

## State Election Newsletter update #2

Sydney Catholic Schools (SCS) welcomes the recent announcement from the NSW State Government to triple expenditure on Capital Grants to the non-government school sector. The share for the Catholic sector is anticipated to be around \$75 million per annum over the next four years. SCS recognises that this will ease the financial burden to support more school building projects and will assist in bringing new Catholic schools 'online' as soon as possible. SCS is currently awaiting announcements from the Labor Party with respect to Capital Funding.

In the lead up to the March 23<sup>rd</sup> election, SCS continues to seek reassurance from all political parties to retain the amount of State recurrent funding (total government contribution) to Catholic schools in NSW. Any decrease would simply negate the amount promised for capital works.

The Labor Party has committed to the provision of pre-schools for new and existing government schools over time. SCS continues to call for similar opportunities to be given to the non-government sector to build and operate early childhood centres.

SCS calls upon both the Coalition and Labor parties to ensure the inclusiveness of Catholic schools in any policy announcements.

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