



CaSPA Social Action 2026

Rationale

CaSPA will provide the opportunity for a member or an affiliated State / Territory Catholic Principals' Association to be involved in Social Action. It is hoped that through involvement in this program the member or association will have the opportunity to engage in prosocial Action that may otherwise not take place. The Social Action gives witness to the tenet of the Catholic Church by supporting those who are in need or marginalised.

Pope Francis has asked many times during his Papacy to support and work with those at the margins: "Go forth and reach out to all people at the margins of society! Go there and be the Church, with the strength of the Holy Spirit."

The rationale for the Social Action is that CaSPA and its Corporate Partners are aware of the difficulties individuals or groups face due to ethnicity, remoteness, financial hardship or gender. The project will enhance the Church's social teaching and provide an opportunity for members who are in need.

Examples of possible projects are: support of Aboriginal education opportunities in remote Australia, support of schools or educational institutions in the South Pacific, support and development of teacher education in Papua New Guinea. The preference is for Australian needs or our near neighbours.

Criteria

The application for the Social Action Funding needs to address the following guiding principles:

- Linked to educational and / or leadership professional learning.
- Established Financial Need.
- Established Social Need.
- Timeframe needed (up to 3 years).
- Needs to show benefit to school / community / students.
- Cost details (\$5K limit).
- Preference for local region in or around Australia.

At the conclusion of the Social Action Project, the recipient will provide a detailed written summary to the CaSPA Board. In addition, the recipient will be required to present learnings at the following CaSPA Conference.

Applications need to be made to the local State or Territory Catholic Principal association, which will decide on one proposal to be submitted to the CaSPA Board. A decision will then be made to award one recipient with the CaSPA Social Action Funding.

The closing date for applications: 15 May 2026

Funding for the Social Action will be funded through the funds provided by the generous CaSPA Partners.