

# Tara Anglican Girls' School Ordinance 1956 Amendment Ordinance 2012

No 5, 2012

## Long Title

An Ordinance to amend the Tara Anglican Girls' School Ordinance 1956 with respect to the membership of the Council and generally.

The Standing Committee of the Synod of the Diocese of Sydney Ordains as follows.

### 1. Name

This Ordinance is the Tara Anglican Girls' School Ordinance 1956 Amendment Ordinance 2012.

### 2. Amendment

The Tara Anglican Girls' School Ordinance 1956 is amended as follows –

- (a) substitute paragraphs (b) and (c) of clause 2(1) with the following –
  - “(b) 9 members elected by the Synod, of which at least 2 must be clergy;”and reletter the remaining paragraphs (d) and (e) as paragraphs (c) and (d) respectively,
- (b) delete the matter “(d) and (e)” in clause 2(2) and insert instead the matter “(c) and (d)”,
- (c) insert new subclauses 2(4), (5) and (6) as follows –
  - “(4) Upon being elected or appointed as a member, and before becoming a member, a person who is so elected or appointed under paragraphs 2(1)(b), (c), or (d) is to sign the declaration specified in the Schedule 2, or if elected under paragraph 6(e) is to sign the statement specified in Schedule 3, and is to deliver it to the Council within 4 weeks of the person's election or appointment.
  - (5) A person who fails to sign and deliver the declaration or statement, as the case may be, within this time is to be taken not to have been elected or appointed as a member.
  - (6) A copy of the declaration or statement, as the case may be, referred to in subclause (4) is to be retained by the Council in its records.”,
- (d) delete the matter “being 2 members of the clergy elected by the Synod and 2 lay persons” in clause 6(1), and
- (e) delete the matter “being 1 member of the clergy elected by the Synod and 1 lay person” in clause 6(2) and
- (f) insert a new clause 11 as follows –
  - “**11. Appointment of the Head**
  - (1) In appointing a person to be the Head, the Council will (in addition to the other requirements of the position) appoint a person of Christian faith and character who has demonstrated an ability and commitment to further allegiance to Christ as Lord and the cause of Christian education.
  - (2) No application for the position of Head is to be considered by the Council until the applicant has signed and delivered to the Council the declaration specified in Schedule 2.
  - (3) The Council is to observe the following protocol in selecting and appointing a person as Head –
    - (a) prior to the beginning of the selection process, the Chairman of the Council is to brief the President on the

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- proposed process and the composition of any selection committee and seek the President's views on the principles of selection and the process involved, and
- (b) the President is to be invited to be involved in the final interview process, and
  - (c) the President is to be consulted if any significant issue arises during the final interview process of which he should be aware, and
  - (d) the President is to be immediately notified upon acceptance of any offer for the position of Head.”,
- (g) insert the following Schedules 2 and 3 at the end of the Ordinance (and rename the existing Schedule as Schedule 1) –

### “Schedule 2

#### **Statement of personal faith and support for the Christian ethos and charter of the Council**

1. I believe and hold to the truth of the Christian faith as set forth in the Apostles' Creed.

*I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;  
from there he shall come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit;  
the holy catholic church;  
the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.*

2. In particular I believe –
- (a) There is only one way to be reconciled to God which is through his Son, Jesus Christ, who died for our sins and was raised for our justification; and
  - (b) That we are justified by faith only; and
  - (c) That God's word, the Bible, is the one final authority in all matters of faith and conduct.

3. I shall endeavour to fulfil my duties as a member of the Council in accordance with this declaration and the ordinance by which the Council is constituted.

4. I agree that my continuance as a member of the Council is dependent upon my continuing agreement with this declaration and I undertake to resign if this ceases to be the case.

### **Schedule 3**

#### **Statement of support for the Christian ethos and charter of the Council**

1. I acknowledge that the School to whose Council I am elected or appointed aims to educate young people in ways consistent with the teaching of the Bible and the gospel of Jesus Christ, and to this end I

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support the Council's commitment to maintain and uphold the Christian faith in teaching and practice.

2. I shall endeavour to fulfil my duties as a member of the School Council to which I am elected or appointed in accordance with its Christian ethos and the charter of the organisation.

3. I agree that my continuance as a Council member is dependent upon my continuing agreement with this statement and I undertake to resign if this ceases to be the case."

I Certify that the Ordinance as printed is in accordance with the Ordinance as reported.

R TONG  
Deputy Chairman of Committees

I Certify that this Ordinance was passed by the Standing Committee of the Synod of the Diocese of Sydney on 28 May 2012.

R WICKS  
Secretary

I Assent to this Ordinance.

PETER F JENSEN  
Archbishop of Sydney  
05/06/2012