



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS PARTNERS IN AUSTRALIA'S FUTURE



UNDERSTANDING THE FACTS *on Catholic school funding*

For 200 years, Catholic schools have educated children in Australia. Today, Catholic schools enrol more than 760,000 students in 1,731 schools across Australia.

It is important to understand the facts on funding for Catholic schools, which educate one in five Australian students.

A strong Catholic education system contributes to a strong Australian community. All governments provide important funding for Catholic schools along with families who contribute to the costs of Catholic education through fees and fundraising.

According to the Australian Government's My School website, Catholic students receive, on average, 17 per cent less government funding than students in government schools. In dollar terms, Catholic school students received \$10,000 in government funding in 2014, on average, while students in government schools received \$12,100.

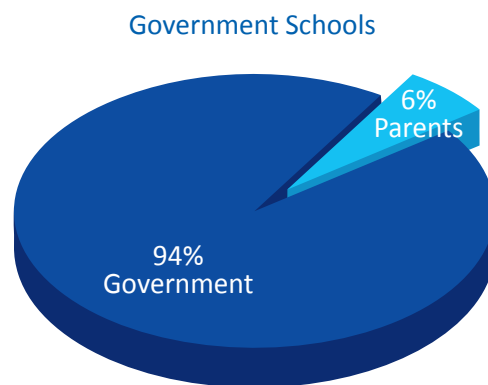
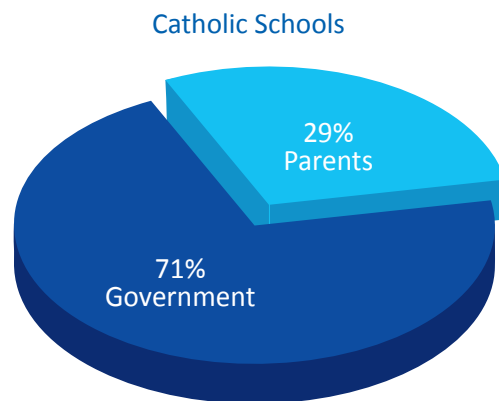
The Commonwealth provides 76 per cent of the government funding Catholic schools receive. State and territory governments provide 82 per cent of the funding for government schools.

Even when parent fees are taken into consideration, Catholic schools operate with roughly the same level of recurrent funding as government schools.

Catholic schools save the taxpayer \$1.6 billion each year in recurrent funding and take the pressure off government schools.

Catholic school parents also provide the majority of funding for capital works to build schools the government would otherwise have to fund – creating additional savings for governments and taxpayers.

HOW SCHOOLS ARE FUNDED



Find out more at SchoolFundingFacts.com

Sources: My School funding data 2014; Australian Bureau of Statistics, Schools, 2015. Authorised by Ross Fox, National Catholic Education Commission, Level 3, 156 Gloucester St, Sydney