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CATHOLIC EDUCATION CONGRATULATES DAN TEHAN ON RE-APPOINTMENT

The National Catholic Education Commission (NCEC) today welcomed the reappointment of the Hon Dan Tehan as Education Minister, saying it provides stability and enables better progress on important issues.

NCEC Executive Director Jacinta Collins said Mr Tehan's reappointment gives him the opportunity to finalise the new school funding arrangements he announced in September last year.

"Catholic Education is pleased Mr Tehan is able to continue in this role," Ms Collins said.

"His understanding of the portfolio and his constructive approach bodes well for the future.

"A full parliamentary term will enable him to work with non-government school sectors to bed down many aspects of the fairer funding arrangements that are due to commence in 2020.

"We look forward to working with a Minister who understands the complex nature of funding issues and their impact on Australian families.

"Another priority will be meeting the Prime Minister's commitment to ensure faith-based schools maintain their freedom to employ staff who will support their values and teachings."

Ms Collins said the delivery of education in Australia is a partnership between governments and the three school sectors – public, Catholic and independent.

"Australia is richer for having a schools network that allows parents to affordably access the education that best meets the needs of their child."

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