

Funding Facts

Fair Funding for SA Catholic Schools

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Catholic schools educate 1 in 5 students in SA

Catholic schools make a significant contribution to the vitality of South Australia, educating close to 20% of students.

We welcome students from a diverse range of backgrounds, including:

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders
- migrants and children of refugee experience
- students with disability
- students on school card and reduced fees.



46,000
CATHOLIC SCHOOL
STUDENTS



6,500
STAFF COMMITTED TO
QUALITY EDUCATION



103
SCHOOLS IN RURAL
& METRO AREAS

How does school funding work?

On average, SA Catholic schools are funded by the State government (14%), the Federal government (54%) and parent contributions via school fees (32%).



Students in SA Catholic schools short-changed \$15.8 million* in 2017

South Australian State government funding to each student in a Catholic school is the lowest of all States and Territories in Australia.

* Calculation based on current student enrolments. Funding source data: NCEC Annual Report 2015.

OUR STUDENTS DESERVE BETTER!

Why should a student at a Catholic school get less simply because they live in SA?
We want the State Government to match the national average.



Funding per student = SA VIC QLD national average NSW WA

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INFO SHEET - CAPITAL FUNDING

Catholic schools in SA need fair funding

All schools – government, Catholic and Independent – deserve access to a fair funding model.

Capital funding is essential to ensure schools have quality learning spaces and facilities.

Since 2002, the State government has spent \$2.2 billion¹ on capital funding for school and early years infrastructure. During the same period, SA Catholic schools received no capital funding from the State government.

Our students deserve better.

Why are SA Catholic schools missing out?



\$60.3 M
QLD Schools



\$21 M
VIC Schools



\$20.2 M
NSW Schools



\$1.7 M
TAS Schools



\$1.2 M
NT Schools

\$0
SA Schools

Capital funding given to Catholic Schools by their local State government in 2017

We want:



the State government to provide our schools with \$5.5 million² in capital funding.

Help us make it happen...

talk to your MP and candidates in your electorate.



Make your VOTE count for your child's education.

Go to www.cesa.catholic.edu.au for more information in the lead up to the next State election.

1. https://service.sa.gov.au/cdn/statebudget/budget201718/pdfs/media-releases/education-new_schools_for_the_north_and_south.pdf
2. \$5.5 million in 2018 and an ongoing indexed capital grant.