

# Fact Sheet

## Students First Support Fund



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#### What is the Students First Support Fund?

The Students First Support Fund (SFSF) provides the Queensland Catholic schooling sector with Commonwealth Government funding (\$10.2m over four years) to support the implementation of national reform efforts in the areas of:

1. Improving quality teaching - implementing relevant national standards, frameworks and charters developed by AITSL;
2. Improving quality learning - providing literacy and numeracy support, increasing focus on science, technology, engineering and mathematics and greater access to foreign language education;
3. Empowering school leadership - implementing relevant national standards, frameworks and charters, increasing parent and community engagement and conducting objective assessments of school performance to inform improvement planning and ongoing monitoring;
4. Meeting student need – conducting specific activities to support Indigenous students and students with a disability;
5. Improving transparency and accountability – supporting improvements to school governance arrangements, financial management practices, record keeping, data quality and public accountability.

#### What does the Students First Support Fund mean for Catholic education?

In 2014 the Australian Government approved the QCEC Work Plan which consisted of proposed activities, success indicators and notional budget allocations. All Catholic schooling authorities are required to report annually (end March) to QCEC on the activities undertaken for the prior year against the five objectives listed above and the outcomes of these activities, highlighting the benefits as a result of the additional funding.

Annual allocation to QCEC for the period 2014 – 2017 is \$2,567,447

Links: Australian Government - [StudentsFirst](#)