Towards the State Election 2015

KEY ISSUE 5
Greater investment in parent engagement strategies

Research shows that the engagement of parents in their children’s learning is a key driver of successful educational outcomes for students.

In particular, research indicates that the first three years of life have the most impact on a child’s brain development and future health and wellbeing. For optimum development, a child needs loving relationships and a stimulating environment in which to interact, play and learn.

These early years of parent engagement ensure that children are ready to learn when they reach the Preparatory year and provide vital foundations for successful learning during their school years.

The Catholic sector is seeking a commitment from the next Queensland Government to:

• work collaboratively to support strategies to enhance parent engagement across all Queensland schools

• provide $250,000 in funding to enable the Catholic sector to roll out its recently developed framework for parent engagement, including a bank of resources and standards that enable schools to measure their success

• collaboratively devise and support a program of research and planning to further connect schools and playgroups and assist parents with the necessary tools in the vital first three years.