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CATHOLIC SECTOR WELCOMES EXPANDED TAX REBATE PROVISIONS

The National Catholic Education Commission welcomes the announcement today from the Coalition that they will expand the Education Tax Rebate from 2011 – providing extra funds and permitting a wider range of eligible education expenses for families eligible for Family Tax Benefit A with children attending school.

“This expanded benefit will be a great help to families on low-to-average incomes who have children at school”, said Dr Bill Griffiths, CEO of the National Catholic Education Commission.

“No child is denied a place in a Catholic school because of the parent’s inability to pay school fees”, said Dr Griffiths. “But the expanded benefit will help needy families everywhere meet the significant costs that all parents incur.

“Catholic schools work hard at keeping fee levels to a reasonable level. We acknowledge the significant bipartisan financial support Catholic schools receive from Governments. It is encouraging that a prospective government is prepared to support parents in this practical way”, said Dr Griffiths.

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