



Principal, St Francis College
and
Executive Director, Ministry Education
Commission

Information for Applicants



Following the retirement of the current Principal/Executive Director, the Right Reverend Jonathan Holland in June 2022, the Diocese invites applications for the position of Principal of St Francis College and Executive Director of the Ministry Education Commission (MEC).

This is an excellent opportunity for candidates with a strong interest in the Mission of the Anglican Church with proven leadership and management skills and experience in theological education and training. Excellent interpersonal, public speaking and communication skills, with sensitivity to individuals and their aspirations, are as important as the ability to provide effective leadership across a wide and diverse range of activities and services.

The Principal/Executive Director is a member of the Diocesan Leadership Team, which is chaired by the Archbishop and includes the three regional bishops, the General Manager, and the Executive Directors of the four other Commissions. The Principal/Executive Director reports to the MEC, which is accountable to Diocesan Council.

An information package including position description and selection criteria is available from the Office of the General Manager, ACSQ which can be contacted at goffice@anglicanchurchsq.org.au

Applications should include a full Curriculum Vitae and a covering letter which addresses the selection criteria.

Applications should be marked confidential and sent to the Office of the General Manager, ACSQ by email at goffice@anglicanchurchsq.org.au to be received no later than 30 November 2021 by 5:00pm

ANGLICAN CHURCH SOUTHERN QUEENSLAND

The Anglican Church Southern Queensland (Diocese of Brisbane) is based in Brisbane, Queensland, Australia. The Diocese stretches from the south-eastern coastline of Queensland, south to the New South Wales border, and west to the Northern Territory and South Australian borders. The diocesan bishop's seat is St John's Cathedral, Brisbane. The current Archbishop of Brisbane is The Most Reverend Dr Phillip Aspinall AC.

The Diocese includes 133 parishes, 14 Anglican Schools and six affiliated independent Anglican Schools, 18 early care services and Anglicare Southern Queensland which provides a range of aged care, foster care and mental wellbeing services.

ST FRANCIS THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE (SFC)

SFC oversees theological education in the Diocese and offers a range of tertiary and non-tertiary (adult lay education) courses. Through SFC future clergy are trained and prepared for ordained ministry and leadership in ACSQ. Prospective clergy are expected to complete the Bachelor of Theology (BTh) and participate in a 'Formation' program.

SFC is a member of the School of Theology at Charles Sturt University (CSU) and offers a wide range of theological degrees and courses. The main undergraduate course is the BTh. A number of students are undertaking other undergraduate and post-graduate courses. There are about 80 students enrolled plus a small number (around 15-25 each semester) who 'audit' subjects. As well 22 students are currently doing the Graduate Certificate in Professional Supervision.

A cohort of 12 students are currently training for the ordained ministry. They study the BTh and participate in a parallel 'Formation' program. The Formation program covers formation in prayer, pastoral care, leadership, self-knowledge and Anglicanism.

In recent years, the College's tertiary courses have been growing. Enrolments have increased, new courses have been launched and new delivery options established. Technology has been improved; lecture facilities have been upgraded; and as a result enrolments have increased and income has climbed.

The College also delivers an increasing range of programs for lay education at a non-tertiary level. Many come under the subsidiary banner of 'FormedFaith' (= formation, education and faith). FormedFaith programs aim to resource parishes and other ministry units in the diocese with faith-formation materials. As well as the FormedFaith programs, SFC runs a 'Spiritual Direction Formation Program' and the one-year 'Art of Christian Listening'.

The 360 Project seminars are face-to-face workshops presented in parishes. There are three streams: **BIBLE360** (which includes workshops on 'Introduction to the Bible'; 'Exploring the Gospels'; 'Introduction to the Prophets'); **FAITH360** ('The Puzzle of Paul'; 'Praying in Anglican Ways'; 'Faith Seeks Understanding – Introduction to theological thinking') and **MISSION360** ('Opening the Circle – Building more welcoming parishes'; 'Training Small Group Leaders').

MINISTRY EDUCATION COMMISSION (MEC)

The Ministry Education Commission is one of five Commissions established under the Diocesan Governance Canon. The Commission provides education and training programs for the Anglican Church Southern Queensland (ACSQ). It provides services to, and resources for, other Commissions, in particular the Parishes and Other Mission Agencies Commission (PMC), Anglican Schools Commission (ASC) and Community Services Commission (CSC) to facilitate the vision of formation for shared leadership in ministry and mission.

In addition to St Francis College, the activities presently operating under the umbrella of the Ministry Education Commission (MEC) include:

- Ordained Ministry Formation program
- Anglican Youth, Children and Families ministry (AYC&F)
- Community of the Way
- Household of Deacons
- Baroona Farm
- On-site residential community

There is a team of 13 staff, six of whom are full-time and seven part-time. All staff are responsible to the Executive Director, who is responsible for ensuring the effective and coordinated use of resources to achieve the Diocesan vision for ministry and mission.

LOCATION

St Francis College and the Ministry Education Commission are based on a Diocesan property in the Brisbane suburb of Milton. The site is easily accessible by public transport and has ample parking for those who come by car. Old Bishopsbourne, the Annexe, the Chapel of the Holy Spirit, the Roscoe Library, Main Wing, and the tennis court are all heritage listed as places of historical and cultural significance.

The Chapel is especially important to ACSQ, standing in the heart of the College grounds and used for Morning and Evening Prayer, Monday to Friday, thus bookending each day's activities with prayer. On Sundays the Parish of Milton holds a morning Eucharist in the Chapel.

The various subjects, courses and programs are resourced by the Roscoe Library, which is accessible to all in ACSQ.