



Australian Catholic Primary Principals' Association

Media Release

Australian Catholic Primary Principals affirm the release of National Principles for Schooling.

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The Australian Catholic Primary Principals' Association acknowledges the commitment by our governments to ensure Australian students receive a high-quality education, through the release of the National Principles for schooling.

As the peak body for Catholic Primary Principals, the National Principles give a good broad outline to follow but we must be clear about how these principles are understood at each State and jurisdiction level.

ACPPA understands the need to provide clear and practical support to schools to ensure we navigate this uncertain and difficult time together.

All staff in schools are vital for student learning and all families value education. For the next few weeks, we are being asked to deliver learning in multiple and flexible ways and therefore together we must work consistently and equitably in the areas of technology, accessibility, privacy and workload, whilst managing and maintaining the health and wellbeing of all.

"Our schools are being led by Principals who care about the wellbeing of all members of their school community and we must ensure that inconsistencies between States do not pose undue hardship and pressures on hardworking staff who are juggling multiple tasks under increased pressure," ACPPA President, Brad Gaynor said

In a statement from NCEC, Executive Director Jacinta Collins states "The first priority for all Catholic schools is the health and safety of students and staff, and our school communities are to be commended on how they are responding to both the educational and health challenges arising from the pandemic. Catholic education will continue to work with governments over the coming weeks to enable students to return to classroom learning as soon as practicable".

ACPPA appreciates the work of all staff in school communities across Australia as they continue to deliver professional education to their students.

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

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