Dear St Michael's College Community,

PULSE VI
When a school event is organised, those involved will often ask questions around its potential success. Will people turn up? Will they enjoy it? Is it ‘right’ for St Michael’s College? I think we can safely say that by whatever measure, Pulse VI was a resounding success.

The St Michael's College music department showcase was held in Founders Hall at the secondary campus last Thursday evening. Over 400 guests took up the option of enjoying the cabaret style format at tables on the floor, while another 150 or so filled the rear seats. They were of course there to watch and enjoy the performances of over 160 students from the St Michael's College secondary campus, as well as the SMC primary campus and Star of the Sea School.

The talent on display was exceptional and provided an insight not only into the remarkable skills of the students and staff, but also to their obvious dedication to being the best they can be. The breadth of performances was a feature of the night and provided something for everyone. It would be fair to say that the St Michael’s College music department continues to show outstanding growth, both in numbers and quality, and all involved should be very proud of their achievements.

I once again recognize how significant it was to be able to hold this event in the Founders Hall. While not wanting to labour the point, Thursday night showed the value of it being not only an impressive structure, but more a facility to bring the St Michael’s College community together.

FUNDING FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS
With the Federal election campaign in its final week, I draw your attention to the attached flyers:

1. **2013 Federal Election: Funding Policies for Catholic Schools**: The National Catholic Education Commission approached both major parties about their education policies and how they will affect the 735,000 students educated in the 1,706 Catholic schools across Australia. This flyer publishes their responses in a way that makes them easy to compare and provides school communities with some important facts on the funding of Catholic schools in Australia.

2. **The Facts on Funding for Catholic Schools**: Both major parties have committed to increases in school funding over the next four years. It is important to understand the facts on funding for Catholic schools and this flyer provides some detail that might be helpful in developing that understanding.

BOYS AND DADS NIGHT, SOUTHERN CROSS ARTICLE
Following on from last week’s STAR focus on Boys and Dads night, the September edition of the Southern Cross also features an article on the event. The article, entitled ‘Boys to men at St Michael’s’ can be accessed at www.thesoutherncross.org.au

Regards

John Foley
Principal
### CALENDAR

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**SEPTEMBER**

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**STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY**

Friday 6 September

Parents are advised that Friday 6 September is a Staff Professional Development Day at both campuses to allow staff the opportunity to work collectively as they enhance their professional development.

**REST IN PEACE**

Mr Brian Robert Coggins
Grandfather of Ben (6EL) and Lachlan (4MB) Hoy

Mrs Mary Bradley
Mother-in-law of Mr Peter O’Toole (Staff)

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**ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE**

Each year a special Memorial Prayer Service is held for the students and staff to give them an opportunity to pray for those close to them who have died.

The two Memorial Services will be held at the Campus Chapels

- Henley Beach on Tuesday 24 September at 9:05 am
- Beverley on Tuesday 19 November at 9:05 am

We would like to invite family members and friends to these Services.

The Services will take approximately 30 minutes and all are very welcome to attend.

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**MY DAY**

I want to beg you as much as I can ... to be patient towards all that is unsolved in your heart and try to love the questions themselves ... Do not now seek answers which cannot be given you because you would not be able to live them. And the point is to live everything.

Live the questions now. Perhaps you will then gradually, without noticing it, live along some distant day into the answer ... take whatever comes with great trust, and if only it comes out of your own will, out of some need of your innermost being, take it upon yourself and hate nothing.

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**A THOUGHT**

Spend a few minutes each day jotting down the good things that have happened to you – from the smallest to the significant. It could be what someone said to you, getting a car park or a green light etc.

It’s amazing how this can change your whole attitude to life. We see the positive rather than the negative!!! We can also be surprised by all the good things that happen to us.

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**A QUOTE**

We too can be saints in our family, in our neighbourhood, wherever we live and work. Be a person who listens to what people need, communicating not only to grieve or tell people about your own problems. Listen in order to intercede and help out.

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**SOUTHERN CROSS NEWSPAPER**

Go to [www.thesoutherncross.org.au](http://www.thesoutherncross.org.au) to view the latest issue of The Southern Cross.
**DE LA SALLE DAY: Friday 27 September**

Our annual Founder’s Day, “De La Salle Day” is fast approaching and will be celebrated on Friday 27 September, the last day of the school term.

This day is in recognition of the work and sacrifices of St John Baptist de La Salle, together with that of the Brothers who are committed to following his work in providing a human and Christian education for all. As such, we look forward to all students across both campuses coming together for a day of community celebration and thanks.

**Dismissal** will be at 12:30pm from the Henley Campus, with buses (B, J, S and T) ordered for a 12:45 pm departure from the Henley Campus. A full outline of activities and what will be available on the day will be printed closer to the date.

*Mr John Lambert – Deputy Principal, Pastoral*

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**SUNDAY FAMILY MASS**

Please note the Family Mass for Junior Primary Families is Sunday, 8 September at 9:00 am in the Beverley Chapel.

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**DE LA SALLE DAY**

Parents are advised that De La Salle Day is a whole college event and will be held at the Henley Campus on the last day of Term 3, 27 September concluding at 12:30 pm. Information will be forthcoming as the event approaches.

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**CLASS ALLOCATION 2014**

Parents are invited to forward a specific class allocation request for their son in 2014 for consideration by the College. This request can be forwarded in writing to Mr Damian Patton, Deputy Principal – Primary or via email: smcpprimary@smc.sa.edu.au by the end of Week 8 – Friday 13 September. It should be noted that the invitation to forward a specific request does not imply the College can guarantee your request will be met, as many factors need to be considered. The allocation of students to classes remains the College’s right to review to meet the educational needs of all students.

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**HATS**

Please note that from the beginning of spring (Monday 2 September) hats are required to be worn for all outdoor activities including PE lessons, recess and lunch. *Spring into spring, spring on a Hat.*

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**SPORTS PHOTOGRAPHS / RECEPTION PHOTOGRAPhS**

Sports photographs (Years 1-7) and Reception Class & individual photographs will be taken on Monday 9 September. All students who have participated in any sporting activity this year will be involved. All students should be dressed in full College uniform and the blazer is required for Years 5 to 7. Reception to Year 4 students require their school jumper or crested polo fleece windcheater. Please note the following requirements:

- Spray Jackets are not permitted for photographs.
- Full College Uniform appropriate to your son’s year level.
- Hairstyles in line with College policy – refer to Personal Grooming on page 11 of the College Diary.
- No PE uniforms required on this day.
- Reception envelopes will be distributed shortly
- Family photo envelopes are available from the Administration Centre, Primary Campus.

*Mr Kym Clark, Director of Lasallian Mission*

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**ICAS SPELLING COMPETITION RESULTS**

All of the 51 Year 4 primary students who sat for the International Spelling Skills Competition on Tuesday 18 June are to be congratulated on their significant achievements. Those students who attained excellent achievement were rewarded with Certificates of Credit and Distinction. Our congratulations are extended to:

- **Harrison DWYER**  DISTINCTION
- **Michael JANSEN**  DISTINCTION
- **Zane FIACCHI**  CREDIT
- **James CHEUDE**  CREDIT
- **Shamus HORGAN**  CREDIT
- **Sebastian LEANEY**  CREDIT
- **Karthik ROBIN**  CREDIT
- **Salvatore SANTUCCI**  CREDIT

*Ms Louise Kometer, Director of Teaching and Learning*
BOOK WEEK 2013
As previously mentioned in the Star, we began celebrating Book Week early when author/illustrator Mrs Amanda Graham worked with each of the year levels back in Week 3. Week 5 was the proper Book Week period and on Friday 23 August we had our biennial Book Week parade. Due to the inclement weather, we gathered in Founders Hall and were supported by many parents, grandparents, friends … and their cameras. We had over 300 boys dress up and it was great to see the participation across the year levels, entering into the spirit of the day. The boys also had shared lunch with their buddy classes which was also enjoyed. The boys are continuing to look at the shortlisted books and the library is looking bright and colourful with their work related to Book Week and the books we have explored. Thank you to the parents and boys who went to the time and effort to create interesting book or space themed attire as we celebrated the theme of “Read Across the Universe” for our parade day.

Mrs Linda Story, Primary Campus Teacher Librarian

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE 2013
Due to our student free day on 6 September when Premier’s Reading Challenge forms are due back, please return forms by 9 Monday. Well done to 7AD and 3AT where all boys have completed the challenge. A number of other classes are not far from having every boy complete the challenge as well. As most teachers have been promoting the boys getting the challenge completed, please encourage your son to finish his record sheet of the 12 books needing to be recorded so that the sheet can come in on time to the Library. Certificates (for first timers) and medals (thereafter) are delivered to the school in November each year.

Mrs Linda Story, Primary Campus Teacher Librarian

SECONDARY CAMPUS

YEAR 9 MUMS DINNER
Come along and enjoy a meal and catch up with other Year 9 Mums on Monday 16 September 2013 at The Lakes Bistro, The Lakes Resort Hotel, at 7:00 pm. RSVP your reply to either Jenny Williams on 0402 222164 or email richardwilliams@senet.com.au, Amanda James on 0403 951 414 or email gajames@senet.com.au no later than Friday 13 September. It will be great to see you all again.

2013 SPORT & SPECIAL PHOTOGRAPHS
Parents are advised that there has been a change in purchasing the sport and special photographs. Photographs taken on Friday 2 August 2013 by Academy Photography are now available for families to view and purchase online. Orders will not be taken at the College. Visit www.academyphoto.com.au / ‘online ordering’ and enter your School’s unique SHOOT KEY YY5yY6XS4 to view and order. Photos will be posted direct to your preferred address. Any queries can be directed to Academy Photography on 1800 816 224.

Mr Wayne Hoffman, Director of Administrative Systems

STUDY SUPPORT FOR YEAR 12s
The end of the year is looming and by now the pressure is starting to build and we’d like to help. From next week a whole lot of other help is on offer with 3 days a week of after school study options.

• Year 12 Silent Study will be available in Rooms 3 & 4 every Tuesday and Thursday 3:20-4:30 pm. A large group of teachers have emailed us saying they are prepared to supervise a study session to help us out.
• A NEW Homework Help session with past Year 12s present to help and encourage you, will run on Mondays from 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm in Room 3. Fields of expertise include English, Maths, Design, Legal, Italian, Economics, Commerce and Psychology. All are welcome.
• An exam preparation technique session from a professional organisation from Melbourne is coming up in September. Your Pastoral teachers will have the registration forms.
• Make sure you make the most of these opportunities … no regrets!

Mr Kitschke and Mrs Carfora
REMEMBER THE HOLOCAUST

On Monday 2 September we had a television crew from the 7:30 Report come to St Michael’s College to film a presentation entitled ‘Remember the Holocaust’ by Andrew Steiner.

This was based on a self-funded Art Exhibition that was devised and curated by Andrew and follows on from the 2012 Exhibition and Education Program.

Andrew survived the Holocaust in Hungary as a child and has exhibited his art work around Australia, Paris and Hungary.

Matthew Muscat, Head of the History Department at St Michael’s College coordinated this with Andrew and another survivor Eva Temple for the Year 11 History class.

The crew is returning for the Virtual Exhibition (an online resource based on the 2012 exhibition) which is to be launched on the 17 September at St Michael’s College. It is anticipated that the 7:30 Report edition will go to air soon after.

Mr Alan Crierie – Deputy Principal Curriculum

SCHOLARSHIP FOR YEAR 11 STUDENTS ~ JOHN BREWER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS (SA) INC

The purpose of the scholarship is to assist a Catholic student who is resident in South Australia to study Year 12 at a South Australian Catholic Secondary School. Applicants should be active participants in Catholic parish life. Scholarships valued at $1500 each will be offered, to assist with fees and educational expenses and will be awarded to two successful applicants for the academic year. For more information please see Mrs Dunn, Year 11 Director. Applications close Monday 30 September, 2013.

Mrs Margaret Dunn, Year 11 Level Director

EVEN WARS HAVE LAWS WORKSHOP

On 25 August, Nikki Blackmore (10CO), Fraser Long (11ST), Jake Gazettas (11GA) and I attended the Red Cross “Even Wars Have Laws” workshop, which was designed to educate students about the development of the Geneva Conventions and the role that the Red Cross plays in warfare.

The whole day was really interactive and interesting, and it was great to have the opportunity to mix with and meet other students from schools around the city who share an interest in humanities. A role-play activity called the “BLUELAND AND ORANGELAND SIMULATION GAME” encouraged us to think from multiple perspectives and consider both the major and minor consequences that war has on cities, families, industries and global relationships.

We were fortunate to speak to an informative panel and ask any questions we had throughout the day. Without the help from students at Flinders University, all the people at Red Cross and support from the St Michael’s College History Department, such an intriguing and educational workshop wouldn’t have been possible.

We look forward to the second part of the program which will continue at Parliament House later in the year.

Lily Schubert (10FL)

ANNUAL HAWKE LECTURE

On 21 August Marina Zupan and I attended the Annual Hawke Lecture, featuring a presentation by Nobel laureate Dr Elizabeth Blackburn, being interviewed by Dr Robin Williams.

The lecture, on the topic of “the science of living longer a journey into the bio-future” was about Dr Blackburn’s work with telomeres which she described as being like “the plastic on the end of a shoelace”, which sit on the end of chromosomes and play an important part in keeping DNA sequencing correct and aiding successful replication, effectively preventing gene-related disease. The longer these telomeres are, the better they act to hold DNA together, but they tend to erode over time, giving way to faulty DNA replication which in turn leads to illnesses including cancer. The length of telomeres is related to those who have longer health spans, including a healthy diet, moderate fitness and low stress levels, stress being a particular catalyst to telomere erosion. Dr Blackwell made a point of emphasising that there is no “miracle” cure like excessive exercise, hormone treatment or yoga, but that all the components of an ideal lifestyle fit into the puzzle, which aid in the reproduction of telomere cells.

The whole presentation was comprehensive and lively, making for an entertaining and light-hearted yet intriguing introduction to microbiology, especially for those who haven’t come across the field before. The lecture can be streamed online at http://w3.unisa.edu.au/hawkecentre/ahl/2013ahl_Blackburn.asp.

Lily Schubert (10FL)
UNSW MINERALS SUMMER SCHOOL is a unique opportunity to get inside the minerals industry as part of the four day residential organised by the School of Mining Engineering. The 2014 program will run from Monday 13 January to Thursday 16 January 2014. Learn about study, careers, lifestyles and opportunities in the Australian minerals industry from professionals, current students and recent graduates. Start at the UNSW campus in Sydney to experience university life including lectures, labs & the School’s 3D virtual reality simulator. Then travel for 3 nights to visit underground and surface mines, learn how coal and minerals are extracted and processed, view mine rehabilitation sites, dine with industry representatives and Alumni and have fun with an awesome bunch of new friends with similar interests. To apply for this fantastic opportunity, please visit: http://www.mining.unsw.edu.au/UMSS_2014application Applications close 20 September 2013.

TAFE SA INFORMATION SESSIONS
Please keep an eye on this link as some TAFE Courses have important information sessions students should attend. Whilst the TAFE Website has not yet listed 2014 courses we do know there are upcoming Information session for courses in Creative Arts, Film TV Media and Aviation. These Sessions run from October through November: http://www.tafesa.edu.au/courses/info-sessions

SEPTEMBER AT UNISA
All through September there are a variety of Events at UniSA: Talks, tours Open Campuses etc. Students are encouraged to keep an eye on the Events Calendar and register in advance to attend these events: http://www.unisa.edu.au/Calendar/

AUTOMOTIVE MODERN APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM
See www.vantageautomotive.com

ALTERNATIVE PATHWAYS INTO ENGINEERING AND OR INFORMATION Technology UNISA
A reminder that the University of South Australia offer the Associate Degree in Engineering as a Pathway into a full Engineering Degree a similar scheme for Information Technology. A way into these courses for students who may not get a high enough ATAR or may not have the traditional Engineering or Information Technology prerequisites is to use a satisfactory score on the ACER. Australian Technology Network Engineering Selection Test (ATNEST) registrations close Monday 13 September. ACER website: http://www.acer.edu.au/tests/atnest. Late Registrations are accepted until 22 September for an additional $40 late fee. The on time registration fee is $90.

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA -- Experience Design West
Find out about UniSA's art, architecture and design programs. Experience Adelaide's creative hub from design studios to workshops, unique spectrum art exhibition, live DJ and much more at the City West Campus on Friday 20 September from12noon -4:00 pm. For more details go www.unisa.edu.au/choose.

KEY CAREER PLANNING DATES
- 13 September close of applications for ATNEST TEST as alternative entry to many Engineering courses at UniSA (Yr 11 students too) http://www.acer.edu.au/tests/atnest
- 18 September: Twilight at Magill UniSA Magill Courses:
- 27 September: Most applications for University close (Late fee applies after this date) Medicine Dentistry Optometry Final deadline plus others. http://www.satac.edu.au/pages/key-dates

Ms Rose Coorey & Mr Anthony Vizaniaris, Careers

OLD SCHOLARS

CALLING ALL OLD SCHOLARS!
Please update your contact details via the College website ...
In 2014, St Michael's College will be celebrating 60 Years in education. Join us in the celebration!
CONGRATULATIONS

- William McCann (10FE) who has recently received two prestigious awards at the annual Athletics SA Awards Dinner. William was announced the U16 Road, Cross Country & Walks Male Athlete of the Year 2012 and the U18 Track & Field Male Athlete of the Year 2012-2013. Well done William on your magnificent achievements, we are very excited to see what the 2013-2014 Athletics season will hold for you!
- Mark Mudronja who was Captain of the SAPSASA state basketball team. The SA team competed in Perth in August and finished 2nd coming home with the silver medal.
- To the Year 2/3 football team which went through the season undefeated including the Lightning Cup Carnival! The team showed exceptional skill but also great sportsmanship and team work throughout the season. A great effort by Mr Nick Ryan coaching football for the first time. Also a huge thank you to the parents for their help and support over the course of the season.

SPORT

SPORT RESULTS
Year 2/3 Football: SMC 19.10 v Westport 1.0; Goals: Muller 4, Maraia 3, Barnard 2, Karnas 2, Cox 2, Dametto 1, Howe 1, Scarfino 1, Chartier 1, Simone 1, Ashton 1; Best: Tripodi Baslis, White, Muller.

IMPORTANT SPORT DATES
- September 9 - Senior Boys Soccer Presentation Dinner
- September 11 - Senior Boys Basketball Presentation Dinner: RSVP 9/09/2013
- September 16 - Senior Girls Presentation Dinner: RSVP 9/09/2013
- September 25 - Senior Boys Football Presentation Dinner: RSVP 9/09/2013

It is requested that all payments are finalised prior to the Presentation Nights. Please adhere to the RSVP dates.

Achilles Cup
- Monday September 9 (Week 8) - Achilles Cup Trial
- Thursday September 26 (Week 10) - Achilles Cup

BROTHERS CUP GRAND FINAL
As mentioned in last week’s edition of the STAR, the Brothers Cup Grand Final was played on Saturday at Sacred Heart Middle School. Sacred Heart came into the game undefeated and they clearly demonstrated why. Although our boys never gave up, Sacred Heart defeated us proving too good on their home ground. There was a presentation at the end of the match where Tom Schmusch (Captain) handed the Brothers Cup over to a very content Sacred Heart Captain. The game was played in fantastic spirit and the boys should be congratulated with their effort. Well done!

Miss Jessica Fanto, Boys Co-curricular Coordinator

COMMUNITY INFORMATION
Caregivers need to make their own enquiries and assessments about the suitability of these events and services for their needs and those of their children.

NATIONAL ASTHMA WEEK
The first week of September each year is National Asthma Week during which Asthma Foundations across Australia conduct a significant awareness campaign aimed at improving the lives of people living with asthma and bringing to the attention of the broader community the issues surrounding asthma.

A critical factor in asthma management is effective self-management by the patient - you, the person living with asthma or the person caring for another who has asthma. Asthma Foundation SA is here to support you.

The theme for National Asthma Week 2013 is 'Three or more is very poor'. If you use your reliever medication three or more times a week, your asthma is out of control and it’s time to see your doctor.

This National Asthma Week, Asthma Foundation SA is calling on all Australians to ensure their asthma is under control. For more information, or to speak with an asthma educator contact: 1800 ASTHMA (1800 278 462) or visit our website.

COLLEGE INFORMATION

DOBSONS UNIFORM SHOP
1 Lawrie Street, Henley Beach
Trading Hours –
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday – 8:00am – 4:15pm
Specials are now on offer on selected items to all parents until the end of October
Please contact Mary or Margaret on 8150 2306 to arrange an appointment.
Ms Mary Firth, Manager, Dobsons Uniform Shop

SPORTS CENTRE SCHOOL WEAR
For supplies of co-curricular uniforms.
142 Port Road, Hindmarsh
www.sportscentre.com.au
Telephone: 8346 3411

SECOND HAND UNIFORMS
ONLINE SELLING & BUYING
Please refer to the College website:
for information relating to the sale of second hand uniform items.
How will your policy support the needs of students with particular disadvantage, students with disability and other special needs to receive funding to meet their needs, regardless of the school they attend?

"At the heart of the Better Schools Plan is a new, fairer school funding approach based on the needs of individual students. This new fairer funding approach is based on the core recommendations of the independent Gonski review, which includes extra money for disadvantaged schools and students. Under the Better Schools Plan all students will receive some portion of a base amount of $9,271 for primary students and $12,193 for secondary student. The Better Schools Plan needs based funding model then adds loadings based on the individual circumstances of the school and its students for: Students from low SES backgrounds; Indigenous students; Students with low English language proficiency; Students with disability; school size and location. More information about how much additional funding each of the loadings will attract can be found at www.betterschools.gov.au/"

The Coalition will commit to the same quantum of funds provided over the forward estimates which includes funding for students with particular disadvantage, including those with a disability. We believe extra support for these students should be made available, regardless of school attended.

The Coalition will also ensure that Catholic systems will have the ability to use Commonwealth funding to support locally-developed programs that improve the educational outcomes of students with additional needs.”

What government funding for the capital needs of Catholic schools do you have planned? Does this funding recognise Catholic education’s support of disadvantaged communities and willingness to establish in new growth areas?

"The Rudd Labor Government recognises the increasing demand for new schooling facilities in high growth areas and recognises Catholic education’s willingness to establish new schools in growth areas. Federal Labor will continue the non-government capital grants program with around $140 million in 2014 and more than $772 million through to 2019. This funding will assist Catholic schools serving some of our most disadvantaged communities address growth and expand. This investment builds on the $16.2 billion Building the Education Revolution that transformed schools across the country, including Catholic schools."

"The Coalition will establish, when the Budget allows, a new Capital Infrastructure Fund that can be accessed by Catholic schools, in addition to government and other non-government schools. The Coalition has taken this approach because it recognises that Catholic schools are often some of the first infrastructure developed in new growth areas. These schools may not be built without government support potentially depriving parents of a choice of education for their children. The Coalition also recognises that Catholic school communities need to refurbish classroom and other school facilities. This can often be difficult for some school communities. This fund will also be available to support Catholic schools upgrade their existing facilities.”

How will your policy deliver funding certainty for schools?

"Federal Labor’s Better Schools Plan delivers an extra $1.5 billion in public funds over the next six years, if every state and territory signs up. The plan provides certainty about the additional funding that will continue to flow to schools through to 2019."

"The Coalition remains committed to supporting parents choose a Catholic education for their children. The total amount of Commonwealth funding for Catholic schools over the forward estimates will be exactly the same as committed by the Labor Government and indexed over those four years.”
CATHOLIC EDUCATION – FOR A STRONGER COMMUNITY

UNDERSTANDING THE FACTS ON FUNDING FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

For over 180 years, Catholic schools have educated children in Australia. Today, Catholic schools enrol 735,000 students in 1,706 schools across Australia.

Both major parties have committed to increases in school funding over the next four years. It is important to understand the facts on funding for Catholic schools.

One-in-five Australian students currently attend a Catholic school.

Catholic schools have a strong social justice mission to form well-rounded individuals who make a positive contribution to their local communities.

A strong Catholic education system contributes to a strong Australian community.

All governments provide important funding for Catholic schools along with families who contribute to the costs of Catholic education through fees and fundraising.

According to the Australian Government’s My School website, Catholic students receive, on average, 20 per cent less government funding than students in government schools.

Even when parent fees are taken into consideration, Catholic schools operate with an average of 10 per cent less recurrent funding than government schools.

Even with fewer resources per student, the Australian Catholic school system is amongst the best in the world, compared to Shanghai, Finland and Singapore on international tests, for student performance across all socioeconomic backgrounds.

Catholic schools save the taxpayer $2.2 billion each year which helps take the pressure off government schools.

PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS PER SCHOOLING SECTOR

Government Schools
Catholic Schools
Other Non-Government Schools

Source: ACARA, National Report on Schooling in Australia, 2011

AVERAGE NET RECURRENT INCOME PER STUDENT - GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS & AUSTRALIAN SYSTEMIC CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

GOVERNMENT

CATHOLIC

Source: ACARA, My School 2011

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