Did You Know?

- Catholic schools have been educating Australian children for over 180 years
- Catholic schools are marked by common religious beliefs and values and a commitment to democratic principles
- Catholic schools are committed to providing exceptional educational experiences founded in the Catholic ethos
- Catholic schools make a significant contribution to the social, cultural, and economic life of the nation
- Catholic schools, like public schools, fulfill a public role

- Funding for Catholic schools comes from the Australian and State governments and parents and parishes
- Catholic school parents also contribute significantly to the cost of their children’s education
- Government funding for ALL schools needs to be increased

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It’s a Fact...

- All Australian children deserve an equitable share of Government funds to support their education
- Catholic school students receive considerably less combined government funding than students in government schools
- Some of the gap in funding is made up by parents and parishes through fees and levies
- Parents contribute over $710 million through fees, charges and donations and provide a further $257 million contribution to capital costs

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Enrolments for all NSW school students

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Notes: Totals may not add due to rounding. Non-Government schools include Catholic and other Independent schools.