

QUALITY AREA 7

GOVERNANCE AND LEADERSHIP

THIS QUALITY AREA OF THE NATIONAL QUALITY STANDARD FOCUSES ON EFFECTIVE LEADERSHIP AND GOVERNANCE OF THE SERVICE TO ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN QUALITY ENVIRONMENTS FOR CHILDREN'S LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT. EFFECTIVE LEADERS ESTABLISH SHARED VALUES FOR THE SERVICE THAT REFLECT THE SERVICE CONTEXT AND PROFESSIONALISM AND SET CLEAR DIRECTION FOR THE SERVICE'S CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT. GOVERNANCE REFERS TO THE SYSTEMS IN PLACE TO SUPPORT EFFECTIVE MANAGEMENT AND OPERATION OF THE SERVICE, CONSISTENT WITH THE SERVICE'S STATEMENT OF PHILOSOPHY.

- **ST MARY'S SCHOOL STRENGTHS:**
- **THE EARLY YEARS SCHOOL PHILOSOPHY IS REFLECTED IN THE TEACHING PROGRAM AND IS ON DISPLAY.**
- **HEALTH, SAFETY AND RISK MANAGEMENT POLICIES ENSURE THE ELIMINATION OF ANY IDENTIFIED RISKS.**
- **ALL STAFF MEMBERS HAVE A DEFINED RESPONSIBILITY/ROLE IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY OR EVACUATION.**
- **THE EVACUATION PLAN/ROLES ARE DISPLAYED/LOCATED IN EACH CLASSROOM.**
- **QUALITY IMPROVEMENT IN TEACHING IS GUIDED BY THE PRINCIPAL THROUGH PROGRAMME/ ASSESSMENT MEETINGS, GOAL SETTING AND REVIEWS.**
- **THE PRINCIPAL IMPLEMENTS AND REVIEWS POLICIES, DETERMINES THE PLANNING CYCLE, HOLDS PROFESSIONAL LEARNING MEETINGS AND ENSURES THE UPSKILLING OF NEW TEACHINGS OR LEARNING INITIATIVES.**