

MEDIA RELEASE

Catholic School Parents Australia Responds to Greens' Comments on Disadvantage

Catholic School Parents Australia (CSPA) is deeply concerned by the recent comments made by the Greens regarding educational disadvantage. These remarks not only demonstrate a lack of understanding but also reveal a bias against non-government schools, including Catholic schools.

CSPA represents the parents of over 820,000 children attending 1,755 Catholic schools across Australia. We are committed to ensuring that every child, regardless of their background, has access to a high-quality education. The Greens' comments undermine the significant efforts made by Catholic schools and their communities to support students from disadvantaged backgrounds.

It is important to recognise that educational disadvantage is a complex issue that affects all school sectors. Catholic schools educate a substantial and growing proportion of students from disadvantaged backgrounds and play a critical role in ensuring educational equity. The suggestion that non-government schools do not face the same challenges as government schools is both misleading and unfair.

Catholic schools are committed to providing high-quality education to all students, regardless of their socio-economic status. Many families make significant financial sacrifices to send their children to Catholic schools, and these schools often provide additional support to families experiencing financial hardship.

CSPA calls for a more balanced and informed discussion on educational disadvantage. It is essential that all school sectors work together to address this issue and ensure that every child in Australia has the opportunity to succeed, regardless of the school they attend.

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