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CSPA says funding for children in Catholic schools is fair not radical  

The peak body for Catholic school parents across Australia has voiced its disappointment that old, worn out and misleading arguments against government funding for children in Catholic schools are still being trotted out.

Catholic School Parents Australia (CSPA) represents the families of over 760,000 children in Australia’s 1700 Catholic schools. CSPA Chair, Tony O’Byrne says today’s report by the Australian Government Primary Principals’ Association attempts to stir up the community with misleading and dramatic announcements on projected government funding for schooling.

Current and projected models of public funding for schooling in Australia see, on average, more dollars per student being spent on children in government schools than children in Catholic schools. The greater amount of government funding for a State school comes from the relevant State while the greater amount of government funding for a Catholic school comes from the Commonwealth.

To state that projected funding will see children in non-government schools receiving more than children in government schools is mischievous at best and deliberately misleading at worst. Either way this only serves to perpetuate an old and tired ‘public’ vs ‘private’ argument and ignores the fact that every child in every school in Australia deserves a reasonable and fair public investment in their education.

Catholic school parents across Australia believe an adequate investment by governments in our children’s education is not radical but fair.

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