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Catholic Education SA welcomes \$19.8 million funding boost

Catholic Education South Australia (CESA) says 46,000 students in Catholic schools will benefit from a funding boost.

This morning the Premier Jay Weatherill and Minister Susan Close announced a major funding boost for Catholic and Independent schools.

Catholic schools in South Australia will receive an increase in recurrent funding to 22% of the Schooling Resource Standard (SRS).

This equates to a \$14.3 million increase for Catholic Education South Australia. It will take our recurrent funding from \$94.6 million in 2017 to \$108.9 million in 2018.

The government has also made a commitment to provide a capital grant of \$5.5 million per annum. This grant will commence in 2018 and be indexed annually to CPI.

“We welcome this announcement and the direct impact it will have on students in Catholic Schools,” said Dr Neil McGoran, Director, Catholic Education South Australia.

“The increase in recurrent funding will bring us into much closer alignment with the level of funding that Catholic schools in other parts of the country receive.

“I want to thank principals and school communities across South Australia who have joined us in calling for a better funding deal for Catholic schools. These commitments match the increases we have called for in both recurrent and capital funding.

“This injection of funds will ensure that Catholic Education South Australia can continue to deliver excellence in education.

“We look forward to continuing to work with the Government to support the education of our students.”

The announcement was made at Rosary Catholic School, Prospect, this morning.

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