



MEDIA STATEMENT

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Non-government schools to benefit from government loan scheme

Catholic Education South Australia has welcomed the SA government's announcement that it will provide non-government schools with low interest loans for capital development.

The government has committed \$250 million towards low interest loans for non-government schools.

"We are currently ensuring due diligence and finalising arrangements to enable Catholic schools to apply for these loans," says Helen O'Brien, Director, Catholic Education South Australia.

"This funding has the potential to support Catholic school communities as they provide contemporary learning opportunities for young people."

Priority will be given to capital development that supports STEM education (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) and the development of multi-purpose learning spaces.

"STEM education is critical for young people now and into the future and we share the government's commitment to strengthening our ability to support students in their learning."

Once all of the protocols are agreed and established, Catholic schools will be able to apply for the loans through the South Australian Commission for Catholic Schools.