Keep Catholic Education affordable and accessible to all

Catholic schools welcome students from diverse cultural, social and economic backgrounds. Families from all walks of life choose Catholic schools.

Catholic schools are accessible to most Australian families. They are affordable because of modest tuition fees. No child is refused enrolment in a Catholic school because his or her parents cannot pay full fees.

The Federal Government is conducting a sweeping review of school funding – government, Catholic and independent alike. The National Catholic Education Commission (NCEC) has made a submission to the review calling for certainty so it can continue its commitment to equity, accessibility and affordability. You can read the submission at www.ncec.catholic.edu.au

Even after parent contributions are taken into account, Catholic schools are resourced at around 10% less than government schools. Income per student at Catholic schools is $10,008 per student and for government schools it is $11,132 (My School website, March 2011).

Catholic schools have a commitment to supporting all families – no matter what their economic or social circumstances. The capacity for Catholic schools to maintain this commitment as a minimum depends on government funding support continuing in real terms.

Catholic schools have been providing quality education to Australian children for over 180 years; this year alone 712,864 Australian children are being educated in Catholic schools.