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## **Federal Budget: Catholic education welcomes the government's commitment to deliver national education priorities**

Catholic education welcomes the extension of the Non-Government Reform Support Fund for a further year to assist with the delivery of national reform priorities, announced in tonight's budget.

National Catholic Education executive director Jacinta Collins said the government has provided \$62.4 million to extend the National School Reform Fund and Non-Government Reform Support Fund until the end of 2023, aligned to Commonwealth and State Reform Agreements terms.

"This will enable Catholic schools to continue to implement agreed national and state-based reform initiatives set out in the National School Reform Agreement, and other emerging priorities," Ms Collins said.

"These priorities include initial teacher education, learning progressions and online formative assessment, the review of senior secondary pathways, disability standards and the Australian Curriculum review.

"These are significant reform agendas to improve educational standards and learning outcomes in schools and we thank the government for their ongoing commitment and recognition that these areas require adequate resourcing," she said.

NCEC is the peak body for Catholic education in Australia and is responsible for the national coordination and representation of Catholic schools and school authorities

**Nationally, there are 1,755 Catholic schools educating more than 785,000 students – or one in five Australian students and employing over 102,000 staff.**