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Catholic Secondary Principals Australia



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2022 Election Priorities

Dear Mr Morrison / Mr Albanese

CaSPA was established in 1994 as a federation of the 8 Catholic Secondary Principals' Associations around Australia. Since that time CaSPA has engaged and collaborated with the Department of Education, ACARA, AITSL and other Government agencies related to education and our young people. The members of CaSPA have greatly appreciated the consultations with all Government Departments and Agencies in order to make a valuable contribution to the policy development and educational research work. There are numerous competing needs for education in Australia and CaSPA would like to present to you below the important priorities it sees for 2022 and beyond:

1. Funding based on Student Needs and Capacity to Pay for all sectors and a clear investment strategy for the future of our children.
2. Providing Equity of opportunity and resources for all students, especially in Rural and remote areas. COVID has exposed key problems with digital access for these areas.
3. Viewing education spending as an investment not an expense. Much research here and overseas has demonstrated the positive contribution education makes to GDP and Social Cohesion.
4. Engaging in long term bipartisan planning for education beyond election cycles and Ministerial appointments. This should include extensive consultation with Stakeholders and Experts to target key strategies that are research informed.
5. Developing legislation and regulations that support the wellbeing and dignity of all students.
6. Providing more capital funding for Catholic Schools to improve affordability and the ability of parents to access the school of their choice.
7. Supporting the Election Priorities of the National Catholic Education Commission (NCEC).
8. Providing equitable access to TAFE and Universities for young people.
9. Developing policies and strategies to reduce Youth Unemployment.
10. Developing more sustainable environmental policies that will counter the effects of Climate Change.

Thank you for your time and the CaSPA Board would be delighted to meet with you at a convenient time after the election.

Kind regards

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