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Dear parents and carers,

Catholic schools are the heart of so many communities across Victoria, educating 21 per cent of the state's students across 494 schools.

Catholic school communities fund the vast majority of the capital investment required to maintain and upgrade existing Catholic schools, and build new ones.

However, we also rely on capital funding support from governments to assist with this cost. For more than 20 years, successive state governments have partnered with us in this way.

In the lead-up to the 2026 state election, the Victorian Catholic Education Authority is advocating on behalf of every Catholic school family, asking all parties – regardless of politics – to continue capital investment to:

- deliver important upgrades and create additional places in existing Catholic schools, and
- support the delivery of new Catholic schools in growth areas.

We're asking for a fair contribution that delivers real benefits for all Victorians.

Co-investment allows state governments to create more student places and new school buildings at a lower cost to taxpayers. Productivity Commission figures show that every student enrolled in a non-government school saves Victorian taxpayers over \$9,000 per annum.

We are also asking all parties to address planning barriers that make it harder to establish new schools, and to extend the Building Blocks program to help Catholic schools co-locate with kindergartens.

Thank you for your support as we advocate for funding that will benefit students across Catholic schools in Victoria today, and for generations to come.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'E. Labone'.

Professor Elizabeth Labone  
Chief Executive Officer