

# QUEENSLAND ELECTION 2017

## Priorities in Catholic Education



### School Communities Needs at a Glance



#### Funding Teaching and Learning

Combined recurrent and targeted program funding for Catholic schools and kindergartens to be increased at least in line with CPI.



#### Building New Schools

Demand for new schools can only be met through the continuation of the Capital Assistance Supplementary Scheme.



#### Increasing Kindergarten Access

The Catholic sector is seeking funding support to build 40 additional kindergartens over four years to expand access to kindergarten learning.



#### Improving Teacher Housing

A new partnership needs to be developed with Government to improve teacher accommodation in rural and remote Catholic schools.



#### Developing Teacher Capability

Funding for the highly successful Teacher Capability Program should be restored to 2017-18 levels and indexed to CPI.



#### Supporting Parent Engagement

Continued financial support for parent engagement activities will deliver better learning outcomes for students.

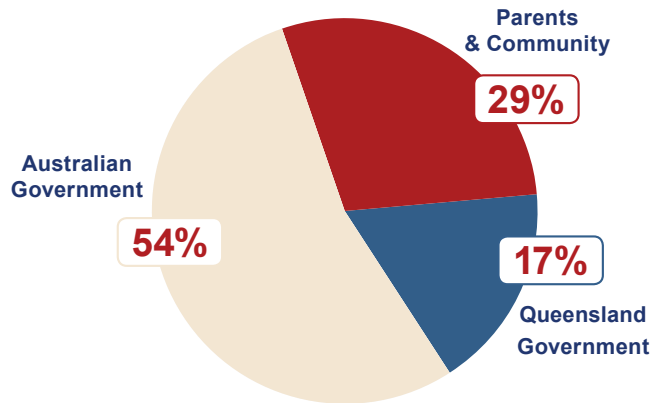


# Recurrent funding

Catholic schools educate around one in five Queensland students. In 2016 State Government funding accounted for around 17 per cent of all recurrent funding for Queensland Catholic schools. The Catholic sector also operates 25 kindergartens to help provide the best possible start for our youngest students.

**Catholic schools call on all political parties to commit to ensure combined recurrent and targeted program funding for schools and kindergartens is increased at least in line with CPI and reflects enrolment and needs growth.**

Recurrent funding sources



# Capital funding - Schools

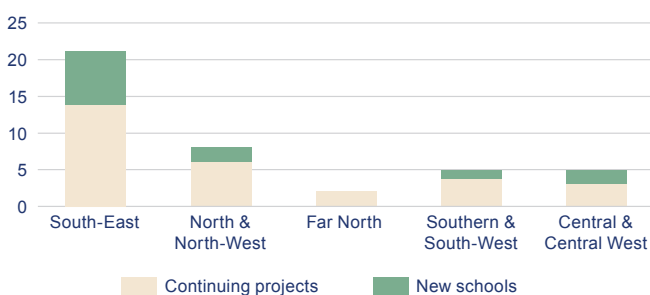
To continue to meet demand and ensure undue pressure is not placed on state schools the Catholic sector needs capital funding to support the development of new schools in high growth areas through Queensland.

The Catholic sector proposes to commence construction on 12 greenfield sites over the period 2018-2021 and continue 29 part-built projects.

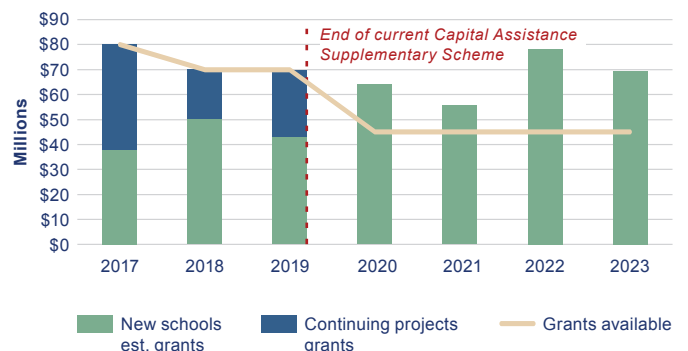
**The Catholic sector is seeking \$75 million over three years from 2019/20 through the Capital Assistance Supplementary Scheme.**



New schools and continuations 2018-2021



New schools funding required v. grants available

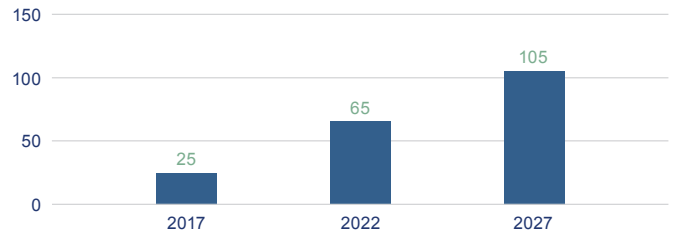


## Capital Funding - Kindergartens

Catholic kindergartens are welcoming early childhood learning environments where all children and families are respected for their diverse history, culture, language and tradition, including religious traditions.

**To meet growing demand and move towards universal access to kindergarten, the Catholic sector is seeking capital funding to build up to 40 new kindergartens throughout the state over the next four years.**

Estimated total number of Queensland Catholic Kindergartens to 2027



## Schools Renewal Program

Catholic schools with aging infrastructure are facing high costs to ensure effective, efficient and safe use of buildings and grounds. The sector needs funding to renew these aging assets. A Schools Renewal Program supported by government assistance would ensure students continue to experience high quality learning environments in Catholic schools.

**The Catholic sector is seeking the introduction of a Schools Renewal Program of \$10 million per year over four years to contribute funding for renewal of Catholic school infrastructure which is more than 40 years old.**

## Solar Installation Project

Sustainability and care for the environment underpin the decisions Catholic schools and School Authorities make about energy supply and consumption for school facilities.

**To broaden the availability of conversion to solar power and increase the uptake of this option Catholic schools are seeking the support of the next Queensland Government to provide a contestable funding pool available to non-State Schools for solar power installations and upgrades. Eligible schools should have access to Queensland Government purchasing arrangements for these systems.**

## Support for Parent Engagement

Research shows conclusively that when families are engaged with the school and with their children's learning, students achieve more at school. The Catholic sector places high importance on developing and maintaining strong relationships between school and family to achieve the best possible outcomes for students.

**The Catholic sector seeks the ongoing support of all political parties to further develop parent engagement strategies and activities which support the work of schools in educating young Queenslanders.**



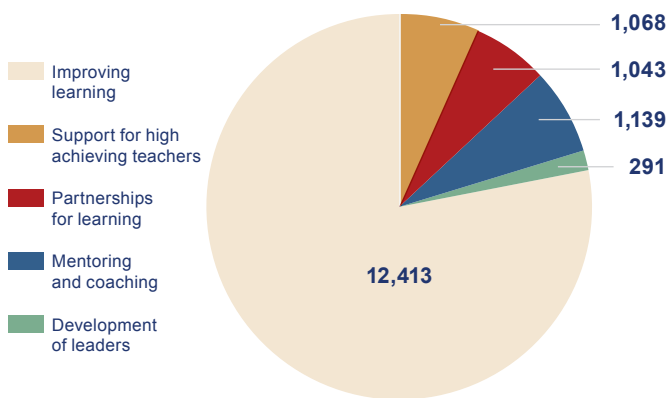


# Teacher Capability

The Teacher Capability Program (formerly Great Teachers = Great Results) attracted Queensland Government funding to the Catholic sector of \$52 million over four years ending in 2017-18. This successful and valuable program was replaced in the 2017-18 State Budget by the Advancing Teaching and Learning program funded at a significantly lower level.

The Catholic sector is seeking \$18.2 million per year over a further four years for the continuation of the Teacher Capability Program to focus on improving teaching and learning in Catholic schools.

Teacher Capability Program  
Staff Participation 2016



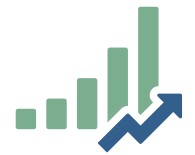
## Impact



Student learning & engagement



NAPLAN results



A-E Reporting

- ✓ Improvements noted in student learning and engagement
- ✓ Improvements in NAPLAN results
- ✓ Increased student achievement on A-E Reporting

# Teacher Housing

Access to affordable, secure housing encourages teachers to take up roles in remote, very remote and outer regional Catholic schools. The Catholic sector is experiencing demand for more teacher housing in these areas.

The Catholic sector seeks a 50-50 partnership with Government over three years to improve the quality of teacher housing attached to Catholic schools.

A grant of \$3.5 million per year over three years, matched by the sector would allow for the purchase or refurbishment of 20 residences per year.

