

## *Media Release*

### **Australian Catholic Primary Principals welcome new Education Minister**

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The Australian Catholic Primary Principals' Association has today welcomed the announcement of the Hon. Jason Clare MP as the new Federal Minister for Education, and we congratulate him on his appointment.

Mr Clare has been well respected in his past portfolios of Communications, Trade and Investment and most recently Regional Services and Housing and Homelessness. We are encouraged by his position that education begins with the youngest Australians to ensure every child has the opportunity to reach their potential.

ACPPA also congratulates the Hon. Dr Anne Aly MP, as the Minister for Early Childhood Education and Youth. Dr Aly's educational experience and passion for equity will allow for continued productive conversations in our sector.

ACPPA looks forward to engaging with Mr Clare and Dr Aly on the critical issues facing our Catholic schools, especially support for regional, rural, and remote schools, initial teacher education and ways to boost our profession in community esteem, respect and teacher recruitment and retention.

ACPPA President, Peter Cutrona, has also acknowledged the previous Education Ministers, Alan Tudge and Stuart Robert. "We thank the Ministers for their hard work in the education portfolio and appreciated the past openness and commitment to meet and discuss these issues with us. We have been appreciative of the time made to speak with our Principal Association."

ACPPA look forward to a continuation of a fruitful and open relationship with Mr Clare and Dr Aly over the coming years.

The Australian Catholic Primary Principals' Association (ACPPA) represents over 1240 Catholic Primary School Principals across Australia.

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