongong Dioci

## STATEMENT, APPROVAL AND SIGNATURE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

CSNSW's commitment to eradicating modern slavery from our operations and supply chain is more than just a corporate imperative. It is motivated by our ethos that calls us to respond with a deep sense of solidarity for the 50 million annual victims of modern slavery throughout the world.

We are encouraged by the example of St Josephine Bakhita, the patron saint of the victims of human trafficking, who was freed from slavery in the early 20th Century and ultimately found the strength to forgive her former slaveowners.

Pope Francis is continually urging on Catholic organisations in the fight against modern slavery and human trafficking. He recently delivered a message for the 9th International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking on 8 February 2023, in which he said:

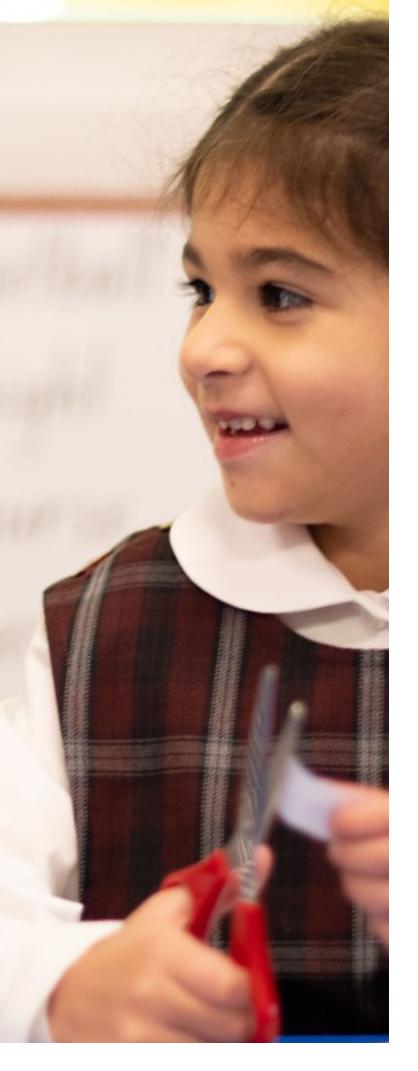
Human trafficking disfigures dignity.

Exploitation and subjugation limit freedom and turn people into objects to be used and discarded. And the system of trafficking exploits the injustice and inequality that force millions of people to live in conditions of vulnerability. Indeed, people impoverished by the economic crisis, by wars, by climate change and many forms of instability are easily recruited.

He encouraged a group of young people attending a celebration for the event in Rome that:

I hope that many people will accept your invitation to walk together against trafficking: walking together with those who are destroyed by the violence of sexual and labour exploitation; walking together with migrants, displaced persons, those who are searching for a place to live in peace and family. Together with you, young people, to reaffirm courageously the value of human dignity.







Stephen Sedgick AO Chairman

CSNSW continues in the collective movement to help end slavery in our world. By voluntarily opting into the reporting requirements of the Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth), CSNSW continues in its journey to promote awareness of the reality of Modern Slavery and eliminate modern slavery risks from its business operations and supply chains.

Most importantly, CSNSW aims to provide leadership, guidance and support to its education entity stakeholders that are required to comply with the Modern Slavery Act 2018.

### PRINCIPAL GOVERNING BODY APPROVAL

This Modern Slavery Statement was approved by the Board, which is the principal governing body of Catholic Schools NSW as defined by the Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth) ("the Act") on 13 June 2023.

This Modern Slavery Statement is signed by the Chairman as the responsible member of Catholic Schools NSW as defined by the Act.

5

Stephen Sedgick AO Chairman

1/41



### ABOUT CSNSVV

CSNSW is recognised by governments as both the representative body for all NSW Catholic schools and as the approved system funding authority for diocesan Catholic Schools.

The aim and mission of Catholic Schools NSW Ltd (Catholic Schools New South Wales) is to support the Bishops of NSW in bringing to life the Church's evangelising mission throughout Catholic schools.

To achieve this mission, Catholic Schools works to improve the education and faith outcomes of students in NSW Catholic schools by creating communities of faith and learning.

This task means joining the "work of education with the explicit proclamation of the Gospel" (Evangelii Gaudium, no. 134), and by doing so, help students to be good citizens in society and prepare them for their eternal life with God.

### **REPORTING CRITERIA 1 AND 2:**

### IDENTIFY THE REPORTING ENTITY AND ITS STRUCTURE, OPERATIONS AND SUPPLY CHAINS

### STRUCTURE AND OPERATIONS

CSNSW is a not-for-profit company limited by guarantee, incorporated and domiciled in Australia. Our members are the eleven diocesan Bishops of New South Wales. CSNSW derives its authority and mandate from the Catholic Bishops of NSW. The company Constitution and 'Canonical Mandates' from the Bishops of NSW outline the functions and authority of CSNSW.

As of 31 December 2022, the workforce for CSNSW consisted of majority full time employees across our operations. Further details are set out below.

CSNSW continued to operate from offices in the Polding Centre, 133 Liverpool Street, with an annual consolidated revenue of \$38,079,969. This figure excludes revenue from our subsidiary company.

The Management Team is responsible for:



#### Leading

the work programme of the Company as agreed to by the Board;



### Reporting

against a range of efficiency and effectiveness indicators relating to the provision of Catholic education:



### Monitoring and providing

expert policy advice on education policy issues such as funding, curriculum and school and system regulation, including teacher accreditation;



#### Encouraging and fostering

greater collaboration at different levels among all Christ's faithful who share in the apostolate of Catholic education; and



#### Acting

as the recipient of Commonwealth and State Government recurrent funding for diocesan schools and capital-targeted funding to both diocesan and RI/MPJP schools;



#### Managing

the distribution of approved capital grants to Catholic diocesan and Member RI/MPJP Schools through its role as the Catholic Block Grant Authority (CBGA).



#### Ensuring

Ensuring Commonwealth and programspecific State Government funding and associated legislative compliance requirements are met;



### OUR GOVERNANCE FRAMEWORK

CSNSW is governed by a Board of independent directors. The Board consisted of 10 Directors, including the Chairman (one director resigned on 8 December 2022, leaving 9 Directors).

The Board has five committees that assist it in the discharge of its responsibilities:

- 1. Audit and Risk;
- 2. Compliance and Resourcing;
- 3. Education Effectiveness;
- 4. Executive: and
- 5. Governance, Human Resources and Remuneration.

CSNSW has established processes within the governance framework to provide the Board with oversight and accountability of the risk management

framework. Our Board is committed to ensuring that our operations and supply chains do not involve any instances of modern slavery.

Day-to-day responsibility and execution of actions, such as engaging with new suppliers and ensuring adherence to our policies and procedures are led by the management team.

All employees are required to comply with our policies and procedures, including our Code of Conduct which prescribes the behaviours and standards expected of all employees. This includes a requirement for all employees to behave consistently with our values, such as acting honestly, lawfully and openly at all times and by valuing the dignity and worth of each individual.

Mandatory training is undertaken by all employees in Privacy, Child Protection, Fraud & Corruption, Whistleblower, Modern Slavery, Cyber and Work, Health & Safety.

# BOARD & COMMITTEE COMPOSITION

### **BOARD**



Steve Sedgwick (Chair)



Bishop Danny Meagher



Anne Cummins



Vince Graham Am



Dallas McInemey (CEO)



Michael Lee



Moira Najdecki



David Robinson



Julian Widdup



Toni Downes

### **COMMITTEES**

Audit & Risk Committee (ARC)

Julian Widdup (Chair) Michael Lee David Robinson

Compliance & Resourcing Committee (CRC)

Steve Sedgwick (Chair) Vacant Vince Graham David Robinson Governance, Human Resources & Remuneration Committee (GHRRC)

Toni Downes (Acting Chair) Moira Najdecki Michael Lee

Executive Governance Committee (EGC)

Steve Sedgwick (Chair) Anne Cummins Bishop Danny Meagher Education Effectiveness Committee (EEC)

Steve Sedgwick (Chair) Anne Cummins Toni Downes Vince Graham Moira Najdecki Michael Lee

Capital Projects Evaluation Panel (CPEP)

Vince Graham (Chair) Moira Najdecki David Robinson

### OUR RISK MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK

The Board has ultimate oversight over modern slavery risks and fosters a culture consistent with our values and commitment towards eradicating all forms of modern slavery.

A "Three Lines of Defence "model has been adopted by CSNSW to manage risks actively.

The approach within which CSNSW identifies, monitors, and reports risk is demonstrated below:



Line 1

### Management (risk owners)

Management is where the risks are generated and managed.

Line 2

### The Legal & Risk Team

The team is responsible for risk advice, control and challenge. The team provides assurance to the Board that decisions reflect the Board's risk appetite.

Line 3

### Internal Audit Function

The function is outsourced to an independent third party to provide review and assurance. The internal auditor reports directly to the Audit & Risk Committee and through to the Board.



### **OUR OPERATIONS**

CSNSW is responsible for the following:

receiving and distributing government general recurrent and targeted program funding to diocesan and RI/MPJP Catholic schools to support their operations and capital works;

ensuring that Catholic schools and diocesan Catholic School Agencies adhere to compliance requirements;

providing expert policy advice and coordinating policy development;

reporting to the Bishops of NSW on the effectiveness of Catholic education in NSW;

fostering collaboration and efficiency in the use of resources in NSW Catholic schools;

promoting and advocating for Catholic education in NSW;

providing sporting pathway opportunities for students & staff in NSW Catholic schools; and

providing NSW, ACT and international secondary schools with high-quality Trial HSC Examinations.



### **REPORTING CRITERIA 3:**

### MODERN SLAVERY RISKS IN OPERATIONS AND SUPPLY CHAIN

### **OPERATIONAL RISKS**

### **OUR PEOPLE**

A breakdown of employees by employment type and Directorate is set out below:

### Employee Breakdown

Directorate	FTE Incl Director	FT	PT
Education Policy	18.1	17	1.1
Capital & Planning	6.0	5	1.0
Resources & Stewardship	5.0	4	1.0
Legal, Risk & CoSec	6.6	6	0.6
PA & Engagement	3.0	3	
Chief Operating Officer	22.96	19	3.96
Sport	6.0	6	
CEO Office	7.3	6	1.3
Total FTE	74.96	66	8.96

From time to time, Directorates utilise casual resourcing to accommodate busy periods of work. These casual resources are not included in the above table.

CSNSW employs five casuals on modest hours as below:

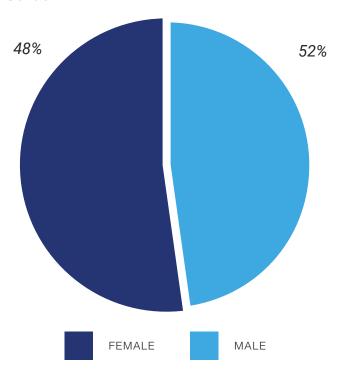


CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NSW MODERN SLAVERY STATEMENT REPORT

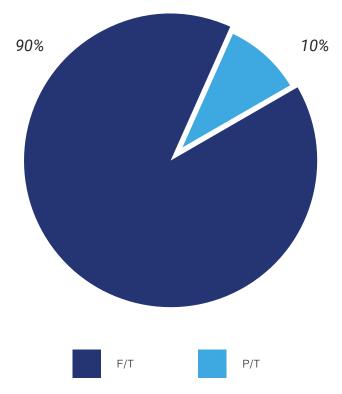
13

A breakdown of employee type by gender is described in the below graphs:

### Gender



### Employment type





CSNSW employs a Human Resources Manager to oversee compliance with labour, employment, and immigration laws through various HR Policies and Procedures. Some of the Policies and Procedures that outline CSNSW's expectations include the following:

Policy/Document	Purpose
Board Code of Conduct	To ensure high standards of behaviour are observed by the Directors in the context of their roles as Directors
Child Safeguarding Programme & Policies	Makes it clear what CSNSW will do to keep children safe
Employee Handbook including Code of Conduct	Outlines CSNSW's policies, culture, and expectations of behaviour and performance in the workplace
External Complaints Handling Policy and Procedures	Describes how CSNSW handles complaints and who can complain
Fraud and Corruption Control Policy	Describes CSNSW's approach to the identification, prevention, detention, investigation and remediation of fraud and corruption
Flexible Work Arrangements & Working from Home Policy and Procedures	Provides employees with a clear understanding of the flexible working arrangements
HR Policies & Procedures	Outlines the various HR policies and procedures in place at CSNSW
Modern Slavery Policy	To assist in the prevention and eradication of modern slavery
Privacy Policy	Outlines how CSNSW handles personal information
Return to Work Policy	Outlines general procedures for handling work related injury or illness
Whistleblower Policy	Outlines the approach to supporting vulnerable persons
Work, Health & Safety Policy Statement	Provides the framework for the development of safe methods of work



### SUPPLIER RISK IDENTIFICATION

In 2022 we continued with risk identification for all new suppliers with a spend greater than \$10,000. A supplier audit register was created during 2022 on our governance, risk & compliance software system, CompliSpace which allows for greater oversight and streamlined reporting.

Categories identified as high risk included:

Building and construction – employing forced labour associated with the production of building and construction materials and labour hire on construction projects in Australia

Apparel (uniforms etc) – this sector is characterised by complex and opaque supply chains and competition for low prices and quick turnarounds.

Food and catering services – the employment of seasonal labour and migrant workers is common, leading to potential for deceptive recruitment, human trafficking, and debt bondage, in addition to the use of excessive deductions and cashback payments to employers, recruiters and agents.

The majority of CSNSW's procurement spend continues to be on suppliers of professional services such as insurance, financial systems, software, accounting and audit (low risk).

Since 2019, management has been conducting deep dive risk assessments of our suppliers with a spend data over \$10,000 against modern slavery indicators (such as the location and industry of the supplier). Based on the findings of the risk assessment, the suppliers are then identified as one of the ten procurement categories that have a potential high risk of modern slavery.

The deep dive risk assessment involves:

- educating our suppliers about modern slavery risks; and
- writing to targeted suppliers that do not file their own Modern Slavery Statement and formally asking them a number of targeted questions.

Working with our suppliers, we seek to address the modern slavery risks that were identified from their responses. As part of this work, we also provided further information and assistance to our suppliers to help them better understand how modern slavery occurs, and the potential risks that may exist in their own supply chains and operations.

### ADDRESSING HIGH AND MEDIUM RISK SUPPLIERS

Where a supplier is identified as high or medium risk (using the Category Risk Taxonomy developed by ACAN), we undertake a due diligence process with details entered into our supplier register.

CSNSW's aim is to try to understand how and if modern slavery risks are being managed by the supplier, which includes any/all of the following actions:

- gathering publicly available information where available and assessing any relevant modern slavery risks;
- viewing where possible the suppliers' policies and procedures;
- requesting details on their approach to addressing modern slavery within their operations or supply chain; and
- inserting our own modern slavery clause, where deemed necessary, on contract renewal, renegotiation or in new supplier contracts.

### DUE DILIGENCE IN CSNSW'S SUPPLY CHAIN

CSNSW's risk of encountering modern slavery practices in our operations is very low. However, we have a due diligence processes to assist management with identifying the risk of modern slavery.

Processes such as ensuring a due diligence checklist is requested from new suppliers, inserting modern slavery contractual clauses in medium and high-risk suppliers remain as effective as possible in mitigating the risk of modern slavery practices in our supply chain.

All suppliers continue to be assessed with no reportable concerns to date.

### **SUPPLY CHAIN RISKS**

We analysed our suppliers against key modern slavery indicators as follows:



### Industry sector

Specific industry sectors deemed as high risk in international and national guidance documentation.



#### Commodity/product

Specific products and commodities deemed as high risk by the US Department of Labor's 2018 List of Goods Produced by Child and Forced Labor, the Global Slavery Index (GSI) and other international guidance materials.



### Geographic location

Based on estimated prevalence of modern slavery and the government responses as outlined in the 2018 GSI. While we predominantly use Australian suppliers, we recognise that our goods and services may come from countries other than those of suppliers' headquarters.



#### Workforce profile

In undertaking our supplier analysis we considered the type of labour involved in the production of our goods and services, particularly where low skilled, vulnerable or migrant labour is used, or where the work is deemed as '3D' work (dirty, dull or dangerous).

Our suppliers are predominately from low risk industries (professional services) and a very small proportion fall within the high risk category.

### **ANALYSIS OF OUR SUPPLY CHAIN**

Supplier numbers according to risk category is depicted below-

LOW HIGH
MEDIUM OTHER

Supplier spend according to the risk category is depicted below-



### **REPORTING CRITERIA 4:**

### ACTIONS TAKEN TO ASSESS AND ADDRESS RISK

### **ACTION TAKEN**

CSNSW continues with its efforts to eliminate modern slavery risks from its operations and supply chains. Some of our actions taken during 2022 include:

- the Board formally approved the Modern Slavery Policy in 2022; and
- ACAN participation.

ACAN participating entities are united in the belief that action against modern slavery is a fundamental Catholic social teaching.

The Modern Slavery Policy is located on the website together with details about our commitment to Modern Slavery.

We continue with our participation in the Modern Slavery Risk Management Program (Program) with the Australian Catholic Anti-Slavery Network (ACAN). As a participating entity, CSNSW cooperates with other Catholic entities, collaborates through monthly teleconferences, and keeps up to date with the requirements of the Modern Slavery Act.

### **PROJECT ANGEL**

In 2022 CSNSW signed a 10 year lease to relocate premises from its current location in Polding Centre to new premises in Angel Place. The office move is expected to take place prior to August 2023. A "Project Angel" taskforce was formed to co-ordinate this large logistical operation.

Integral to Project Angel is the consideration of modern slavery risks during every phase of the move, from the call for tenders to the appointment of suppliers.

Project Angel is a significant project for the 2022 and 2023 period. CSNSW engaged Chester Group to oversee most aspects of the fit out and move. As part of that process all suppliers are provided with CSNSW's Model Supplier Code of Conduct, a Modern Slavery due diligence checklist and

CSNSW's Modern Slavery Policy. Any entity without their own Modern Slavery Statement undergoes a deep dive assessment.

#### **CONTRACT MANAGEMENT**

We use CompliSpace for our contract management. The platform allows CSNSW to record, manage and capture compliance tasks and risks, including linking the relevant contract to our supplier audits.

### **ONGOING SUPPLIER ENGAGEMENT**

During 2022 we identified 83 suppliers to undergo desktop audits. We used the following criteria:

- those suppliers with an ongoing relationship with CSNSW:
- suppliers who had not undergone audits previously;
- suppliers who had previously supplied incomplete or unsatisfactory responses to prior audits; and
- a spend category of at least \$10,000 or more.

This involved educating our suppliers about modern slavery risks, which included:

- providing context for our requests pursuant to the Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth);
- giving background details to the suppliers on the definition of modern slavery situations;
- providing information about modern slavery produced by the Commonwealth Government in its Guidance for Reporting Entities;
- providing the Global Slavery Index 2018, Extract
   "Top 105" countries at risk of modern slavery
- formally asking them targeted questions.

CSNSW found no evidence of modern slavery risks associated directly with its operations or its supply chains.



### ANTI-SLAVERY CLAUSES IN CONTRACTS

New supplier agreements are reviewed internally by our in-house legal team. Our legal team ensure, wherever possible that an Anti-Slavery clause is included in the new agreements (especially highrisk suppliers).

The clause sets out the obligations of the supplier to ensure that all reasonable steps are taken to ensure that there is no modern slavery in its operations and supply chain, and that of its subcontractors and suppliers.

As part of the agreement, the supplier must notify CSNSW as soon it becomes aware of, or has a reasonable basis for suspecting that, any people working in its operations or supply chain are experiencing Modern Slavery.

To date, CSNSW has not received any reports of suppliers experiencing or becoming aware of any modern slavery practices.

#### MODERN SLAVERY ACTION PLAN

CSNSW has a Modern Slavery Action Plan that is maintained on CompliSpace and details on completed, in progress and outstanding actions are reported directly through to the Board.

During 2022 CSNSW carried out work from our Modern Slavery Action plan.

A summary of some of the completed actions include-

20

Area	Completed Action
Governance	Assigned responsibilities for managing modern slavery risks
Governance	Ensured that relevant employees were assigned management of modern slavery risks and were actively using the tools and templates developed to assist with risk management
Action	Developed a Modern Slavery Action Plan within CompliSpace to track compliance and add action plan items
Awareness	Initial training completed. All CSNSW employees were assigned a further mandatory training- Grievance Mechanisms and Remedy.
Feedback Mechanisms	Stand-alone confidential Modern Slavery hotline in place via the Whistleblower hotline
Policies & Procedures	Include general clauses on Modern Slavery in all high-risk supplier contracts
Governance	Modern Slavery Policy approved and included a Board commitment statement.
Commitment	<ul> <li>Promotionw by CSNSW within the Education sector to raise awareness of Modern Slavery: Some highlights included;</li> <li>The CEO spoke at United Nations World Day Against Trafficking in Persons with Archbishop Fisher OP.</li> <li>Modern Slavery animation produced by Australian Catholic University and the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney Anti-Slavery Taskforce shared via Scholaris to promote awareness of United Nations International Day for the Abolition of Slavery.</li> <li>ACAN was provided with a booth and a speaking opportunity at the education law symposium in September 2022.</li> <li>The CEO wrote an opinion piece in the Catholic Weekly, Vigilance essential to slavery's defeat (found here <a href="https://www.catholicweekly.com.au/dallas-mcinerney-vigilance-essential-to-slaverys-defeat/">https://www.catholicweekly.com.au/dallas-mcinerney-vigilance-essential-to-slaverys-defeat/</a>)</li> </ul>
Commitment	Upskilling school staff to respond to modern slavery- CSNSW to assist in the facilitation of a project focused on upskilling and capacity-building of school staff to safely identify and respond to modern slavery in education settings.
Return to Work Policy	Outlines general procedures for handling work related injury or illness

### **RAISING AWARENESS**

A key function of CSNSW is on-going advocacy for Catholic education in NSW. This requires engagement with Catholic school communities, the education industry, policy makers and government. This platform allows CSNSW the opportunity to engage with all our stakeholders and to raise awareness and promotion of Modern Slavery.

We have provided and continue to provide information via relevant updates in Scholaris, our weekly e-Bulletin to schools, and via our Legal Hotline for legal assistance and support for our schools and Diocesan Catholic Schools Offices.

Our future plans include assisting ACAN in the facilitation of a project focused on upskilling and capacity-building of frontline ACAN education entities to safely identify and respond to Modern Slavery. This involves working in the Catholic schools' sector in areas such as forced marriage awareness-raising and responding to young people at at-risk schools. CSNSW, through the Senior Manager, Wellbeing and CVE will assist school responses of disclosures by students to a school counsellor, teacher or other staff member when they are at-risk of or experiencing modern slavery (the most likely being forced marriage).

#### **TRAINING**

CSNSW use an online staff learning portal to undertake various forms of training.

All employees had been assigned two modules entitled Modern Slavery 101 and Modern Slavery Business Relevance as set out in our 2021 Modern Slavery Statement.

During 2022 all employees were assigned a further training module: **Grievance Mechanisms and Remedy**. This module provides an overview of grievance mechanisms, remedy obligations and remedy pathways in relation to modern slavery in alignment with the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights and Commonwealth Guidance for Modern Slavery Act Reporting Entities.

New employees are assigned all 3 modules as part of their induction program and are required to complete their training within two months of commencing employment. Completion of all training is mandatory and forms part of the annual performance review process.

Future training opportunities will be integrated into all staff training days and on an ad-hoc basis.

#### **BOARD COMMITMENT**

The Board is committed to the ongoing efforts to rid the world of modern slavery and remains vehemently opposed to modern slavery in all its forms, from slavery and servitude to forced or compulsory labour and human trafficking.

The Board has received a report on the progress of the action plan.

### ONGOING PARTICIPATION IN THE AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC ANTI-SLAVERY NETWORK (ACAN)

ACAN supports CSNSW and other Catholic entities to identify and manage modern slavery risks in their operations and supply chains. It also assists CSNSW in reporting on these actions through the preparation of an annual Modern Slavery Statement.

#### REMEDIATION

As a participant in the ACAN network, CSNSW can access Domus 8.7 - an independent program to provide remedies to people impacted by modern slavery. By partnering with Domus 8.7, CSNSW can help people impacted by modern slavery to achieve meaningful outcomes, improve our risk management response, supply chain resilience, and prevent future harm.

Additional information about Domus 8.7 can be found at www.acan.org.au/domus87

### **GRIEVANCE MECHANISM**

In 2022 ACAN agreed to partner with Ulula to implement a worker voice and grievance mechanism with ACAN entities. In 2023 CSNSW will consider if and how it can participate in the rollout of Ulula resources to its education stakeholders.



### REPORTING CRITERIA 5: EFFECTIVENESS ASSESSMENT

### MODERN SLAVERY GAP ANALYSIS

CSNSW completed its first Bridge the Gap (BtG) analysis as part of the July 2019 Catholic Modern Slavery Conference. A further BtG analysis was completed for 2021 and 2022 from the original Bridge the Gap.

The analysis covers the following key areas:

- Management Systems;
- Risk Management;
- Human Resources and Recruitment;
- Customers and Stakeholders; and
- Procure and Supply Chains.

The Change analysis from the previous gap analysis for CSNSW showed 22 areas of improvement.

### **ONGOING ACTION**

The following actions continue:

- CSNSW appointed a Modern Slavery Liaison
   Officer (MSLO) who reports to the Audit & risk
   Committee (ARC). The committee report directly
   to the Board.
- Quarterly risk reports are presented to the ARC.
- Monitoring of compliance tasks via Complispace Assurance, our governance and risk management system, by the creation of 'Tasks' allocated to relevant employees for completion by specified dates.
- Training is assigned to all new employees as part of their induction program.
- Our in-house legal team review all contracts and agreements before final signatures are obtained.
- Ongoing engagement and monitoring of suppliers.



### **REPORTING CRITERIA 6:**

### PROCESS OF CONSULTATION WITH ENTITES OWNED OR CONTROLLED

This Statement excludes entities owned or controlled by Catholic Schools NSW Limited.

### **REPORTING CRITERIA 7:**

**OTHER** 

We do not have any further information to include in this Modern Slavery Statement.



### CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NSW

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NSW LIMITED
ABN 46 619 593 369