

KEY FACTS

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Catholic education has been part of the Western Australian community for **over 180 years**.

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1 in 3 children in Western Australia is educated in a non-Government school, and **1 in 5 in a Catholic school**.

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Catholic schools in Western Australia provide an education to nearly **82,000** children across the State in **162** diverse schools, including **7 locations** across the Kimberley region where we are the sole education provider.

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Each of these children is entitled to a state education, but because they are educated in Catholic schools, the WA Government **saves in excess of \$600 million* each year**.

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If Catholic schools ceased to operate the WA Government would need to spend **more than \$5 billion** in additional capital expenditure to replace these schools across the State.

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No child is ever denied a place in a Catholic school due to the inability of their parents to pay school fees. Many of our parents receive significant fee relief including automatic fee discounts for concession card holders.

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Catholic schools **welcome** children from diverse abilities, backgrounds, faiths, and cultures. We educate over **7,000 children with a disability** and nearly **4,000 First Nations students**.

#8

Western Australia is the **only** State in Australia **which does not provide any capital grant assistance to non-Government schools**.



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Catholic schools **are not** fully funded by State and Commonwealth Governments – on average parents in Catholic schools provide around 25% of operating costs of their children's schools.

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Catholic Education Western Australia Limited (CEWA) is the **sole** education provider in **7 locations** in the Kimberley, if these Catholic schools were to close the WA Government would have to build new schools in those areas.

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Catholic education is one of the State's **largest** private employers with over **12,000** staff working in our schools across WA.

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Independent economic analysis* indicates that the Catholic education sector in WA makes an annual contribution of **\$2.6 billion to the State's economy.**

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100% of funds Catholic education receives are destined for the education of our students.

*Independent economic analysis undertaken by Ernst & Young

To ensure equity for our students and fairness for our parents, Catholic Education Western Australia seeks a commitment from the Government of Western Australia for an annual capital grant of \$25 million for Catholic schools and an injection of funds to support capital works in the Kimberley region where CEWA is the sole provider of education.