

Learning Opportunities - Governance

There are many organisations that offer expert support in school governance and/or Christian leadership. To follow is a small selection of such organisations.

Lutheran Governance

- [Lutheran Church of Australia \(LCA\)](#)

The Lutheran Church of Australia, through Australian Lutheran College, offers governance training at no cost, to those who serve on the boards of Lutheran entities. The training is accessed through the [iLearn](#) platform.

'As a church, we are free to use good governance principles in the best way possible so that God's will on earth is done!' ALC

Disclaimer: this training is immediately directed towards Lutheran congregations (church councils), yet leans into principles that align with Lutheran school governance.

Ministry Governance and Leadership

- [Christian Ministry Advancement \(CMA\)](#)

The team at CMA found that the spiritual gifts of administration (eg governance, finance, risk) have been neglected in much of the Christian sector, and that therefore the front-line mission of the church has been weakened. An effective Christian organisation needs to function well both spiritually and organisationally. CMA supports Christian organisations to flourish in well-governed God-centred ministry. CMA's annual national conference is one of Australia's premier professional learning events for leaders and board members in the Christian sector.

- [Global Leadership Network \(GLN\)](#)

The GLN is driven by the belief that leadership changes everything.

'When you commit to grow your leadership, everyone around you wins. Churches thrive, businesses work for good, the next generation

is activated and communities are transformed.' GLN

The GLN's [Global Leadership Summit](#) is an annual gathering that brings ministry and marketplace expertise together. It's translated into more than 60 languages, reaches almost 130 countries, and is the longest-running event of its kind. The Global Leadership Summit takes place in the USA, but is accessible live and online worldwide. Boards and leadership teams benefit from engaging in the summit collectively, in order to have shared experience and to develop shared language that can inspire and shape future conversations.

- [Arrow Leadership](#)

Arrow Leadership is one of Australia's premier Christian providers of interdenominational leader development and training. Arrow Leadership aims to accomplish this through innovative programming and coaching, which is highly personal, deeply relational, unequivocally intentional and transformational. Arrow shapes and equips executive women and men to be Jesus-centred leaders, enabling them to transform the context of their work through their ministry and mission. Arrow's goal is to see leaders:

Led More By Jesus

Lead More Like Jesus

Lead More To Jesus

School Governance

Recognising the diversity of entity types and organisational structures that exist for Lutheran schools around the nation, your regional office and independent schools association are your first ports of call for learning opportunities pertaining to school governance. Still, the following resources offer learning opportunities that are relevant regardless of entity type and organisational structure.

- [Australian Institute of Company Directors \(AICD\)](#)

The AICD is the largest board membership organisation globally. It aims to develop the skills and capabilities of leaders, for the benefit of society through world-class governance training. The AICD has developed three webinars specific to the governance of Australian independent schools:

[School Board Governance Part 1 – The role of the school director](#)

[School Board Governance Part 2 – Developing a successful strategy](#)

[School Board Governance Part 3 – Risk oversight for the board](#)

- [Effective Governance](#)

Numerous governance-oriented organisations have articles freely available on their website for public consumption. Effective Governance is one such organisation. Whilst consumers do need to engage a critical eye when reading such content, to ensure that it aligns with their organisation's values and constitutional structure, we do recommend Effective Governance's [School governance 101](#) article.