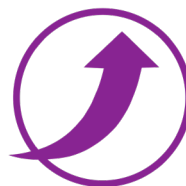




Strategic Priorities 2021 - 2023





Catholic schools have been serving Australian families for 200 years.

From humble beginnings, we have seen extraordinary growth over two centuries to become the single largest provider of schooling outside of government.

Millions of Australians have been educated in our schools.

Today, 1,751 Catholic schools are educating 768,000 students from approximately 450,000 families. Our schools employ 98,000 staff across Australia. Around 40 per cent of schools are outside of metropolitan areas, meeting the needs of regional, rural, and remote communities.

Working collaboratively with State and Territory Catholic Education Commissions, the National Catholic Education Commission advocates through effective liaison with the Federal Government and key national education bodies. Our role is to ensure the needs of Catholic schools are served through funding, legislation and policy.

Our last strategic phase saw the significant introduction of a fairer funding model for non-government schools, among other achievements. Our plan for the next three years will focus on our shared mission of forming young people of faith, ensuring each child fulfills their learning potential, and better supporting schools to meet the needs of our growing population, disadvantaged communities, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, students with disability, and families with early childhood learning.

Our work is to ensure a thriving Catholic education sector which offers parents access to, and choice of, a faith-based education for their children. Catholic education continues to advocate for fair and inclusive funding that sustains both a public and an accessible alternative faith-based school system widely available across Australia.

Our three strategic priorities have been developed in response to the current and emerging needs and challenges of Catholic schools.

We thank those who have contributed to the development of our strategic plan under the guidance of our Commissioners and Standing Committees. We look forward to working nationally with all those involved in Catholic education to realise our priorities.

Nicholas Moore
Chair

Jacinta Collins
National Executive Director

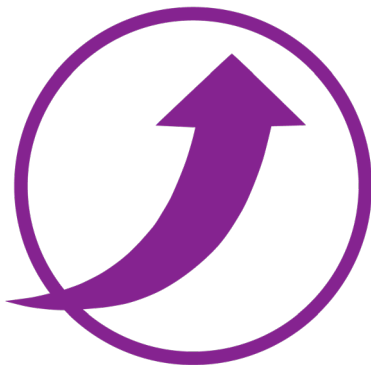
Our Mission

To promote Christ-centred education providing excellent and inclusive schooling.



PRIORITY 1

Enliven faith formation and religious education



PRIORITY 2

Support the continual improvement of educational outcomes for all students



PRIORITY 3

Respond to the needs of families through strong advocacy for recurrent and capital funding, legislation and policy

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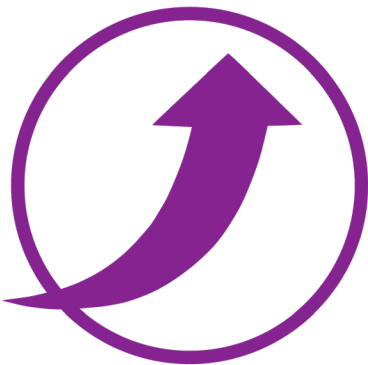
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Enliven faith formation
and religious education

STRATEGIES

The identity and mission of Catholic schools calls us to strengthen faith in the lives of students, families, and staff

- Research staff, student and family attitudes about the importance of faith in their lives
- Enter into dialogue with Catholic school communities about the faith formation and religious education of students
- Further explore a national approach for faith formation and religious education in Catholic schools
- Engage with and respond to the discernment processes of the Plenary Council about Catholic education



PRIORITY 2

Support the continual
improvement of
educational outcomes
for all students

STRATEGIES

Promote improved student results in key performance measures across the full range of students

- Develop a national approach to the collection and analysis of data on educational outcomes in Catholic schools
- Develop national benchmarks for Catholic schools to support continual improvement in educational outcomes
- Advocate for improved resourcing to support students with additional learning needs
- Research effective strategies for increasing Year 12 completion rates and to support students transitioning to post school education and work



PRIORITY 3

Respond to the needs of families through strong advocacy for recurrent and capital funding, legislation and policy

STRATEGIES

Address issues of access to Catholic education for families particularly those from disadvantaged backgrounds

- Research the priorities of families for Catholic schooling
- Advocate a fairer funding formula from the government to ensure Catholic school choice is affordable for families
- Assist Catholic school systems to deliver increased early childhood learning services across Australia

Achieve an increase in funding for Catholic school capital projects

- Present the case for government investment into Catholic school capital projects
- Explore greater utilisation of existing resources and investigate potential revenue streams for capital projects





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