
Catholic sector looks forward to working with the new Federal Education and Youth Minister

The National Catholic Education Commission (NCEC) is looking forward to working with the new Minister for Education and Youth, Alan Tudge MP, announced by Prime Minister Scott Morrison today, and thanks outgoing Minister Dan Tehan MP for his work in the education portfolio.

NCEC executive director Jacinta Collins said the Catholic sector has had a productive working relationship with Minister Tehan over the past few years.

“Catholic education is pleased to have worked with Mr Tehan, particularly in providing funding certainty for our schools by finalising the new school funding arrangements,” Ms Collins said.

“Mr Tehan has always engaged with our sector and school communities in a constructive and supportive way. We congratulate him on his appointment as Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment and wish him well in his new portfolio.

“We also congratulate Alan Tudge MP on his appointment as the new Minister for Education and Youth and look forward to working with him,” she said.

“Australian Catholic education is celebrating our bicentenary next year and it’s because of the commitment of successive governments over the past 60 years that we have been able to contribute to the educational needs of one in five students in Australia.

“We welcome the opportunity to continue our work, and the positive and productive working relationship we have with the Morrison government,” Ms Collins said.

In Australia, there are 1,751 Catholic schools educating 768,000 students and employing 98,000 staff. Nearly 40 per cent of Catholic schools are located outside of metropolitan cities in regional, rural and remote communities.

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