



# CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Archdiocese of Canberra & Goulburn

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## Key Facts

- The Minister has confirmed funding for Catholic schools will be cut from \$109 million today to \$107 million in 2027 with no increase for salaries and other schools costs which are expected to rise by more than \$50 million over the period.
- Teacher salaries alone are estimated to grow by nearly \$40 million.
- Schools and the system will need to consider all possible options to cover funding shortfall by raising fees or reducing costs.
- Education Minister Simon Birmingham has written to all Catholic schools in the ACT confirming their funding will be cut.
- Our students deserve the same resources as the students in a nearby government school, ACT government schools have been promised a funding rise of 145% over ten years.
- We are not asking for a special deal we are simply asking for fair funding that keeps pace with rising costs so we can keep our schools affordable for all families who want a Catholic education.
- The alternative is Catholic students join the government school system and that will cost governments far more than it will to fund us fairly.

## What can you do to help?

- School funding is complicated but the facts are clear. Cuts to Catholic schools will hurt our students and put families and teachers under pressure.
- We need you to share these facts with friends, to influence conversations and correct misinformation.
- Share the facts via social media.
- Call your political leaders and ask why your tax payer dollars are going to increased funding for government and independent schools while funding is being cut at your child's school. Seek a meeting. Invite them to your school and show them why funding is so important.
- Write to your paper and call on political leaders to reverse these funding cuts and provide fair funding for your child that covers rising costs.

- Your MP contact details are:

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