



# Fair Funding for Catholic Schools



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**EDUCATION**

**Every child's education is affected by the decisions and policies of our State Government.**

**This flier provides a simple summary of the key issues that Catholic Education South Australia believes are important to ensure that every child receives the best education possible.**

**We encourage you to make an informed decision when you vote in the State election on March 19.**

Catholic Education South Australia is committed to working in partnership with government to continue to provide quality education to South Australians and play our part to ensure South Australia is a thriving community of excellence.

In the lead up to the State election we asked Political Parties to respond to seven key issues that are important to Catholic Education South Australia and families in our schools.



**We encourage you to read the full statement made by each party, including any additional promises, on our website:**  
**[cesa.catholic.edu.au/state-election](https://cesa.catholic.edu.au/state-election)**

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## What our schools need...

### Recurrent Funding

We seek a commitment to maintain the state government school funding contribution at 22% of the Schooling Resource Standard (SRS).

### Capital Funding

We seek a commitment to increase annual capital grant allocations to Catholic Education South Australia, from \$11.7 million in 2021, to the following amounts over the next four years:  
2022 – \$14m, 2023 – \$16m, 2024 – \$18m, 2025 – \$20m

### Preschool Education

We seek a commitment to increase the number of state government funded preschool places in Catholic Education from 420 to 1,000 by 2025.

### Fair Access to Rural and Regional Buses

We seek a commitment to increase the state government contribution to support fair access to rural and regional bus services from \$1 million per annum (indexed) to \$1.5 million per annum (indexed).

### Year 7 Transition Funding

We seek a commitment to allocate \$10 million to recognise the significant costs incurred in the transition of Year 7 students into secondary settings.

### COVID-19 Responsibilities

We seek a commitment to the continued provision of mandated supplies to ensure the safety of students and staff during the current COVID-19 pandemic.

### Vocational Education and Technical Colleges

We seek a commitment to work in partnership with Catholic Education to more efficiently expand the provision of vocational education.

The Labor Party and the Liberal Party were the only political parties who responded to the invitation from Catholic Education South Australia to respond to the 7 issues of key importance to our families.

## POLITICAL PARTY RESPONSES

Labor Party	Liberal Party
The Labor party will ensure that funding for Catholic school students continues at 22% of the Schooling Resource Standard. ✓	The Liberal party will continue to support Catholic school students at 22% of the Schooling Resource Standard. ✓
The Labor party will continue to provide capital grant funding to Catholic Education SA at the current level of baseline funding (approximately \$6m in 2022).	The Liberal party will continue to provide capital grant funding to Catholic Education SA at the current indexed level in the budget (approximately \$6m in 2022).
The Labor Party will establish a Royal Commission into Early Childhood Education and Care.	The Liberal party will work closely with Catholic Education SA to develop a framework for planning new services.
The Labor party will provide support for Catholic school buses for \$1.5 million per year (indexed). ✓	The Liberal party will increase the support for Catholic school buses to \$1.5 million per year (indexed). ✓
The Labor party will continue to fund all schools at the rate set under current agreements but no retrospective payment will be made.	The Liberal Party does not support a retrospective payment of \$10 million for the transition of Year 7 students into a secondary setting.
The Labor party will continue the current provision of mandated supplies to Catholic schools. ✓	To date the Liberal Party has supported Catholic schools with provision of Rapid Antigen Tests. ✓
Labor will work with Catholic Education SA to explore options to expand the provision of vocational education to students in South Australia. ✓	The Liberal Party will continue their partnership with Catholic Education SA for the provision of vocational education and training in South Australia. ✓

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# Make an Informed Decision...

We encourage everyone to consider how their vote will impact the education of children in Catholic schools.

Whether you are a parent, grandparent, parishioner, teacher or a part of the wider Catholic community we encourage you to make **your vote count!**

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For more information, visit the Catholic Education South Australia website:

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