



## Australian Catholic Primary Principals' Association

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### *Media Release*

#### **Working towards a fair funding model**

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The Australian Catholic Primary Principals' Association has today welcomed the delivery of the final report of the Review of the Socio-Economic Status (SES) Score Methodology to the Australian Government.

ACPPA President, Brad Gaynor, appreciates the work of the National School Resourcing Board in their detailed consideration of the complex issues mentioned in the report.

It is heartening to see that after widespread consultation, the determination that area-based measures do not provide the most accurate picture of a school's capacity to contribute, has been acknowledged and will be refined on a more direct measure, along with other key factors.

The task now is to ensure that with new data collection abilities, the Australian Government is able to create a fair and equitable funding model which does not disadvantage non-government schools.

Acting NCEC Director, Ray Collins believes that not all appropriate measures of determining a school's SES have been incorporated in this review.

"Of particular concern is the impact of a new methodology on long-established, low-fee charging Catholic schools in metropolitan areas," Mr Collins said.

ACPPA agrees that the new refined model must be trialled extensively to allow a realistic and consistent model to be implemented into the future.

Mr Gaynor said, "we must always be mindful of all our Catholic schools, whether they be small, remote or disadvantaged in some way, that they are well resourced and funded to meet the needs of every child they serve."

ACPPA appreciates the opportunity to be a part of this important submission and welcome opportunities to be a part of further consultation as they occur.

The Australian Catholic Primary Principals' Association (ACPPA) represents over 1200 Catholic Primary School Principals across Australia.

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