Fact Sheet 2: Why fund Catholic Schools?
Projected savings to the government

The projected growth of Catholic schooling will not be possible under the existing funding regime. This presents a significant problem for the government as every student enrolled in a Catholic school saves the government considerable sums of money.

From a recurrent funding perspective more than four times the state funding will be required for every child that attends a government school because they could not get into a Catholic school.

From a capital funding perspective, the Catholic community takes responsibility for sourcing and purchasing suitable land for new schools and contributes the majority of the construction costs. Adding another 30 schools to the state government infrastructure requirements will add billions of dollars to state expenditure.

Providing additional funding to the non-government sector to meet the schooling needs of Western Australia’s growing population makes good financial sense with savings to the government in the hundreds of million dollars.