

## Ward d'Houet Education Board

### Board Member Profile: Dr Richard Cotter

#### Current teaching

As Senior Fellow of The University of Melbourne, Dr Cotter teaches *Policy Analysis and Public Accountability* in the Master's program, which also involves delivering programs in Hong Kong and Singapore.



#### Other teaching appointments

Dr Cotter has been a full-time member of the academic staff at The University of Melbourne, The University of London, Hawthorn Institute of Education and Melbourne Teachers' College. Teaching focused on Leadership, Policy, Curriculum and Philosophy. Early school teaching was across both primary and secondary.

#### Current and recent consultancies

Dr Cotter was a foundation Director and until recently a member of the University of Melbourne School Review Team, contracted by the Victorian Department of Education to review over 350 schools in the Northern and Western suburbs of Melbourne. This work extended from 1996 to 2004 focusing on school performance in areas such as student learning, curriculum provision, participation of parents, quality of school leadership, quality of professional interaction and parent and student satisfaction with their schools.

In addition, he has conducted large scale consultancies for a variety of non-government schools, the last of which was completed in 2005.

Other recent consultancies include:

- Providing international research on best practice in the recognition and registration of teachers' professional qualifications for the Victorian Institute of Teaching (2004).
- Reporting to the DOXA Foundation on its major project, a Transition School for students at risk (2005).
- Evaluating the Leading Schools Fund for the Victorian Government (2006).
- Providing Professional Development for university staff in Thailand (2006).

#### Other professional activities

Dr Cotter is a member of the Champagnat Education Council, responsible for overseeing policy and governance for Marist Colleges in several states and territories.

From 1994 to 1998, he was Chairman of the Council at Genazzano FCJ College, a large Independent Girls' School. Currently he is a member of Genazzano's Policy Review Committee.

He is currently Editor of *Directions in Education*, a policy newsletter of the Australian Council for Educational Leadership, from which he holds a National Fellowship on the basis of 'outstanding service to the education profession'.

#### Recent Publications

Cotter, R (2003) *Schools as Learning Communities* Jolimont, Victoria: IARTV

Cotter, R (2003) *Community or market: covenant or contract?* Curriculum Leadership (on-line journal) Volume 1 Number 40 12/December/2003