

## **Sister Joan Buckham RSM**

Sister Joan Buckham is a member of the Sisters of Mercy Australia and Papua New Guinea (ISMAPNG). Her career has been in Catholic Education in Western Australia teaching at both Primary and Secondary levels. She has enjoyed three Principalships and was a former Deputy Director of Catholic Education in WA. Sister Joan's final position in Catholic Education was as a Campus Minister.

Sister Joan has been a member of the Catholic Education and Standing Committee, a position she held for six years; the Conference of Catholic Bishops in WA Nominee to the Catholic Institute Council of Western Australia; and has provided pastoral care to patients at Royal Perth Hospital and St John of God Hospital, Subiaco.

Her special interest lies in Catholic Education and she firmly believes a good education requires the right combination of heart and mind. Sr Joan is quoted as having observed this at St Brigid's College and explains that this is the reason she felt particularly honoured when invited to join the Advisory Council.