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G8 Education Limited (ASX:GEM)



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Dear Manager,

2019 CORPORATE GOVERNANCE STATEMENT AND APPENDIX 4G

G8 Education Limited (ASX: GEM) encloses its 2019 Corporate Governance Statement and Appendix 4G.

Yours faithfully

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CORPORATE GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

Families put their trust in C8 Education Limited to provide quality care and education services that add value to families. We recognise that the way we do business is critical in order for us to earn and maintain the respect and trust of not only C8 Education families but all stakeholders, including our employees, shareholders and the community.

G8 Education is committed to good corporate governance practices and complies with the ASX Corporate Governance Council's (the **Council**) Corporate Governance Principles and Recommendations (3rd Edition). G8 Education will report against the Council's Corporate Governance Principles and Recommendations (4th Edition) when it becomes effective following the Company's 2020 financial year.

The Board of Directors guides and monitors the business and affairs of G8 Education on behalf of the

shareholders by whom they are elected and to whom they are accountable.

Under Listing Rule 4.10.3, G8 Education is required to provide a statement in its annual report disclosing the extent to which it has followed the Recommendations in the reporting period. Where a Recommendation has not been followed, the fact must be disclosed, together with reasons for departure from the Recommendation. In addition, a number of the Recommendations require the disclosure of specific information in the Corporate Governance Statement of the annual report.

G8 Education's Corporate Governance Statement, which applies to G8 Education Limited and its subsidiaries (the **Group**), is structured with reference to the Council's Principles and Recommendations (3rd Edition). The key principles are as follows:

PRINCIPLE 1: LAY SOLID FOUNDATIONS FOR MANAGEMENT AND OVERSIGHT

The relationship between the Board and senior management is critical to the Group's long-term success.

The Directors are responsible to the shareholders for the performance of the Group in both the short and the longer term and seek to balance sometimes competing objectives in the best interests of the Group as a whole.

Their focus is to enhance the interests of shareholders and other key stakeholders and to ensure the Group is properly managed.

The responsibilities of the Board include:

- providing strategic guidance to the Group including contributing to the development of and approving of the corporate strategy;
- reviewing and approving business plans, the annual budget and financial plans including available resources and major capital expenditure initiatives;
- overseeing and monitoring:
 - organisational performance and the achievement of the Group's strategic goals and objectives;
 - compliance with the Company's Code of Conduct;

- progress in relation to the Company's diversity objectives and compliance with the Equity, Diversity and Inclusion policy; and
- progress of major capital expenditures and other significant corporate projects including any acquisitions or divestments;
- monitoring financial performance including approval of the annual and half year financial reports and liaising with the Group's auditors;
- appointment, performance assessment and if necessary, removal of key executives;
- ratifying the appointment and/or removal of, and contributing to the performance assessment for, the members of the senior management team including the CEO, CFO and the Company Secretary;
- ensuring there are effective management processes in place and approving major corporate initiatives;
- enhancing and protecting the reputation of the organisation;
- overseeing the operation of the Group's system for compliance and risk management reporting to shareholders; and

 ensuring appropriate resources are available to senior management.

Day to day management of the Group's affairs and the implementation of the corporate strategy and policy initiatives are formally delegated by the Board to the Managing Director and senior executives.

All Directors and Executives enter into a written agreement with the Company which sets out the terms of their appointment.

CHAIRMAN, MANAGING DIRECTOR AND COMPANY SECRETARY

The Chairman is responsible for leading the Board, ensuring Directors are properly briefed in all matters relevant to their role and responsibilities, facilitating Board discussions and managing the Board's relationship with the Company's senior executives.

In accepting the position, the Chairman has acknowledged the significant time commitment that will be required and confirmed that other positions will not hinder their effective performance in the role of Chairman. The Chairman is an independent Director.

The Managing Director is responsible for implementing Group strategies and policies.

The Company Secretary is accountable directly to the Board of Directors through the Chairman on all matters relating to the proper functioning of the Board.

BOARD PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT

The Board undertakes an annual review for its collective and individual performance and the performance of the Chair and its Committees. The results and any action plans from the review are documented together with specific performance goals which are agreed for the coming year. In 2019 the Board engaged an external consultant to conduct a comprehensive review of the Board and its Committees, the Chair, the Chair of each Committee and a reflective self-assessment of each Director. The external review involved a thorough review of corporate, business and governance documentation, detailed interviews with each Director and key management, and a group session to discuss the outcomes of the review. The Board performance assessment was last completed in November 2019.

MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE REVIEWS

The Group has developed a process for annual appraisal of senior management performance, including contribution to the overall success of the business. The appraisal is designed to measure success in achieving objectives set for the past twelve months and to set objectives for the next twelve months. During the period, the Board conducted a performance review of the CEO in January 2019 and a half yearly review in August 2019. The CEO conducted a performance review in respect of the senior management employed at the time in January 2019.

EQUITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION POLICY

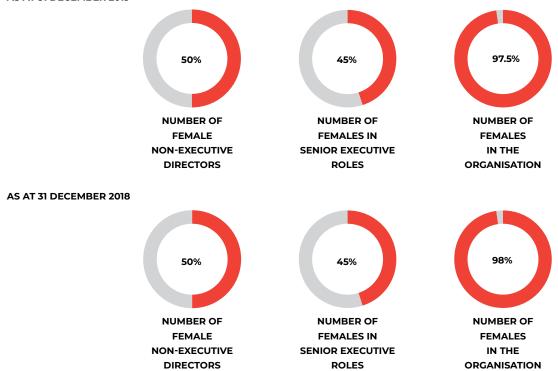
The Company values diversity and equity and recognises the benefits it can bring to the organisation's ability to achieve its goals. Accordingly, the Company has developed an Equity, Diversity and Inclusion policy, a copy of which can be found on the Company's website. This policy outlines the Company's diversity objectives in relation to gender, age, cultural background and ethnicity. It includes requirements for the Board to establish measurable objectives for achieving diversity and equity and for the Board to assess annually both the objectives and the Company's progress in achieving them.

DIVERSITY OF GENDER

The table below illustrates the number of female employees as a percentage of the total workforce in the organisation, Senior Executive Positions and as Non-Executive Directors. Senior Executive Positions are defined as those employees who are part of the Executive Leadership Team.

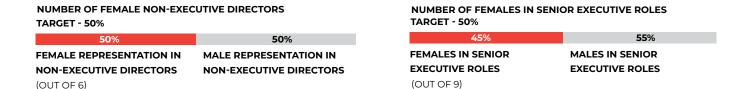
Equity and Diversity Improvements

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2019



Targets and Achievements for 2019

The Board set a measurable objective for achieving gender diversity during 2019. The table below shows the Company's performance against that objective:



Targets for 2020

AT THE END OF 2019, THE BOARD SET NEW MEASURABLE OBJECTIVES FOR GENDER DIVERSITY FOR 2020, WHICH ARE DETAILED IN THE TABLE BELOW:

- · To maintain at least equal female to male representation for Non-Executive Directors on the Board.
- To maintain at least equal female to male representation on the executive leadership team, excluding the Chief Executive Officer.

In accordance with the requirements of the Workplace Gender Equality Act 2012, the G8 Education Group workplace profile for Australia only is set out in on our website at: https://g8education.edu.au/about-us/corporate-social-responsibility/

Diversity of Age

The diagram below demonstrates the diversity of age of the Board of Directors:



PRINCIPLE 2: STRUCTURE THE BOARD TO ADD VALUE

The Board regularly reviews its composition, skills and succession plans to ensure it aligns with the Company's Strategic Plan.

BOARD COMPOSITION

The Board is comprised of both Executive and Non-Executive Directors. On appointment to the Board, all Non-Executive Directors enter into a service agreement with the Company. The agreement summarises the Board policies and terms, including remuneration, relevant to the office of Director.

Non-Executive Directors bring perspective to the Board's consideration of strategic, risk and performance matters and are best placed to exercise independent judgement, review and constructively challenge the performance of management.

The Chairman is elected by the full Board and is required to meet regularly with key executives. The Board establishes measurable Board gender diversity objectives and assesses annually the objectives and progress in achieving them. G8 Education maintains a mix of Directors on the Board from different backgrounds with complementary skills and experience.

The Board is required to undertake an annual Board performance review and consider the appropriate mix of skills required by the Board to maximise its effectiveness and its contribution to the Group.

The Board seeks to ensure that:

- at any point in time, its membership represents an appropriate balance between Directors with experience and knowledge of the Group and Directors with an external or fresh perspective; and
- the size of the Board is conducive to effective discussion and efficient decision-making.

BOARD SKILLS MATRIX

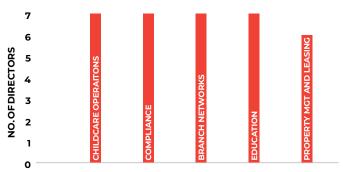
The Nomination Committee developed a Board skills matrix containing the mix of skills, experience, knowledge and diversity that the Board currently has and is looking to achieve in its composition. The Nomination Committee also oversees the professional development of Directors to ensure that identified skill sets are strengthened and deepened.

The experience and skills held by the Directors on the Board are set out below. Following the most recent Board Skills review conducted between November 2019 and January 2020, the Board identified that the main area in which the Board could continue to benefit from external advisory services was information technology. The Board was otherwise satisfied with the breadth of applicable skills held collectively by the Directors.

Core Business Skills & Knowledge



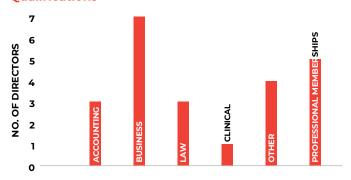
Relevant Industry Knowledge



Relevant Corporate Experience



Qualifications



BOARD MEMBERS

Details of the members of the Board, their experience, expertise, qualifications, term of office and independent status are set out in the Directors' Report.

DIRECTORS INDEPENDENCE

During 2019 the Board consisted of seven Directors, six of whom are Non-Executive. All six Non-Executive Directors (M Johnson, B Bailison, D Foster, J Cogin, M Zabel and S Forrester) are considered independent under the principles set out below.



The Board has adopted specific principles in relation to Directors' independence. These state that to be independent, a Director must be a Non-Executive and:

- not be a substantial shareholder of the Group or an Officer of, or otherwise associated directly with, a substantial shareholder of the Group;
- within the last three years, not have been employed in an executive capacity by the Company or any other Group member, or been a Director after ceasing to hold any such employment;
- within the last three years not have been a principal, Director, employee or consultant of a material professional adviser to the Company or any other Group member;
- not be a material supplier or customer of the Company or any other Group member, or an Officer of or otherwise associated directly or indirectly with a material supplier or customer;
- must have no material contractual relationship with the Company or a controlled entity other than as a Director of the Group;
- be free from any interest and any business or other relationship which could, or could reasonably be perceived to, materially interfere with the Directors ability to act in the best interests of the Company; and
- not have been a Director of the Company for such a period that his or her independence may have been compromised.

Materiality for these purposes is determined on both a quantitative and qualitative basis.

In addition, a transaction of any amount or a relationship is deemed material if knowledge of it may impact the shareholders' understanding of the Directors' performance.

Recent thinking on corporate governance has introduced the view that a Director's independence may be perceived to be impacted by lengthy service on the Board. To avoid any potential concerns, the Board has determined that a Director will not be deemed independent if he or she has served on the Board of the Company for more than ten years.

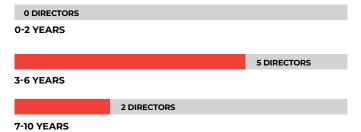
TERM OF OFFICE

In 2017, the Board established a policy that the maximum term of service for a Non-Executive Director should be approximately ten years. However, this term may be extended for reasons such as Board or Committee chairmanship, providing continuity or a particular capability of a Non-Executive Director.

The Company's Constitution specifies that all Directors, other than a Managing Director, must retire from office no later than the third annual general meeting following their last election. Where eligible, a Director may stand for re-election.

The diagram below shows the diversity of Director tenure on the Board:

Director's Tenure



INDUCTION

The induction provided to new Directors and senior managers enables them to actively participate in Board decision making as soon as possible. It ensures that they have a full understanding of the Company's financial position, strategies, operations, culture, values and risk management policies.

It also explains the respective rights, duties, responsibilities, interaction and roles of the Board and senior executives and the Company's meeting arrangements.

COMMITMENT

The number of meetings of the Company's Board of Directors and of each Board Committee held during the year ended 31 December 2019, and the number of meetings attended by each Director is disclosed on page 35.

It has been the Company's practice to allow Executive Directors to accept appointments outside the Company with approval of the Board. The Executive Director was appointed as Co-Chair of The Early Learning and Care Council of Australia (ELACCA) on 14 September 2018, but otherwise has no other outside appointments.

The commitments of Non-Executive Directors are considered by the Nomination Committee prior to the Directors' appointment to the Board of the Company and are reviewed each year as part of the annual performance assessment.

Prior to appointment or being submitted for re-election, each Non-Executive Director is required to specifically acknowledge that they have and will continue to have the time available to discharge their responsibilities to the Company.

CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

There were no conflicts of interest during the year ended 31 December 2019.

INDEPENDENT PROFESSIONAL ADVICE

Directors and Board Committees have the right, in connection with their duties and responsibilities, to seek independent professional advice at the Company's expense. Prior written approval of the Chairman is required, but this will not be unreasonably withheld.

NOMINATION COMMITTEE

The Board established a Remuneration and Nomination Committee in 2014 and established a separate Nomination Committee in 2017.

The Nomination Committee operates under a Charter approved by the Board.

The Nomination Committee comprises the following members:

- · D Foster (Chair)
- M Johnson
- · S Forrester
- · J Cogin
- M Zabel
- · B Bailison

For details of Directors' attendance at meetings of the Nomination Committee, please refer to page 35 of the Directors' Report.

The Terms of Reference of the Nomination Committee is publicly available on the Company's website:

www.g8education.edu.au/about-us/corporate-governance

The main responsibilities of the Nomination Committee include:

- assessing periodically the skill set required to discharge competently the Board's duties including the skills, experience and diversity currently represented on the Board;
- regularly reviewing and making recommendations to the Board regarding the structure, size, diversity and composition (including the balance of skills, knowledge and experience) of the Board and the effectiveness of the Board as a whole, and keeping under review the leadership needs of G8 Education, both executive and non-executive;
- preparing a description of the role and capabilities required for a particular appointment;
- identifying suitable candidates (executive and non-executive) to fill Board vacancies as and when they arise and nominating candidates for the approval of the Board having regard to G8 Education's diversity aspirations. This will include any subsequent decisions to extend an appointment;
- ensuring that, on appointment, all Directors receive induction training, including a formal letter of appointment, setting out the time commitment and responsibilities envisaged in the appointment and any responsibilities with respect to Board Committees or in acting in a capacity other than as a Director (e.g. as Chair or as a lead independent director);
- making recommendations to the Board with respect to continuing professional development programs for Directors;
- identifying the existing Directors who are due for re-election by rotation at annual general meetings, in accordance with the Constitution;
- in carrying out its duties under this paragraph 7.1 in relation to any re-appointment of a non- executive Director on conclusion of their specified term of office, undertaking a process of review of the retiring non-executive Director's performance during the period in which the non-executive Director has been a member of the Board:
- developing a review process and reviewing annually the performance of the Board;
- developing a review process and reviewing semi-annually the performance of the CEO;
- giving full consideration to appropriate succession planning and satisfying itself that processes and plans are in place in relation to the Board, the CEO and other senior executives
- reviewing disclosures, including a statement in the annual report detailing the Committee's activities and the process used for appointments; and
- making publicly available the Committee's Charter, explaining its role and the authority delegated to it by the Board.

PRINCIPLE 3: PROMOTE ETHICAL AND RESPONSIBLE DECISION MAKING

CODE OF CONDUCT

The Company has developed a Code of Conduct which has been fully endorsed by the Board and applies to all Directors and employees.

The Code of Conduct is regularly reviewed and updated as necessary to ensure it reflects the highest standards of behaviour and professionalism and the practices necessary to maintain confidence in the Group's integrity.

In summary, the Code of Conduct requires that at all times all Company personnel act with the utmost integrity, objectivity and in compliance with the letter and the spirit of the law and Company policies.

The Directors and key management personnel must comply with the Directors' Code of Conduct, which requires compliance with Directors' duties and the Company's Securities Trading Policy.

Both of the above Codes of Conduct are available at:

www.g8education.edu.au/investor-information/ corporate-governance or by contacting the registered office.

TRADING IN COMPANY SECURITIES

The purchase and sale of Company securities by Directors and employees is only permitted in accordance with the Company's Securities Trading Policy.

The Company's Securities Trading Policy is available at:

<u>www.g8education.edu.au/investor-information/</u> <u>corporate-governance</u> or by contacting the registered office.

The Directors are satisfied that the Directors and employees have complied with its policies on ethical standards, including trading in securities.

PRINCIPLE 4: SAFEGUARD INTEGRITY IN FINANCIAL REPORTING

AUDIT AND RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Audit and Risk Management Committee (ARM Committee) consisted of the following Non-Executive Directors:

- · B Bailison (Chair)
- D Foster
- · M Johnson
- M Zabel

Details of these Director's qualifications and attendance at ARM Committee meetings are set out in the Directors' Report on pages 30 to 35 respectively.

All members of the ARM Committee are financially literate and have an appropriate understanding of the industry in which the Group operates.

The ARM Committee operates in accordance with a Charter which is available on the Company's website:

www.g8education.edu.au/investor-information/corporate-governance

The main responsibilities of the Committee are to:

- Review regularly with management the Company's cash flow forecasts, capital structure, including debt financing and the adherence to bank or other debt covenants and related requirements;;
- Consider the Company's treasury management policies, including hedging of trading, financing or balance sheet exposure;
- Consider the appropriateness of the Company's accounting policies and principles and any changes to them;
- Assess significant estimates and judgements in the financial reports and enquire of the external auditor regarding the reasonableness of those estimates;
- Review compliance with accounting standards and other legal requirements;
- · Review the clarity of disclosures;
- Review financial reports and recommend actions to the Board on their approval or amendment;
- Where applicable, review the Company's statement on internal control systems prior to endorsement by the Board and review the policies and processes for identifying and assessing business risks and the management of these risks by the Company;

- Review and monitor the propriety of all related party transactions;
- Make recommendations to the Board on the appointment and remuneration of the external auditor:
- · Approve the external audit plan;
- Monitor the effectiveness and independence of the auditor, ensuring that the external auditor's rotation practices, provision of non-audit services and relationships with the Company do not impair that independence;
- At least annually, obtain a formal written statement of all relationships between the external auditors and the Company;
- Discuss with the external auditor, before the audit commences, the nature and scope of the audit and review the auditors' quality control procedures and steps taken by the auditors to respond to changes in regulatory and other requirements;
- Give consideration to any other matter communicated by the external auditors, in particular serious difficulties or disputes with management encountered during the course of audits:
- Invite the external auditor to attend audit committee meetings to review the audit plan, discuss audit results and consider the implications of the external audit findings for the risk management and control environment;
- Approve the provision of non-audit services to the Company, where such services are to be provided by the external auditors of the Company.

The ARM Committee has authority to obtain, at the expense of the Company, independent expert advice and to arrange for attendance at meetings of outside parties with relevant experience and expertise if it considers necessary to assist the Committee; and to seek any information it requires from any employee (who are directed to cooperate with any request made by the Committee), or from external parties.

Before the Board approves the Company's financial statements for a financial period it receives from its Managing Director and Chief Financial Officer a declaration that, in their opinion, the financial records of the Company have been properly maintained and that the financial statements comply with the appropriate accounting standards and give a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of the Company and that the opinion has been formed on the basis of a sound system of risk management and internal control which is operating effectively.

EXTERNAL AUDITORS

The Company policy is to appoint external auditors who clearly demonstrate quality and independence.

The performance of the external auditor is reviewed annually and applications for tender of external audit services are requested as deemed appropriate, taking into consideration assessment of performance, existing value and tender costs.

Following a tender in late 2015, Ernst & Young were appointed as the Company's external auditor, effective from 1 January 2016.

An analysis of fees paid to the external auditors, including a breakdown of fees for non-audit services, is provided in the Directors' Report and in note 30 of the financial statements. The external auditors provide an annual declaration of their independence to the ARM Committee in accordance with the requirements of the Corporations Act 2001.

The external auditor attends the Annual General Meeting to be available to answer shareholder questions about the conduct of the audit and the preparation and content of the audit report.

PRINCIPLE 5 AND 6: MAKE TIMELY AND BALANCED DISCLOSURES AND RESPECT THE RIGHTS OF SHAREHOLDERS

CONTINUOUS DISCLOSURE AND SHAREHOLDER COMMUNICATION

The Company has policies and procedures on information disclosure that focus on continuous disclosure of any information concerning the Group that a reasonable person would expect to have a material impact on the price of the Company's securities.

These policies and procedures also include the arrangements the Group has in place to promote communication with shareholders and encourage effective participation at general meetings.

The Company Secretary has been nominated as the person responsible for communications with the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX). This role includes responsibility for ensuring compliance with the continuous disclosure requirements in the ASX Listing Rules and overseeing and coordinating information disclosure to the ASX, analysts, brokers, shareholders, the media and the public.

All information disclosed to the ASX is posted on the Company's website as soon as it is disclosed to the ASX. When analysts are briefed on aspects of the Group's operations, the material used in the presentation is released to the ASX and posted on the Company's website. Procedures have also been established for reviewing whether any price sensitive information has been inadvertently disclosed and, if so, this information is also immediately released to the market.

In addition, the Company seeks to provide opportunities for shareholders to participate through electronic means via the Company's website. A copy of the Company's Constitution and main Corporate Governance documents (including the Continuous Disclosure and Shareholder Engagement Policy), have been posted to a dedicated section of the Company's website at www.g8education.edu.au/investor-information/corporate-governance.

PRINCIPLE 7: RECOGNISE AND MANAGE RISK

RISK ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT

The Board is responsible for satisfying itself annually, or more frequently as required, that management has developed and implemented a sound system of risk management and internal control. Detailed work on this task is delegated to the ARM Committee and reviewed by the full Board.

The members of the ARM Committee are set out under Principle 4 above.

The ARM Committee is responsible in conjunction with management for monitoring and reviewing the policies and control systems established by management to identify and manage business risks. These risks may include but are not limited to operational, environmental, sustainability, compliance, strategic, ethical conduct, reputation or brand, technological, product or service quality, human capital, financial reporting and market related risks.

In providing this oversight, the ARM Committee:

- maintains an enterprise risk management framework and industry appropriate operational risk management frameworks;
- · reviews the Company's risk appetite and risk tolerance

(as determined by the Board) on a Company wide basis with respect to relevant categories or operational risk;

- monitors, reviews and reports on risks which may impact on G8 Education achieving its goals and objectives or the G8 Education's performance generally;
- assesses the adequacy of the Safety, Health, Environment and Quality management system and performance, including with respect to employees, customers, visitors and others in relation to G8 Education's operations;
- assesses risks which threaten compliance with G8 Education's regulatory and legal operations;
- assesses internal processes for determining and managing litigation and claims, related to both quality and non-quality issues;
- reviews the impact of changes in Safety, Health, Environment and Quality legislation, community expectations, research findings and technology;
- reviews and monitors the Safety, Health, Environment and Quality audit plan and auditing processes;
- receives and considers the results of Safety, Health,
 Environment and Quality external and internal audits;

- assesses risks which may impact on the Company's reputation; and
- reviews of actions taken by management to reduce risk exposure in the key areas of compliance with the legislation, IT and HR risk.

The ARM Committee regularly reports to and makes appropriate recommendations to the Board.

Responsibility for risk management and internal control is delegated to the appropriate level of management within the Group, with the Managing Director having ultimate responsibility to the Board for the risk management and internal control framework.

The Group has a Risk Management Policy to formally document the policies and procedures already in place to manage risk. The Company's Risk Management policy is available at: www.g8education.edu.au/investor-information/corporate-governance or by contacting the registered office.

The ARM Committee and the Board reviewed and enhanced upon the Enterprise Risk Management Policy, framework, strategic risk register and risk matrix in November 2019.

Considerable importance is placed on maintaining a strong control environment. There is an organisational structure with clearly drawn lines of accountability and delegation of authority.

The Company does not currently have an internal audit function. Instead, the ARM Committee monitors and evaluates material or systemic risks and monitors the effectiveness of internal controls implemented by management. Throughout the year various external advisors were engaged to assess and review certain aspects of the Company's internal controls. The Board believes it and the ARM Committee have appropriate oversight of existing operations and risks.

Adherence to the Code of Conduct is required at all times and the Board actively promotes a culture of quality and integrity.

CORPORATE REPORTING

In complying with recommendation 4.2, the Managing Director and Chief Financial Officer have made the following certifications to the Board:

- the Company's financial reports are complete and present a true and fair view, in all material respects, of the financial condition and operational results of the Company and Group and are in accordance with relevant accounting standards;
- the above statement is founded on a system of risk management and internal compliance and control which implements the policies adopted by the Board; and
- the Group's risk management and internal compliance and control framework is operating efficiently and effectively in all material respects in relation to financial reporting risks.

PRINCIPLE 8: REMUNERATION FAIRLY AND RESPONSIBLY

PEOPLE & CULTURE COMMITTEE

The Board established a People & Culture Committee in August 2014 that operates under a Charter approved by the Board.

The People & Culture Committee comprised the following members:

- · S Forrester (Chair)
- · J Cogin
- · M Johnson

For details of Directors' attendance at meetings of the People & Culture Committee, please refer to page 35 of the Directors' Report.

The Charter of the People & Culture Committee is publicly available on the Company's website and detailed in the Nomination Committee Terms of Reference:

www.g8education.edu.au/investor-information/ corporate-governance

The People & Culture Committee reviews, advises and makes recommendations to the Board on remuneration strategy, policies and practices for the Board, the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Chief Financial Officer, the executive leadership team and other employees. The Committee also reviews the Diversity Policy; people & culture strategy, succession planning, employee engagement and work health and safety.

Each member of the executive leadership team signs a formal employment contract at the time of their appointment covering a range of matters including their duties, rights, responsibilities and any entitlements on termination. The contract includes a specific formal job description.

The Company's Securities Trading Policy provides that Directors and members of the Executive Leadership Team must not enter into any options, derivatives or other arrangements which operate to limit the economic risk of either unvested or vested holding in the Company's securities, including those held under the Company's executive and employee share plans.

Further information on Directors' and executives' remuneration, including principles used to determine remuneration, is set out in the Directors' Report under the heading "Remuneration Report", which is disclosed on pages 40 to 59.

Non-Executive Directors do not receive options or bonus payments and are not provided with retirement benefits other than superannuation.

The Committee also assumes responsibility for performance management, development planning and succession management programs to attract, motivate and retain high quality people and to enable and develop appropriate skills, experience and capability to deliver on the Company' strategy. This includes overseeing processes in relation to meeting diversity objectives for executives and employees other than the Board.

Appendix 4G

Key to Disclosures Corporate Governance Council Principles and Recommendations

Name	of entity:		
	G8 EDUCATION LIMITED		
ABN /	ARBN:	Financial year ended:	
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Our co	These pages of our annual report: This URL on our website: https://g8education.edu.au/investor-information/corporate-governance/	ove can be found at:3	

The Corporate Governance Statement is accurate and up to date as at 21 February 2020 and has been approved by the board.

The annexure includes a key to where our corporate governance disclosures can be located.

Date: 24 February 2020

Name of Director or Secretary authorising

lodgement: Tracey Wood

¹ Under Listing Rule 4.7.3, an entity must lodge with ASX a completed Appendix 4G at the same time as it lodges its annual report with ASX. Listing Rule 4.10.3 requires an entity that is included in the official list as an ASX Listing to include in its annual report either a corporate governance statement that meets the requirements of that rule or the URL of the page on its website where such a statement is located. The corporate governance statement must disclose the extent to which the entity has followed the recommendations set by the ASX Corporate Governance Council during the reporting period. If the entity has not followed a recommendation for any part of the reporting period, its corporate governance statement must separately identify that recommendation and the period during which it was not followed and state its reasons for not following the recommendation and what (if any) alternative governance practices it adopted in lieu of the recommendation during that period.

Under Listing Rule 4.7.4, if an entity chooses to include its corporate governance statement on its website rather than in its annual report, it must lodge a copy of the corporate governance statement with ASX at the same time as it lodges its annual report with ASX. The corporate governance statement must be current as at the effective date specified in that statement for the purposes of rule 4.10.3.

² "Corporate governance statement" is defined in Listing Rule 19.12 to mean the statement referred to in Listing Rule 4.10.3 which discloses the extent to which an entity has followed the recommendations set by the ASX Corporate Governance Council during a particular reporting period.

³ Mark whichever option is correct and then complete the page number(s) of the annual report, or the URL of the web page, where the entity's corporate governance statement can be found. You can, if you wish, delete the option which is not applicable.

Throughout this form, where you are given two or more options to select, you can, if you wish, delete any option which is not applicable and just retain the option that is applicable. If you select an option that includes "<u>OR</u>" at the end of the selection and you delete the other options, you can also, if you wish, delete the "OR" at the end of the selection.

ANNEXURE – KEY TO CORPORATE GOVERNANCE DISCLOSURES

Corporate Governance Council recommendation		We have followed the recommendation in full for the whole of the period above. We have disclosed	We have NOT followed the recommendation in full for the whole of the period above. We have disclosed \ldots^4	
PRINC	PLE 1 – LAY SOLID FOUNDATIONS FOR MANAGEMENT AND OVE	ERSIGHT		
1.1	A listed entity should disclose: (a) the respective roles and responsibilities of its board and management; and (b) those matters expressly reserved to the board and those delegated to management.	the fact that we follow this recommendation: in our Corporate Governance Statement OR at [insert location] and information about the respective roles and responsibilities of our board and management (including those matters expressly reserved to the board and those delegated to management): at [insert location]	 □ an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement OR □ we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable 	
1.2	A listed entity should: (a) undertake appropriate checks before appointing a person, or putting forward to security holders a candidate for election, as a director; and (b) provide security holders with all material information in its possession relevant to a decision on whether or not to elect or re-elect a director.	the fact that we follow this recommendation: in our Corporate Governance Statement OR at [insert location]	 □ an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement <u>OR</u> □ we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable 	
1.3	A listed entity should have a written agreement with each director and senior executive setting out the terms of their appointment.	the fact that we follow this recommendation: ☑ in our Corporate Governance Statement OR ☐ at [insert location]	 □ an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement <u>OR</u> □ we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable 	
1.4	The company secretary of a listed entity should be accountable directly to the board, through the chair, on all matters to do with the proper functioning of the board.	 the fact that we follow this recommendation: ☑ in our Corporate Governance Statement OR ☐ at [insert location] 	 an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement <u>OR</u> we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable 	

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1.5	 A listed entity should: (a) have a diversity policy which includes requirements for the board or a relevant committee of the board to set measurable objectives for achieving gender diversity and to assess annually both the objectives and the entity's progress in achieving them; (b) disclose that policy or a summary of it; and (c) disclose as at the end of each reporting period the measurable objectives for achieving gender diversity set by the board or a relevant committee of the board in accordance with the entity's diversity policy and its progress towards achieving them and either: (1) the respective proportions of men and women on the board, in senior executive positions and across the whole organisation (including how the entity has defined "senior executive" for these purposes); or (2) if the entity is a "relevant employer" under the Workplace Gender Equality Act, the entity's most recent "Gender Equality Indicators", as defined in and published under that Act. 	the fact that we have a diversity policy that complies with paragraph (a): in our Corporate Governance Statement OR at [insert location] at and a copy of our diversity policy or a summary of it: at https://g8education.edu.au/investor-information/corporate-governance/ and the measurable objectives for achieving gender diversity set by the board or a relevant committee of the board in accordance with our diversity policy and our progress towards achieving them: in our Corporate Governance Statement OR at [insert location] at [insert location] at [insert location] at [insert location] at [insert location]	 □ an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement OR □ we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable
1.6	A listed entity should: (a) have and disclose a process for periodically evaluating the performance of the board, its committees and individual directors; and (b) disclose, in relation to each reporting period, whether a performance evaluation was undertaken in the reporting period in accordance with that process.	the evaluation process referred to in paragraph (a): ⊠ in our Corporate Governance Statement OR □ at [insert location] and the information referred to in paragraph (b): ⊠ in our Corporate Governance Statement OR □ at [insert location]	 □ an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement OR □ we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable

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1.7	A listed entity should: (a) have and disclose a process for periodically evaluating the performance of its senior executives; and (b) disclose, in relation to each reporting period, whether a performance evaluation was undertaken in the reporting period in accordance with that process.	the evaluation process referred to in paragraph (a): in our Corporate Governance Statement OR at [insert location] and the information referred to in paragraph (b): in our Corporate Governance Statement OR at [insert location]	 □ an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement <u>OR</u> □ we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable

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PRINCIP	PLE 2 - STRUCTURE THE BOARD TO ADD VALUE		
2.1	The board of a listed entity should: (a) have a nomination committee which: (1) has at least three members, a majority of whom are independent directors; and (2) is chaired by an independent director, and disclose: (3) the charter of the committee; (4) the members of the committee; and (5) as at the end of each reporting period, the number of times the committee met throughout the period and the individual attendances of the members at those meetings; or (b) if it does not have a nomination committee, disclose that fact and the processes it employs to address board succession issues and to ensure that the board has the appropriate balance of skills, knowledge, experience, independence and diversity to enable it to discharge its duties and responsibilities effectively.	 [If the entity complies with paragraph (a):] the fact that we have a nomination committee that complies with paragraphs (1) and (2): ☑ in our Corporate Governance Statement OR ☐ at [insert location] and a copy of the charter of the committee: ☑ at https://g8education.edu.au/investor-information/corporate-governance/ and the information referred to in paragraphs (4) and (5): ☑ in our Corporate Governance Statement OR ☐ at [insert location] [If the entity complies with paragraph (b):] the fact that we do not have a nomination committee and the processes we employ to address board succession issues and to ensure that the board has the appropriate balance of skills, knowledge, experience, independence and diversity to enable it to discharge its duties and responsibilities effectively: ☐ in our Corporate Governance Statement OR ☐ at [insert location] 	 □ an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement OR □ we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable
2.2	A listed entity should have and disclose a board skills matrix setting out the mix of skills and diversity that the board currently has or is looking to achieve in its membership.	our board skills matrix: ⊠ in our Corporate Governance Statement <u>OR</u> □ at [insert location]	 an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement <u>OR</u> we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable

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2.3	A listed entity should disclose: (a) the names of the directors considered by the board to be independent directors; (b) if a director has an interest, position, association or relationship of the type described in Box 2.3 but the board is of the opinion that it does not compromise the independence of the director, the nature of the interest, position, association or relationship in question and an explanation of why the board is of that opinion; and (c) the length of service of each director.	the names of the directors considered by the board to be independent directors: ☑ in our Corporate Governance Statement OR ☐ at [insert location] and, where applicable, the information referred to in paragraph (b): ☑ in our Corporate Governance Statement OR ☐ at [insert location] and the length of service of each director: ☑ in our Corporate Governance Statement OR ☐ at [insert location]		an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement
2.4	A majority of the board of a listed entity should be independent directors.	the fact that we follow this recommendation: ☑ in our Corporate Governance Statement OR ☐ at [insert location]		an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement <u>OR</u> we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable
2.5	The chair of the board of a listed entity should be an independent director and, in particular, should not be the same person as the CEO of the entity.	the fact that we follow this recommendation: ☑ in our Corporate Governance Statement OR ☐ at [insert location]		an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement <u>OR</u> we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable
2.6	A listed entity should have a program for inducting new directors and provide appropriate professional development opportunities for directors to develop and maintain the skills and knowledge needed to perform their role as directors effectively.	the fact that we follow this recommendation: ☑ in our Corporate Governance Statement OR ☐ at [insert location]		an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement <u>OR</u> we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable
PRINCIPLE 3 – ACT ETHICALLY AND RESPONSIBLY				
3.1	A listed entity should: (a) have a code of conduct for its directors, senior executives and employees; and (b) disclose that code or a summary of it.	 our code of conduct or a summary of it: ☑ in our Corporate Governance Statement OR ☐ at [insert location] 		an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement

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PRINCI	PLE 4 – SAFEGUARD INTEGRITY IN CORPORATE REPORTING		
4.1	The board of a listed entity should: (a) have an audit committee which: (1) has at least three members, all of whom are non-executive directors and a majority of whom are independent directors; and (2) is chaired by an independent director, who is not the chair of the board, and disclose: (3) the charter of the committee; (4) the relevant qualifications and experience of the members of the committee; and (5) in relation to each reporting period, the number of times the committee met throughout the period and the individual attendances of the members at those meetings; or (b) if it does not have an audit committee, disclose that fact and the processes it employs that independently verify and safeguard the integrity of its corporate reporting, including the processes for the appointment and removal of the external auditor and the rotation of the audit engagement partner.	 [If the entity complies with paragraph (a):] the fact that we have an audit committee that complies with paragraphs (1) and (2): ☑ in our Corporate Governance Statement OR ☐ at [insert location] and a copy of the charter of the committee: ☑ at https://g8education.edu.au/investor-information/corporate-governance/ and the information referred to in paragraphs (4) and (5): ☑ in our Corporate Governance Statement OR ☐ at [insert location] [If the entity complies with paragraph (b):] the fact that we do not have an audit committee and the processes we employ that independently verify and safeguard the integrity of our corporate reporting, including the processes for the appointment and removal of the external auditor and the rotation of the audit engagement partner: ☐ in our Corporate Governance Statement OR ☐ at [insert location] 	an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement
4.2	The board of a listed entity should, before it approves the entity's financial statements for a financial period, receive from its CEO and CFO a declaration that, in their opinion, the financial records of the entity have been properly maintained and that the financial statements comply with the appropriate accounting standards and give a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of the entity and that the opinion has been formed on the basis of a sound system of risk management and internal control which is operating effectively.	the fact that we follow this recommendation: in our Corporate Governance Statement OR at [insert location]	an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement

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4.3	A listed entity that has an AGM should ensure that its external auditor attends its AGM and is available to answer questions from security holders relevant to the audit.	the fact that we follow this recommendation: in our Corporate Governance Statement <u>OR</u> □ at [insert location]	an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement <u>OR</u> we are an externally managed entity that does not hold an annual general meeting and this recommendation is therefore not applicable
PRINCIPL	E 5 – MAKE TIMELY AND BALANCED DISCLOSURE		
5.1	A listed entity should: (a) have a written policy for complying with its continuous disclosure obligations under the Listing Rules; and (b) disclose that policy or a summary of it.	our continuous disclosure compliance policy or a summary of it: in our Corporate Governance Statement OR at [insert location]	an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement
PRINCIPL	E 6 – RESPECT THE RIGHTS OF SECURITY HOLDERS		
6.1	A listed entity should provide information about itself and its governance to investors via its website.	information about us and our governance on our website: at https://g8education.edu.au/investor-information/corporate-governance/	an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement
6.2	A listed entity should design and implement an investor relations program to facilitate effective two-way communication with investors.	the fact that we follow this recommendation: ☑ in our Corporate Governance Statement OR ☐ at [insert location]	an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement
6.3	A listed entity should disclose the policies and processes it has in place to facilitate and encourage participation at meetings of security holders.	our policies and processes for facilitating and encouraging participation at meetings of security holders: in our Corporate Governance Statement OR at https://g8education.edu.au/investor-information/corporate-governance/	an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement <u>OR</u> we are an externally managed entity that does not hold periodic meetings of security holders and this recommendation is therefore not applicable
6.4	A listed entity should give security holders the option to receive communications from, and send communications to, the entity and its security registry electronically.	the fact that we follow this recommendation: □ in our Corporate Governance Statement OR □ at [insert location]	an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement

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PRINCIP	LE 7 – RECOGNISE AND MANAGE RISK		
7.1	The board of a listed entity should:	[If the entity complies with paragraph (a):]	an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance
	(a) have a committee or committees to oversee risk, each of which:	the fact that we have a committee or committees to oversee risk that comply with paragraphs (1) and (2):	Statement
	 has at least three members, a majority of whom are independent directors; and 		
	(2) is chaired by an independent director,	at [insert location]	
	and disclose:	and a copy of the charter of the committee:	
	(3) the charter of the committee;	at https://g8education.edu.au/investor-information/corporate-	
	(4) the members of the committee; and	governance/	
	 (5) as at the end of each reporting period, the number of times the committee met throughout the period and the individual attendances of the members at those meetings; or (b) if it does not have a risk committee or committees that satisfy (a) above, disclose that fact and the processes it employs for overseeing the entity's risk management framework. 	and the information referred to in paragraphs (4) and (5): in our Corporate Governance Statement OR at [insert location] [If the entity complies with paragraph (b):] the fact that we do not have a risk committee or committees that satisfy (a) and the processes we employ for overseeing our risk management framework: in our Corporate Governance Statement OR	
		at [insert location]	
7.2	The board or a committee of the board should: (a) review the entity's risk management framework at least annually to satisfy itself that it continues to be sound; and (b) disclose, in relation to each reporting period, whether such a review has taken place.	the fact that board or a committee of the board reviews the entity's risk management framework at least annually to satisfy itself that it continues to be sound: in our Corporate Governance Statement OR at [insert location]	an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement
]		and that such a review has taken place in the reporting period covered by this Appendix 4G:	
		☐ in our Corporate Governance Statement <u>OR</u>	
		at [insert location]	

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7.3	A listed entity should disclose: (a) if it has an internal audit function, how the function is structured and what role it performs; or (b) if it does not have an internal audit function, that fact and the processes it employs for evaluating and continually improving the effectiveness of its risk management and internal control processes.	[If the entity complies with paragraph (a):] how our internal audit function is structured and what role it performs: □ in our Corporate Governance Statement OR □ at [insert location] [If the entity complies with paragraph (b):] the fact that we do not have an internal audit function and the processes we employ for evaluating and continually improving the effectiveness of our risk management and internal control processes: □ in our Corporate Governance Statement OR □ at [insert location]	an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement
7.4	A listed entity should disclose whether it has any material exposure to economic, environmental and social sustainability risks and, if it does, how it manages or intends to manage those risks.	whether we have any material exposure to economic, environmental and social sustainability risks and, if we do, how we manage or intend to manage those risks: in our Corporate Governance Statement OR at Annual Report, Strategic Report Page 20-21	an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement

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PRINCIPI	LE 8 – REMUNERATE FAIRLY AND RESPONSIBLY		
8.1	The board of a listed entity should: (a) have a remuneration committee which: (1) has at least three members, a majority of whom are independent directors; and (2) is chaired by an independent director, and disclose: (3) the charter of the committee; (4) the members of the committee; and (5) as at the end of each reporting period, the number of times the committee met throughout the period and the individual attendances of the members at those meetings; or (b) if it does not have a remuneration committee, disclose that fact and the processes it employs for setting the level and composition of remuneration for directors and senior executives and ensuring that such remuneration is appropriate and not excessive.	 [If the entity complies with paragraph (a):] the fact that we have a remuneration committee that complies with paragraphs (1) and (2): ☑ in our Corporate Governance Statement OR ☐ at [insert location] and a copy of the charter of the committee: ☑ at https://g8education.edu.au/investor-information/corporate-governance/ and the information referred to in paragraphs (4) and (5): ☑ in our Corporate Governance Statement OR ☐ at [insert location] [If the entity complies with paragraph (b):] the fact that we do not have a remuneration committee and the processes we employ for setting the level and composition of remuneration for directors and senior executives and ensuring that such remuneration is appropriate and not excessive: ☐ in our Corporate Governance Statement OR ☐ at [insert location] 	 □ an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement OR □ we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable
8.2	A listed entity should separately disclose its policies and practices regarding the remuneration of non-executive directors and the remuneration of executive directors and other senior executives.	separately our remuneration policies and practices regarding the remuneration of non-executive directors and the remuneration of executive directors and other senior executives: in our Corporate Governance Statement OR at [insert location]	 □ an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement <u>OR</u> □ we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable

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8.3	A listed entity which has an equity-based remuneration scheme should: (a) have a policy on whether participants are permitted to enter into transactions (whether through the use of derivatives or otherwise) which limit the economic risk of participating in the scheme; and (b) disclose that policy or a summary of it.	our policy on this issue or a summary of it: in our Corporate Governance Statement OR at [insert location]	 □ an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement <u>OR</u> □ we do not have an equity-based remuneration scheme and this recommendation is therefore not applicable <u>OR</u> □ we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable
ADDITIO	NAL DISCLOSURES APPLICABLE TO EXTERNALLY MANAGED	LISTED ENTITIES	
-	Alternative to Recommendation 1.1 for externally managed listed entities: The responsible entity of an externally managed listed entity should disclose: (a) the arrangements between the responsible entity and the listed entity for managing the affairs of the listed entity; (b) the role and responsibility of the board of the responsible entity for overseeing those arrangements.	the information referred to in paragraphs (a) and (b): in our Corporate Governance Statement OR at [insert location]	an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement
-	Alternative to Recommendations 8.1, 8.2 and 8.3 for externally managed listed entities: An externally managed listed entity should clearly disclose the terms governing the remuneration of the manager.	the terms governing our remuneration as manager of the entity: in our Corporate Governance Statement OR at [insert location]	an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement