The Australian government is currently reviewing funding for all schools and it is likely that the government will soon propose new funding arrangements. At present, there are concerns that Catholic schools will not obtain the funding needed to continue offering a quality education, while also keeping school fees as low as possible.

The chart highlights that students in Catholic schools, on average, receive less government funding than that provided to students in government schools and consequently operate with less total resources even when private income is added on.

This will be a significant issue leading up to the Federal election in September this year as any change to current funding arrangements which reduces government funding to the Catholic sector will have a significant impact on Catholic schools and in turn school fees.

Catholic education seeks to ensure that the crucial role of Catholic schools in the Australian education landscape, as a low fee provider of quality education, will continue to be recognised with appropriate funding.

**Catholic Education seeks a commitment from the next state government that the implications for Catholic schools will also be considered in forming a state position on whether to sign up to the Federal Government’s funding reforms**