



Philomena Billington
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Philomena Billington is Deputy Director of Catholic Education in the Diocese of Sandhurst, with particular responsibility for Stewardship of Catholic Identity and Finance, Facilities and Resources. Phil has a deep and broad vision for Catholic Education in the context of the Church's Mission, and in particular for Religious Education in schools, life long education in faith and Catholic leadership formation for schools and parishes. Her generosity, influence and inspiration extend beyond the Catholic Education Office to the entire diocese, for Phil sees that Catholic Education in schools belongs within the life and mission of parishes across the Diocese and is linked with Faith Education at all levels. Therefore she is an active promoter of collaboration between parishes and schools.

Phil brings extensive experience, knowledge and wisdom and wide ranging skills to every task. Profoundly respectful of individuals, she recognizes and calls forth the gifts and skills of others, inspiring them to join her in major enterprises within the Church's mission. She has led the development and implementation of numerous diocesan programs, including the comprehensive Source of Life K – 12 Religious Education framework, curriculum and tertiary training and formation programs for Catholic teachers and leaders. Phil also continues her 'coal face' work as an inspirational teacher, facilitator and mentor in these and other programs. She is a vital member of diocesan reference groups including those which support Adult Faith Education and Youth Ministry in the Diocese of Sandhurst and Chair of the Diocesan Pastoral Planning Coordination Team.

Phil is mother of Ryan who resides in Canberra, an active participant and contributor to her own parish community of St Therese's Kennington and a passionate fan of Rugby Union. She is compassionate, generous and perceptive, ready to show appreciation of others' contributions and has been known to appear with casseroles, wine, keys and helpful support for newly employed new arrivals in town - in her 'spare time'.

