

Statement for Parents

## **Catholic School Funding**

There has been considerable media coverage in recent days about the government's education funding announcement.

There have been mixed reviews and commentary about whether or not this will help Australian students.

Catholic Education South Australia supports the government's move to make education funding equitable and fair. Schools must receive needs-based funding that reflects the particular needs of students in their school community.

Today the government has launched a website that lists the funding estimates for every school in the country: <https://www.education.gov.au/sites/education/files/sch/calc/index.html>

The website reports that South Australian Catholic schools will receive an increase in funding; we are yet to verify these amounts.

Any increase in funding is appreciated and makes a positive difference to student learning and wellbeing.

At this stage, we still have insufficient details to fully understand the impact this new funding agreement will have on Catholic schools in South Australia.

In the past systemically funded Catholic schools have been block funded which has enabled the redistribution of funds to schools based on our funding mechanism which is informed by Catholic social justice principles.

We look forward to future discussion and consultation with the government about these estimates and the ongoing funding of Catholic Education South Australia.

Please be assured that at the heart of all discussions will be ensuring and securing quality affordable education for every child.

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