

# Media Release



CATHOLIC EDUCATION COMMISSION OF VICTORIA LTD

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## Catholic education welcomes funding for tutoring support program

The Catholic Education Commission of Victoria Ltd (CECV) has welcomed additional funding to employ tutors to support students to get back up to speed with learning, as announced by Victorian Education Minister, James Merlino, today.

CECV Executive Director, Jim Miles, said the program was anticipated to deliver around \$20 million to eligible Catholic schools to assist identified students, primarily through small group tutoring opportunities.

'This is a constructive and welcome initiative by the state government, in support of Victorian children,' Mr Miles said.

'We know there has been significant variability in how students have progressed through remote learning, often tied to disadvantage and other challenging family circumstances.

'With the return to school of Years Prep to 7, 11 and 12 this week, our teachers are already working to monitor and assess students and put in place extra support for those who may have fallen behind.

'This funding will now provide further resources from Term 1 next year to support our teachers and build on this vital work.'

Mr Miles said opportunities for interested teachers to tutor in the Catholic education sector would be promoted in the coming weeks.

He said the Catholic sector welcomed the ongoing collaborative, cross-sectoral approach to responding to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on students in Victoria's schools.

More than 20% of all Victorian students attend nearly 500 Catholic schools across the dioceses of Melbourne, Ballarat, Sale and Sandhurst.

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