KEY ISSUE 1
Annual recurrent funding that keeps pace with rising costs of education

Catholic schools in Queensland, on average, receive only about 81% of the government funding per student received by state schools.

Additional funding for Catholic schools helps relieve pressure on school fees and assists more families to choose a Catholic school, therefore saving government money.

The Catholic sector is seeking to work with the next Queensland Government to achieve consistent budget outcomes that:

- will assist it to keep pace with the rising costs of operating schools, including teacher salary increases
- will ensure that the gap in resourcing between the Catholic and state education sectors does not widen.

![Graph showing annual recurrent income per student by school type]

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**Queensland Schools Annual Recurrent Income per Student 2012**

- Catholic schools: $9,238
- State schools: $11,440
- Catholic schools: $11,675
- State schools: $12,021
- Independent schools: $14,426

Total government funding per student (MySchool website 2012)

Total net recurrent income per student (government funding + parent and community contributions) (MySchool website 2012)