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| To: | All Primary and Secondary Principals – DOBCEL Schools |
| From: | Paul Jans, Assistant Director: Business Services |
| Subject: | Update regarding Australian Business Register (ABR) and Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC) Registration Changes |
| Date: | 9 July 2024 |

**MAIN POINTS**

* Consistent with the DOBCEL governance structure please be informed that the relevant registration changes have now taken place for DOBCEL schools.
* DOBCEL schools individual ACNC registrations have now been revoked by the ACNC. This process of voluntary revocation was required as the DOBCEL constitution is the primary governing document for the charity as a group.
* Schools may receive a letter from the Australian Taxation Office informing that the ATO have revoked the school’s endorsement as a tax concession charity and deductible gift recipient. This revocation notice does not affect entitlements to relevant not-for-profit tax concessions such as Income Tax Exemption, Fringe Benefits Tax rebates, GST concessions and Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) endorsements as the charity status of each school is now provided under the overarching DOBCEL ACNC registration.
* DOBCEL will now undertake consolidated annual ACNC reporting, including the Annual Information Statement and Financial Reports.
* Business names for all DOBCEL schools will now be registered as part of the DOBCEL entity within the ABR which accurately depicts the DOBCEL legal structure.
* Separate information will be provided in relation to DGR and operational requirements for schools with, or wishing to establish a School Building Fund or Scholarship Fund.

**CRITICAL DATES**

DOBCEL schools’ individual ACNC registrations have been revoked and were processed by the ACNC on either 4 December 2023 or 8 May 2024.

**ACTION REQUIRED**

Principals and relevant school staff are asked to note this information.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

For further information, please contact Paul Jans, Assistant Director: Business Services