



# Recurrent Funding for Catholic schools

Recurrent funding means Catholic schools can continue to support Queensland families by providing quality education and learning opportunities to more than 150,000 students across the State, including in regional and remote areas. This allows parents to choose a school they believe is best for their child and consistent with their personal values or faith.



Through the Education Bilateral Agreement with the Federal Government, the State Government has committed to transition funding for non-government schools to 20 per cent of the Schooling Resource Standard (SRS) by 2024. In real terms this results in a reduction in State funding to Catholic schools.

The COVID-19 pandemic has placed unprecedented economic pressures on Queensland families and Catholic school communities. Catholic schools are calling on the next State Government to maintain recurrent funding at the current level of 22.45 per cent of the SRS for the next four years, in recognition of these unprecedented challenges.

Schools that are not resourced properly cannot operate effectively which will put more financial pressure on Queensland families and disadvantage one in five students in Queensland. By maintaining the level of recurrent funding at the levels proposed, the next State Government will be supporting Queensland families who choose a Catholic school.



**196 Catholic schools with state recurrent funding at <20% SRS**



**State recurrent funding growth <1% p.a. to 2024**

**Catholic schools**

**Call on the next State Government to maintain recurrent funding at 22.45% of SRS over the next four years to support all schools through unprecedented challenges.**

Ensuring recurrent funding is maintained at 22.45 per cent of the SRS for the next four years for Queensland Catholic schools will ensure they can offer a quality education to students without the need to increase pressure on Queensland families by increasing school fees. This will provide greater equity across all schools.