

# Employer Public Report

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## Public Reports

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Two documents make up your Public Report and can be generated and downloaded after preparing your submission for lodgement:

- Public Report – Questionnaire
- Public Report – Employee Data Tables

The Public Report must be:

- Given to your CEO or equivalent for review, approval and sign off before lodgement.
- Shared in accordance with the Notification and Access requirements under the *Workplace Gender Equality Act 2012 (the Act)*.

Report contacts will be asked to declare in the Portal that all relevant CEO or equivalents have signed the public report.

Detailed information on the requirements to share the public report with your employees, members or shareholders can be found within the online Reporting Guide on [Notification and Access requirements](#).

## Gender Equality Standards

If there is a single entity employing 500 or more employees, they must have a policy or strategy in place against each of the six Gender Equality Indicators. More information can be found within the online reporting guide on [Gender Equality Standards](#).



# Workplace Overview

## Policies & Strategies

Employer policies or strategies on workplace gender equality and the composition of the workforce can be powerful levers for making progress and change. Policies or strategies are most effective when backed up by evidence-informed action plans to address areas of imbalance and inequality. Similarly, targets are achievable, time-framed goals that create mechanisms for accountability and are effective when combined with dedicated actions to help achieve them.

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### 1.1 Do you have formal policies and/or formal strategies in place that support gender equality in the workplace?

Yes

Policy

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#### 1.1a Do the formal policies and/or formal strategies include any of the following?

Recruitment; Promotions; Training and development

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### 1.2 Do you have a formal policy and/or formal strategy on diversity and inclusion in your organisation?

No

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### 1.3 Does your organisation have any targets to address gender equality in your workplace?

No

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### 1.4 If your organisation would like to provide additional information relating to your gender equality policies and strategies, please do so below.



# Workplace Overview

## Governing Bodies

Gender balance on governing bodies or Boards is good for business. It contributes to workplace gender equality outcomes and improved company performance more broadly. Measures to support gender balance in the governing body include analysing the gender representation of chairs and other members, considering gender in the selection of Board members, and taking action to drive change through term limits, gender equality targets and policies.

### 1.5 Identify your organisation/s' governing body or bodies.

**Organisation:** Mercy Education Limited

#### A. To your knowledge, is this governing body also reported in a different submission group for this year's Gender Equality Reporting?

No

#### B. What is the name of your governing body?

Mercy Education

#### C. What type of governing body does this organisation have?

Board of Directors

#### D. How many members are in the governing body and who holds the predominant Chair position?

|                            | Female (F) | Male (M) |
|----------------------------|------------|----------|
| Chair                      | 1          | 0        |
| Members (excluding chairs) | 3          | 5        |

#### E. Do you have formal policies and/or formal strategies in place to support and achieve gender equality in this organisation's governing body?

No

#### F. Does this organisation's governing body have limits on the terms of its Chair and/ or Members?

Yes

Enter maximum length of term in years. If the term limit does not relate to a full year,



record the part year as a decimal amount.

**For the Chair:** 9

**For the Members:** 6

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**G. Has a target been set on the representation of women on this governing body?**

No

**Selected value:** Governing body is already gender balanced (at least 40% women and 40% men)

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**H. Do you have a formal policy and/or formal strategy on diversity and inclusion for this organisation's governing body?**

No

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**1.6 If your organisation would like to provide additional information relating to governing bodies and gender equality in your workplace, do so below.**



# Action on Gender Equality

## Gender Pay Gaps

The gender pay gap is the difference in average or median earnings between women and men. It is a measure of how we value the contribution of women and men in the workforce. The gender pay gap is not to be confused with women and men being paid the same for the same, or comparable, job – this is equal pay. Equal pay for equal work is a legal requirement in Australia. However, illegal instances of unequal pay can still be one of the many drivers of the gender pay gap. Closing the gender pay gap is important for Australia's economic future and reflects our aspiration to be an equal and fair society for all.

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### 2.1 Do you have formal policies and/or formal strategies on equal remuneration (pay equity and the gender pay gap) between women and men?

No

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### 2.2 Have you conducted analysis to determine if there are remuneration gaps between women and men?

No

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### 2.3 If your organisation would like to provide additional information relating to employer action on pay equity and/or gender remuneration gaps in your workplace, please do so below.



# Action on Gender Equality

## Employee Consultation

Engaging employees through consultation on gender equality issues helps employers to understand the employee experience and to take meaningful action. Employers can use the information they learn through the consultation process to generate solutions that are practical and relevant to their organisation.

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### 2.4 Have you consulted with employees on issues concerning gender equality in your workplace during the reporting period?

No

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### 2.5 Do you have formal policies and/or formal strategies in place to ensure employees are consulted and have input on issues concerning gender equality in the workplace?

Yes

Policy

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### 2.8 If your organisation would like to provide additional information relating to employee consultation on gender Equality in your workplace, please do so below.



# Flexible Work

## Flexible Working Arrangements

A flexible working arrangement is an agreement between an employer and an employee to change the standard working arrangement, often through a change to the hours, pattern or location of work. Flexible work is a key enabler of gender equality, helps accommodate an employee's commitments out of work and has become increasingly important for employers in attracting and retaining diverse and talented employees.

### 3.1 Do you have a formal policy and/or formal strategy on flexible working arrangements?

Yes

Policy

#### 3.1a Do the formal policies and/or formal strategies include any of the following?

A business case for flexibility has been established and endorsed at the leadership level; Leaders are visible role models of flexible working; Targets have been set for engagement in flexible work; The impact of flexibility is measured and evaluated (e.g. reduced absenteeism, increased employee engagement)

### 3.2 Do you offer any of the following flexible working options to MANAGERS and/or NON MANAGERS in your workplace?

| Flexible working option                                      | MANAGERS | NON-MANAGERS |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|----------|--------------|
| Flexible hours of work (start and finish times)              | No       | Yes          |
| Compressed working weeks                                     | No       | No           |
| Time-in-lieu                                                 | Yes      | Yes          |
| Hybrid working (regular days worked from home and in office) | No       | No           |
| Working fully remote (no regular days worked in office)      | No       | No           |
| Reduced hours or part-time work                              | No       | Yes          |
| Job sharing arrangements                                     | No       | Yes          |
| Purchased leave                                              | Yes      | Yes          |
| Unpaid leave                                                 | Yes      | Yes          |
| Flexible scheduling, rostering or switching of shifts        | Yes      | Yes          |

### 3.3 If your organisation would like to provide additional information relating to flexible working and gender equality in your workplace, please do so below.



# Employee Support for Parents and Carers

## Paid Parental Leave

Parental leave policies are designed to support and protect working parents around the time of childbirth or adoption of a child and when children are young. Some employers offer universally available parental leave policies, offering equal parental leave for all parents, others offer with a distinction between 'primary' and 'secondary' carers. It's important that it's a policy that's available to all parents, irrespective of gender, recognising the equally important role of all parents in caregiving. Gender equal policies help to de-gender the ideal worker and carer norms, which pervade the workplace and reduce opportunities for women to remain in, or re-enter the workforce.

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### 4.1 Do you provide employer-funded paid parental leave in addition to any government-funded parental leave scheme?

Yes, we offer employer funded parental leave to all genders without using the primary/secondary carer distinction

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#### 4.1a Please indicate whether your employer-funded paid primary carers leave is available to:

All, regardless of gender

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#### 4.1b Please indicate whether your employer-funded paid primary carers leave covers:

Birth; Adoption; Stillbirth

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#### 4.1c How do you pay employer-funded paid parental leave?

Paying the employee's full salary

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#### 4.1d How many weeks of employer-funded paid parental leave is available to eligible employees?

Lowest entitlement: 15

Highest entitlement: 16

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#### 4.1e Who has access to this type of employer-funded paid parental leave?

Permanent employees; Contract/fixed term employees

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#### 4.1f Do you require carers to work for the organization for a certain amount of time (a qualifying period) before they can access employer-funded parental leave?

No qualifying period



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**4.1g Do you require carers to take employer-funded paid parental leave within a certain time after the birth, adoption, surrogacy and/or stillbirth?**

Anytime within 12 months

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**4.1h Does your organisation have an opt out approach to parental leave?  
(Employees who do not wish to take their full parental leave entitlement must discuss this with their manager)**

Yes

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**4.2 Do you pay superannuation contributions to your employees while they are on parental leave?**

Yes, on employer funded primary carer's leave or equally shared parental leave (if applicable)

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**4.3 If your organisation would like to provide additional information relating to paid parental leave and gender equality in your workplace, please do so below.**



# Employee Support for Parents and Carers

## Support for Carers

Employers can contribute to workplace gender equality by providing support for employees with caring responsibilities. A carer refers to, but is not limited to, an employee's role as the parent (biological, step, adoptive or foster) or guardian of a child, or carer of a child, parent, spouse or domestic partner, close relative, or other dependent. Employer support for employees with caring responsibilities allows them to better accommodate their out-of-work responsibilities.

### 4.4 Do you have formal policies and/or formal strategies to support employees with family or caring responsibilities?

No

### 4.5 Do you offer any of the following support mechanisms for employees with family or caring responsibilities?

| Support mechanism                                                                                                                                                                            | Answer |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| Breastfeeding facilities                                                                                                                                                                     | No     |
| Information packs for those with family and/or caring responsibilities                                                                                                                       | No     |
| Referral services to support employees with family and/ or caring responsibilities                                                                                                           | Yes    |
| Coaching for employees returning to work from parental leave and/or extended carers leave and/or career breaks                                                                               | No     |
| Internal support networks for parents and/or carers                                                                                                                                          | No     |
| Targeted communication mechanisms (e.g. intranet forums)                                                                                                                                     | Yes    |
| Return to work bonus (only select if this bonus is not the balance of paid parental leave)                                                                                                   | No     |
| Support for employees with securing care (including school holiday care) by securing priority places at local care centres (could include for childcare, eldercare and/or adult day centres) | No     |
| Referral services for care facilities (could include for childcare, eldercare and/or adult day centres)                                                                                      | No     |



| Support mechanism                                                         | Answer |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| On-site childcare                                                         | No     |
| Employer subsidised childcare                                             | No     |
| Parenting workshop                                                        | No     |
| Keep-in-touch programs for carers on extended leave and/or parental leave | No     |
| Access to counselling and external support for carers (e.g. EAP)          | Yes    |

**4.6 If your organisation would like to provide additional information relating to support for carers in your workplace, please do so below.**



## Harm Prevention

### Sexual harassment, harassment on the ground of sex or discrimination

Workplace sexual harassment and sex discrimination is a gender equality issue that predominantly impacts women. To increase women's workforce participation and well-being, it is essential employers take action to prioritise and protect all employees from sexual harassment, harassment on the ground of sex or discrimination and ensure that every employee feels safe in the workplace.

#### 5.1 Do you have formal policies and/or formal strategies on the prevention of and appropriate response to sexual harassment, harassment on the ground of sex or discrimination?

Yes

Policy

#### 5.1a Do the formal policies and/or formal strategies include any of the following?

Leadership accountabilities and responsibilities for prevention and response to sexual harassment ; Disclosure options (internal and external) and process to investigate and manage any sexual harassment; Processes relating to the use of non-disclosure or confidentiality agreements; Expected standard of behaviour is clearly outlined and included in recruitment and performance management processes; Guidelines for human resources or other designated responding staff on confidentiality and privacy; Process for development and review of the policy, including consultation with employees, unions or industry groups ; Manager and non-manager training on respectful workplace conduct and sexual harassment

#### 5.1b If Yes, have the policies and/or strategies been reviewed and approved in the reporting period by the Governing Body and CEO (or equivalent)?

| Answer                     |     |
|----------------------------|-----|
| By the Governing Body      | Yes |
| By the CEO (or equivalent) | Yes |

#### 5.2 Do you provide training on the prevention of sexual harassment, harassment on the ground of sex or discrimination to the following groups?

Yes

| Cohort           | At induction | At promotion | Annually | Multiple times per year |
|------------------|--------------|--------------|----------|-------------------------|
| All managers     | No           | No           | Yes      | No                      |
| All non-managers | No           | No           | Yes      | No                      |



|                    |    |     |    |
|--------------------|----|-----|----|
| The Governing Body | No | Yes | No |
|--------------------|----|-----|----|

### 5.2a Does the training program delivered to the above groups include any of the following?

The respectful workplace conduct and behaviours expected of workers and leaders; Different forms of inappropriate workplace behaviour (e.g. sexual harassment, harassment on the grounds of sex and discrimination) and its impact; The drivers and contributing factors of sexual harassment; Bystander training; Options for reporting occurrences of sexual harassment as well as the risk of sexual harassment occurring; Information on worker rights, external authorities and relevant legislation relating to workplace sexual harassment; The diverse experiences of sexual harassment and the needs of different people, including women, LGBTIQ+ workers, culturally diverse workers and workers with a disability.; Responding to employees who engage in harassment or associated behaviours

### 5.3 Does the governing body and CEO or equivalent explicitly communicate their expectations on safety, respectful and inclusive workplace conduct? If yes, when?

#### Members of the governing body

Yes

New staff at induction

#### Chief Executive Officer or equivalent

Yes

At staff inductions

### 5.4 Do you have a risk management process in place to prevent and respond to sexual harassment, harassment on the ground of sex or discrimination?

No

You may indicate it is under development:

### 5.5 What supports are available to support employees involved in and affected by sexual harassment?

Confidential external counselling (E.g. EAP); Information provided to all employees on external support services available



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**5.6 What options does your organisation have for workers who wish to disclose or raise concerns about incidents relating to sexual harassment or similar misconduct?**

Process for disclosure to human resources or other designated responding staff; Process for disclosure to confidential/ethics hotline or similar; Process to disclose anonymously; Special procedures for disclosures about organisational leaders and board members

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**5.7 Does your organisation collect data on sexual harassment in your workplace, if yes, what do you collect?**

No

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**5.8 Does your organisation report on sexual harassment to the governing body and management (CEO, KMP) and how frequently?**

Governing body

No

CEO or equivalent

Yes

As required

Key Management Personnel

No

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**5.8a Do your reports on sexual harassment to governing body and CEO include any of the following?**

Identified risks of workplace sexual harassment; Prevalence of workplace sexual harassment; Nature of workplace sexual harassment; Outcome of reports of sexual harassment

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**5.9 If your organisation would like to provide additional information relating to measures to prevent and respond to sexual harassment, harassment on the ground of sex or discrimination, please do so below.**



# Harm Prevention

## Family or Domestic Violence

**5.10 Do you have a formal policy and/or formal strategy to support employees who are experiencing family or domestic violence?**

No

**5.11 Do you have the following support mechanisms in place to support employees who are experiencing family or domestic violence?**

| Type of support (select all that apply)                                                           |     |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| Protection from any adverse action or discrimination based on the disclosure of domestic violence | No  |
| Confidentiality of matters disclosed                                                              | Yes |
| Training of key personnel                                                                         | No  |
| Flexible working arrangements                                                                     | Yes |
| Workplace safety planning                                                                         | Yes |
| Employee assistance program (including access to psychologist, chaplain or counsellor)            | Yes |
| Referral of employees to appropriate domestic violence support services for expert advice         | Yes |
| Provision of financial support (e.g. advance bonus payment or advanced pay)                       | No  |
| A domestic violence clause is in an enterprise agreement or workplace agreement                   | Yes |
| Access to medical services (e.g. doctor or nurse)                                                 | No  |
| Offer change of office location                                                                   | Yes |
| Emergency accommodation assistance                                                                | No  |

**5.12 Do you have the following types of leave in place to support employees who are experiencing family or domestic violence?**

**Access to paid domestic violence leave?**

Yes

**Is it unlimited?**

No

**Do you offer paid family and domestic violence leave by negotiation or as needed?**

Yes

**How many days of paid domestic violence leave?**

20



**Access to unpaid domestic violence leave?**

Yes

**Is it unlimited?**

Yes

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**5.13 If your organisation would like to provide additional information relating to family and domestic violence affecting your employees, please do so below.**

