Lutheran Education Australia

SAFE SCHOOL LIABILITY FUND

a) Name

The name of the Fund is the Safe School Liability Fund.

b) Objects

The object of the Fund is to share the burden of salary costs for staff that may be imposed on Lutheran schools where a staff member is stood down on pay pending an investigation as a result of an allegation of sexual abuse of a child. It thus offers schools protection from such liability which cannot be underwritten by insurance.

c) Finance

The Fund shall be financed by an annual levy on all students attending Lutheran schools. The levy will be determined by the Board for Lutheran Education Australia (BLEA) depending on the Fund income and expenditure in any one year. The Fund will be limited to an amount determined by the BLEA from time to time.

d) Administration

The Fund shall be administered and managed by the Board for Lutheran Education Australia in accordance with the provisions of the Fund.

e) Membership

Membership will comprise all Lutheran schools in Australia.

f) Fund Administration

1) When a school believes that a situation arises which would potentially result in liability and, therefore, claim, it must notify the LEA National Office immediately.
2) Depending on the claims made in any one year and the actual amount in the Fund, the Fund will cover the salary of a person stood down as a result of the Safe School Liability Fund policy. The liability of the Fund is limited to the total funds available.
3) Claims are paid out to the claiming school as soon as reasonably practicable after the close of the allowed period and in accordance with the Fund rules and limitations.

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