



CATHOLIC
EDUCATION
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

KEY FACTS

#1

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

#2

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

#3

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.

#4

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**.

#5

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.

#6

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.

#7

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**.





CATHOLIC
EDUCATION
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

KEY FACTS

#9

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.

#10

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.

#11

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

#12

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

#13

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.

Photos: Aranmore Catholic Primary School (Leederville), St Cecilia's Catholic Primary School (Port Hedland), St Paul's Primary School (Karratha), John Paul College and St Mary's Primary School (Kalgoorlie), St Mary Star of the Sea College (Carnarvon)

