

Pastoral Message from the
Catholic Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn



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FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FUNDING PROPOSALS

Dear Friends,

No doubt you are aware of major Federal Government proposals regarding Catholic school funding.

Whereas we all agree that responsible stewardship is needed in relation to our nation's resources for education, the Catholic Bishops are very concerned about the new funding model proposed for Catholic schools.

We are not looking for any special deals. But we are expecting new arrangements to be fair and reasonable.

As your Archbishop, I am particularly concerned that the proposed model will unfairly cut very significant funding to our schools but especially to our ACT schools.

I urge you to become more informed on this most significant issue and register your concerns with your elected politicians.

The Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn educates 22,000 students in 56 schools and has over 2,000 dedicated staff.

For further information, see www.cg.catholic.edu.au

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