

**Catholic School families believe that
Commonwealth Teaching Scholarships should be
available for aspiring teachers in all sectors**

Catholic School Parents Australia (CSPA) urges the government to ensure that Commonwealth teaching scholarships are accessible to aspiring teachers from all school sectors, including Catholic schools, to effectively address the national teacher shortage.

The shortage of teachers is a critical issue impacting the quality of education for students across the country. As parents committed to the best educational outcomes for our children, we believe that sector-blind access to teaching scholarships is vital. Every school, regardless of whether it is public, private, or Catholic, should benefit from initiatives aimed at attracting and supporting new teachers.

It is essential that the government recognizes the importance of an inclusive approach to educational funding. Scholarships should be awarded based on merit and need, rather than the type of school. This will ensure that talented individuals who wish to pursue a career in teaching have the opportunity to do so, regardless of the sector they choose to work in.

Catholic schools play a significant role in the Australian education system, and their contribution to the community is invaluable. Governments benefit from the contributions made by families through the payment of fees and access to publicly funded resources such as scholarships should be sector blind so that all children and young people have access to schools that are staffed with dedicated and qualified teachers.

We call on the government to implement sector-blind policies for Commonwealth teaching scholarships to create a fairer and more equitable education system for all students.

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