
Naming Policy for Schools, Buildings and Facilities

Approved by the EREA Board – 25 May 2016

Rationale: EREA provides a framework under which schools and school buildings, grounds and facilities can be named.

A school should ensure that buildings, grounds and facilities are named in a manner consistent with the purpose and history of a Catholic school in the Edmund Rice tradition. When a school names a facility after a particular person or family, it confers a significant honour. It also implicitly holds that person up as a suitable role model.

Principles: Naming of school facilities are based on the following principles:

1. Facilities are named following local community consultation with a recommendation from the Principal and School Board to the Executive Director and approved by the EREA Board.
2. In the case of a recommendation for facilities being named after a Christian Brother or a person employed by the Christian Brothers prior to EREA, prior approval must be sought from the Oceania Province of the Christian Brothers.
3. Naming of facilities after a living person will proceed only with the agreement of that person after whom the facility is being named.
4. Major facilities, such as buildings and ovals, are normally named in perpetuity. If a change of name is desired, the same process as above is to be employed.
5. Major facilities are named to highlight connections with the history and cultural context of the school, the Catholic Church, the Christian Brothers and significant persons in the story of the school.
6. The naming of a consecrated chapel requires the approval of the local Bishop.
7. The local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander elders should be consulted regarding any intention to give a facility an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander title.

Policy Statement: Edmund Rice Education Australia (EREA) supports appropriate naming of buildings, grounds and facilities for all EREA schools and is to be consulted before decisions are finalised.

This consultation does not apply to non-land and non-building items (such as scholarships, prizes, boats etc.) although schools are expected to be diligent in ensuring that chosen names reflect the general purpose of this policy.

Key Responsibilities: **EREA Council**
The EREA Council has the responsibility to ensure this policy is consistent with EREA values.

EREA Board
The EREA Board is responsible for approving this policy.

Executive Director
The Executive Director has the responsibility to ensure the implementation of this policy and the development of procedures and guidelines.

School Principals
School Principals have responsibility to enact this policy and its procedures.

Review: This policy will be reviewed in 2020.

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