



AUSTRALIAN  
ASSOCIATION  
OF CHRISTIAN  
SCHOOLS

**2025 FEDERAL ELECTION POLICY PLATFORM**

# **Securing the Future of Christian Schools in Australia**

*Protecting parental choice in education*



Photo credit: Maranatha Christian School, Victoria



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## Sustainable School Funding

- ✓ Fair and equitable funding to ensure Christian schools remain affordable and are adequately resourced to provide quality faith-based education to Australian families.
- ✓ Sustainable recurrent funding which reflects the real costs of education and allow schools to continue to provide high-quality education accessible to all families.
- ✓ Increased capital funding to support new campuses in growth areas to meet the growing demand for Christian education and ensure our schools can continue to provide quality boarding facilities to Indigenous students in the Northern Territory.
- ✓ In the Northern Territory, we call for annual increases toward 100% of the Schooling Resource Standard by 2029, to ensure quality education and teacher retention in remote and Indigenous communities.
- ✓ Reject the Productivity Commission's recommendation to remove the deductible gift recipient (DGR) status for donations made to school building funds.



## Protect Parental Choice in Education

- ✓ Ensure Australian law protects the right of parents to ensure the religious and moral education of their children in accordance with Article 18 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.
- ✓ Protect the rights of Christian and other religious schools to employ teachers and staff who share the same values and beliefs of the school.



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## Address Teacher Workforce Challenges

- ✓ Expand teaching scholarships to include students who choose to work in non-government schools.
- ✓ Simplify the teacher accreditation process between states and territories to reduce unnecessary regulation and allow teachers to easily move to areas of need.
- ✓ Streamline the Skilled Migration Programs to allow schools to fill teacher shortages in a timely manner.





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