



## Australian Catholic Primary Principals' Association

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*Media Release*

### **Continuing Student Wellbeing Priorities**

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#### National School Chaplaincy Program

The Australian Catholic Primary Principals' Association warmly welcomes the news that the National School Chaplaincy Program (NSCP) will continue to be funded through to 2022.

The program has supported millions of students right around Australia and is one that has been widely embraced by principals, teachers, parents and students to help make our communities stronger and more resilient.

We appreciate the commitment to this important initiative by Minister Tehan on behalf of the Morrison Government.

*'This is great news for our Catholic schools', says ACPPA President Brad Gaynor, 'I think this program is outstanding.'*

*Brad believes 'the program has made a significant difference to the lives of many students and their families across the country. The program provides provision and support for student welfare services, improving the social and personal development of students.'*

*In addition, the program offers another role model in the lives of students, builds networks and services that helps schools connect with the wider community.'*

*A continued emphasis on anti - bullying in schools is also applauded and the government should be commended for providing continuity and ongoing support for students and their families in all schools'.*

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

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