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CATHOLIC EDUCATION IN AUSTRALIA 2010

There have been mixed messages in the media about school funding. Here are the facts about the way funding is allocated to Catholic schools in Australia.

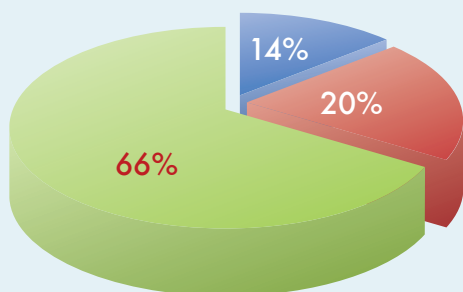
FACTS ON CATHOLIC EDUCATION

- Catholic schools have been providing a quality education for Australian children for over 180 years.
- There are approximately 1700 Catholic schools in Australia, with an enrolment of almost 704,000 students – that's 20% of all Australian school students.
- Two out of every five Catholic schools are located outside of Australia's major cities.
- In Australia, the Catholic school system employs over 78,000 people. This is more people than the entire Australian workforce involved in the manufacturing of motor vehicles, or the same number of people that are employed across every single department store in Australia.

FUNDING OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

- Catholic school students receive significantly less government funding than students in government schools
- Some of this gap is made up by contributions from parents and parishes through fees and levies, however Catholic schools strive to keep fees low so that schools remain accessible.
- No child is ever denied a Catholic education because of their family's financial situation.
- On average, Catholic schools operate at about 85% of the resourcing level of government schools, even when parent contributions are taken into account.

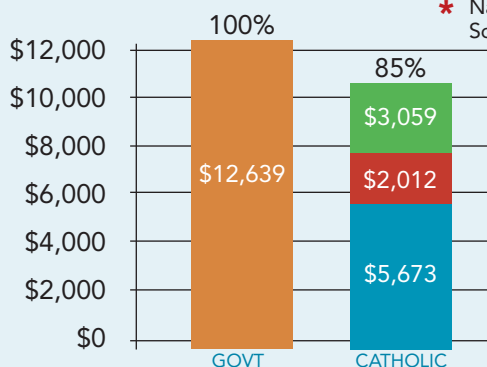
PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS PER SCHOOLING SECTOR



- Other non-government schools 14%
- Catholic schools 20%
- Government schools 66%

AVERAGE RESOURCING LEVELS GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS AND AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS *

* National Report on Schooling 2008



- State and federal funding
- Federal funding
- State funding
- Parent contributions

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