CATHOLIC EDUCATION POLICY PRIORITIES

Catholic education is seeking a statement from both major parties on their education policies and how they will affect the 735,000 students educated in the 1,706 Catholic schools across Australia. Both major parties have been asked the six questions below. Their responses will be provided in the near future.

POLICY QUESTIONS

1. How will your policy support parents to choose the education they want for their children and ensure religious freedom for Catholic schools is preserved?

2. How will your policy affect the ability of Catholic education systems and schools to distribute funding according to locally-identified needs?

3. How will your policy deliver additional government funding to support student needs and ensure funding keeps pace with the real cost of educating a child?

4. How will your policy support the needs of students with particular disadvantage, students with disability and other special needs to receive funding to meet their needs, regardless of the school they attend?

5. What government funding for the capital needs of Catholic schools do you have planned? Does this funding recognise Catholic education’s support of disadvantaged communities and willingness to establish in new growth areas?

6. How will your policy deliver funding certainty for schools?

Catholic education will continue to work with all parties in the Parliament to ensure that Catholic schools have the resources to support the needs of all students.