

# Major Parties Report Card



## CATHOLIC EDUCATION PRIORITIES

### Supporting school choice

Catholic school parents on average contribute 26% to the cost of their child's education.



Genuine school choice relies on governments to provide fair funding, maintain the current level of indexation, bring forward the review of parent contributions, and continue the Non-Government Reform Support Fund for priorities like supporting students with disability.

### Early Childhood Education

Every child needs affordable access to high quality early childhood education in the first two years of school to give the best start to learning.



Catholic schools need capital funding and support to provide onsite quality early childhood centres.

### Enabling faith-based education

Protect the right of parents to choose a faith-based education for their children.



Genuine school choice relies on governments to protect religious freedom.

### Mental Health & Wellbeing

More young people are experiencing mental health and wellbeing challenges than ever before.



Catholic schools are an important partner in identifying, supporting and monitoring student wellbeing, and need better access to mental health and wellbeing programs and services to support students and families.

### Capital Funding

Catholic schools pay 90% of the cost of building and maintaining their schools – governments pay 10%.



Genuine school choice relies on governments to improve capital support for Catholic schools.

### Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Students

Catholic schools are focused on Closing the Gap targets, cultural, learning and wellbeing initiatives to respond to the needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students.



To support these initiatives Catholic schools need better access to national initiatives.

Note: Ratings are determined by responses to policy questions and public statements.

**Make education a priority this federal election - Vote for a party that does too.**

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