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ASSOCIATED CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS RECOGNISES FIVE KEY PRIORITY AREAS FOR THE NEXT PERIOD OF GOVERNMENT IN QUEENSLAND

The attached ACS Queensland Election Statement 2020 should be read in conjunction with that of Independent Schools Queensland which can be found [here](#).

Key Priority Area 2

Recurrent funding to be increased in line with real costs and State department funding.

Members of Associated Christian Schools currently receive funding for everyday operating costs, from the Australian Government, the Queensland Government, and parents of enrolled students. Under the current funding provisions, this support is linked to the 'basket nexus', which is the average cost of educating a state school student.

Associated Christian Schools is seeking additional funding, for their members, to help close the gap in resourcing levels between the level of funding received by state schools and that received by independent faith-based schools. **This funding assists in relieving pressure on school fees and also assists more families to choose faith-based schools, therefore saving government money.**

Associated Christian Schools is seeking to work with the next Queensland Government to achieve:

- 1. Consistent financial outcomes that will help keep pace with increased costs** of managing schools, including teacher salaries, technological developments and physical resources that will support our schools in being innovative and achieving outstanding student outcomes.
- 2. The support of the next Queensland Government to guarantee that the gap in resourcing between member schools and state schools, particularly those located in regional and remote areas, does not widen.**

Education for the common good

Exploring exemplary education and the positive impacts of Christian education in society



Australians are more likely to hold the view that a Christian-based education has a positive influence on society and the development of its youngest citizens. This positive influence had been particularly evident during the pandemic when school communities worked together, reinforcing the value of education and the importance of parent/teacher partnerships.

These are among the key findings of a new report by leading Australian social research firm McCrindle Research, commissioned by Associated Christian Schools (ACS). ACS Executive Director Dr Lynne Doneley said the report 'shone light on why the Christian schooling sector had been attracting enrolment growth', based on the report 'having examined the views of Australians on the role and impact Christian education plays in school education'.

The next Queensland Government should respect the unique contribution to education in Australia, by Independent faith-based education, and will continue to make, to the development of values systems in Australian society, as demonstrated by the research findings in the ACS/McCrindle report.

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