



THE GREENS' SCHOOLS FUNDING POLICY

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The Greens believe that federal funding for the school education system should be on the basis of need and equity, to ensure that all Australian children receive a world-class education

Unfortunately, the National Catholic Education Commission is alarming parents and school kids with information that misrepresents the Greens' policy position when it comes to schools funding.

You may have received a letter from the Commission in the last few days aiming to influence how you vote in this year's federal election. When there are so many important issues at stake like climate change, caring for our environment, health care, jobs and education, this kind of campaigning from the National Catholic Education Commission is irresponsible.

So we want to set the record straight. Here are the facts about the Greens' position on schools funding.

Unfortunately, right now our school funding system is broken. Under the current system, 99% of public schools are underfunded while the majority of Independent and Catholic schools are funded at or above the School Resourcing Standard (the amount needed to properly educate their students).

This is unfair and has to change so that all schools, irrespective of sector, should receive the funding they need.

We believe that struggling schools, whether in the public or private system, should get priority for government funding ahead of schools that already have adequate or better resources. That's why we have a policy to fully fund schools.

We believe all schools, including non-government schools, should be receiving 100% of their educational funding needs.

Under our plan, it's true there will be more public funding for 6600 public schools across Australia. However, the Greens will not leave underfunded Catholic schools worse off, as has been claimed.

Rather, Catholic schools that aren't receiving the minimum amount they need will get a boost in funding to meet their needs.

Every dollar committed by the Government and Opposition to schools is matched by the Greens.

The Greens are a true friend of education. That's why we are proposing our policy that schools should be funded on the basis of need and equity, to ensure that all Australian children receive a world-class education.