

Guidelines for Community Based Courses

Purpose

These Guidelines have been made to guide the Minister for Education and Training's decisions in relation to Community Based Courses (CBCs) in accordance with section 11B(2) of the *School Education Act 1999*.

Commencement

These Guidelines have effect from 1 August 2019 and remain in force until amended or repealed.

Definitions

<i>application</i>	The process through which a course provider requests the Minister to prescribe a new, renewed or changed course.
<i>Community Based Course</i>	A course prescribed by the Minister for children in the final years of compulsory education in accordance with section 11B(2) of the <i>School Education Act 1999</i> .
<i>standards for non-government schools</i>	Standards for non-government schools which are determined by the Minister in accordance with section 159 of the <i>School Education Act 1999</i>

Considerations

In determining an application to establish a new Community Based Course, or to renew or change an existing Community Based Course, the Minister will take into account whether:

1. it will provide a learning environment designed to meet the educational, social, emotional and/or life skills needs of the students it proposes to serve;
2. it will provide satisfactory levels of care for its students;
3. its provider will be governed effectively;
4. its provider will be managed and staffed by fit and proper persons with relevant qualifications and experience;
5. it will meet the requirements of the applicable registration standards for non-government schools;
6. it will be financially sustainable for the duration of the approval sought;
7. the needs identified are not already met by existing alternatives reasonably available to those students; and
8. any other matters the Minister considers relevant.

Dated this 19th day of July 2019.

Hon Sue Ellery MLC
Minister for Education and Training