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MERCY EDUCATION LTD POLICY 8.03A BANKING & INVESTMENTS

Rationale:

Corporate governance standards, and the gospel value of stewardship, require the careful management of the assets of the company to facilitate ongoing and perpetual service of our mission.

Policy Statement:

- A01 All bank accounts are to be:
- a) held in the name of Mercy Education Limited;
 - b) recorded with and accessible by the MEL Executive Office;
 - c) held with the approved corporate banker nominated by the Board from time to time.
- A02 A limited exemption to the previous clause is available for schools that wish to participate in “community banking schemes” to support their fundraising program. Such accounts are to be approved by and registered with Mercy Education, and shall not exceed one account of up to \$100,000 per school.
- A03 Excess school funds are to be held in the regular transaction banking accounts of the school. This will facilitate the management by the MEL Executive Office of the broader corporate investment program.
- A04 Funds held in the name of registered Deductible Gift Recipients (DGRs) such as building funds and scholarship funds, may be invested in the following options (only):
- a) standard interest-bearing bank accounts with the approved banker
 - b) term deposits with the Catholic Development Fund
 - c) approved investment funds nominated in the current MEL Investment Strategy.
- These investment options are also available to trust and bequest funds held at the College level and registered with the MEL Executive Office.

- A05 All term deposit investments shall be managed by the MEL Executive Office and held within the Catholic Development Fund network or in Authorised Deposit-Taking Institutions (ADIs).
- A06 The MEL Finance Committee shall maintain and supervise, on behalf of the Board, an Investment Strategy for the organisation. Changes to the approved Investment Strategy shall require the approval of the Board.
- A07 The MEL Investment Strategy shall respect the charitable and long-term nature of the organisation. It shall also prohibit investments that are contrary to Catholic teaching.
- A08 No investment in bonds, property or shares is permitted other than as defined in the approved Investment Strategy, or by the further specific approval of the Board.

Related Documents:

MEL Investment Strategy

Review History

Approved June 2018

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