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Council of Catholic School Parents NSW/ACT advocating to Keep School Funding Fair

The Council of Catholic School Parents NSW/ACT (CCSP) is sharing its support for the ‘Keep School Funding Fair’ campaign, recently launched by Catholic Schools NSW.

Chair of the CCSP, Mrs Anne Fehon, attributed the result in the recent Victorian by-elections to families who want to send a clear message to their representatives that they want their education choices to be supported, and cost-of-living pressures are biting.

“Families are entitled to choose an education setting that reflects their values, beliefs and the needs of their children. When families choose Catholic education, they reduce the demand on the government sector as well as on the budget through their financial contributions to education.”

The *Keep School Funding Fair* campaign seeks to clearly explain school funding and counter misinformation from critics of the current school funding model. It supports funding for all schools to support parental choice in education and explains that funding for non-government schools is means-tested, whereas funding for government schools is not, with government schools receive higher levels of government funding.

Mrs Fehon further said that “the CCSP and Catholic school parents are grateful to CSNSW for their support of families and for providing clear information that readily debunks myths surrounding funding for Catholic schools.”

“I encourage parents and carers to visit the website and see for themselves how funding is distributed. Parents and carers vote and we want them to make informed decisions when election time rolls around.”

CCSP advocates for families and recognises that fees paid by parents and carers support the government in meeting their obligation to provide education for children and young people. Our families’ contributions ensure governments can deliver on their obligations ensuring an equitable system where all can flourish.

The ***Keep School Funding Fair*** explainer video and website can be viewed at keepfundingfair.org.au

The Council of Catholic School Parents NSW/ACT (CCSP) is the NSW/ACT peak body representing parents and carers who have children enrolled in Catholic schools.

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