

Catholic Education Priorities

FEDERAL ELECTION PRIORITIES

Catholic education is seeking the following commitments in the 2022 Federal Election:

Supporting school choice

Support for Catholic schools to be an affordable choice for Australian families through:

- **Funding certainty** by continuing the 10-year agreement and the current level of **indexation** to reflect increasing educational costs
- Refining **loadings for student need**, school size, regional and remote location
- Maintaining the **Choice and Affordability Fund**
- Advancing the review of the **Capacity to Contribute** formula to 2024 to ensure fairer parent contributions
- Improving **capital funding** support to adequately resource learning environments

Enabling faith-based education

- Appropriate **legislation and educational policy** to enable Catholic schools to operate and teach within a religious ethos

Delivering national priorities

- Extending the **Non-Government Reform Support Fund beyond 2022** to support the delivery of the National Education Reform Agreement and emerging priorities such as quality teaching
- Supporting **Early Childhood Education** in the two years prior to school, capital funding to grow the number of services, and improved alignment for school delivery
- Better access to **Mental Health and Wellbeing** programs to address the increasing challenge of student mental health and wellbeing, particularly for educationally disadvantaged students
- Better access for **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students** in Catholic schools to Closing the Gap initiatives that support the complex needs of students