
Choice and Affordability Fund Annual Report

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Executive Summary

As part of the Federal Funding reforms announced in September 2018, the Australian Government established the Choice and Affordability Fund (the Fund) to support non-government schools. The Fund is provided under the *Australian Education Act 2013* and commenced in 2020 with an estimated \$1.2 billion to be provided to the non-government school sector over ten years to 2029.

For the Catholic sector, the funding between States and Territories is determined by the National Catholic Education Commission (NCEC). In 2020, the Queensland Catholic sector received a total of \$10.5 million under the fund.

As outlined in the *Choice and Affordability Fund Agreement* between the Australian Government and Queensland Catholic Education Commission (QCEC), the Fund is to be used by Queensland Catholic schools in line with national priorities including:

- Choice and affordability of schools
- Transition assistance
- Special circumstances funding

For Queensland Catholic schools, supporting choice and affordability of schools was the primary focus of the Fund in 2020. Most Catholic school authorities (CSAs) have achieved this by offering fee relief or concession to families facing financial and other hardships. Some CSAs chose to use the funds to help alleviate the impact of rising operating costs and reducing recurrent funding in order to maintain an affordable fee level for their students. All these initiatives have enabled children from vulnerable and disadvantaged families to continue studying at their school of choice.

Other CSAs have allocated the funds to training and other activities aimed at empowering students, supporting student wellbeing, and improving teaching practices. These activities are expected to result in improved student engagement and outcomes.

Progress against your agreement and/or work plan

In 2020, Queensland Catholic schools expended \$4.2 million of the Fund in addressing the national priorities as prescribed by the Australian Government.

The balance of \$6.3 million has been allocated to activities in future years.

The distribution of funding

The QCEC distribution of the Fund was based on each school's percentage share of total Australian Government Recurrent Funding as distributed by QCEC to each CSA. This distribution had been committed to, budgeted, and planned for by schools before the announcement of the Regional and Remote Assistance Fund.

The QCEC distribution of the Regional and Remote Assistance Fund will begin from 2021 with the total allocation distributed in full over the nine-year period 2021 to 2029.

QCEC does not administer any centralised initiatives under the Fund. The allocation received in 2020 was fully distributed to the CSAs who have distributed \$4.2 million in 2020 and allocated the remaining \$6.3 million to later year activities. The information in **Attachment A** reflects the amount of the Fund expended by each school or CSA in 2020.

NGRB Expenditure Profile

	2020 \$	2021 \$	2022 \$	2023 \$	2024 \$	2025 \$	2026 \$	2027 \$	2028 \$	2029 \$
Est Expenditure	4,181, 258	21,414 ,703	15,629 ,937	16,065 ,116	16,547 ,070	17,043 ,482	17,554 ,786	18,081 ,430	18,623 ,872	19,182 ,590

Interest earned

	2020 \$
Interest earned	7,466

Activity Report

Please refer to the Summary of outcomes table for information about the activities undertaken and the outcomes of the activities.

Summary of outcomes

Priority ¹	Activities/Initiatives	Budgeted ²	Spent ³	Description of outcome against targeted priority
Choice and affordability of schools	Fee relief for students	Centralised \$0	Centralised \$0	Concessions were provided direct to families. Both full and partial concessions were provided depending on the circumstances and this has assisted 11,456 Students.
		Distributed \$10,283,655	Distributed \$3,940,508	
	Support parental choice and affordability of schools-Recurrent Expenditure	Centralised \$0	Centralised \$0	The funding was used for recurrent expenditure which assisted in providing an affordable education.
		Distributed \$86,737	Distributed \$86,737	
	Financial Bursary Assistance	Centralised \$0	Centralised \$0	Parents were able to allow their children to continue their education their chosen school
		Distributed \$0	Distributed \$24,557	
	Activities yet to be determined by the recipient school	Centralised \$0	Centralised \$0	n/a
		Distributed \$41,274	Distributed \$0	
	Support for the continued provision and diversity of a range of tuition and co-curricular based activities, including the ongoing establishment of online learning systems and on-site equipment and materials.	Centralised \$0	Centralised \$0	During the period funding was allocated to support a range of targeted priority areas. These included, but were not limited to Faculty operating costs and resources for areas as Science & Technology, Art, Mathematics, Business, Library etc. The ability to allocate these funds to help meet the cost of core educational requirements assisted the College in reducing any required 2020 tuition fee increases and supported the program's targeted priority of maintaining choice, affordability and access to our families.
		Distributed \$66,652	Distributed \$66,652	
Special circumstances funding	Fee relief for drought affected and low-income families	Centralised \$0	Centralised \$0	Assistance to drought affected and low-income families. Funding was utilised by a regional school for 26 families who were financial disadvantaged by drought.
		Distributed \$0	Distributed \$62,804	
TOTAL		\$10,478,318	\$4,181,258	

Choice and Affordability Fund			
CAF funds spent or committed to be spent during the reporting period	4,181,258.64		
Amount allocated to administrative costs	0		
Amount allocated to centralised expenditure	0		
Amount allocated to schools	4,181,258.64		

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Choice and affordability of schools Special circumstances funding

	Priorities								total allocated amount
	Choice and Affordability	Transition assistance - other	Regional transition assistance	Transition assistance - former NAAF schools	Special circumstances	Strengthening outcomes for schools	Student wellbeing and support	Other priorities	
Centralised expenditure allocation (\$) Note: provide a list of schools that have accessed centralised support by priority at Tab 2.	\$manual entry	\$manual entry	\$manual entry	\$manual entry	\$manual entry	\$manual entry	\$manual entry	\$manual entry	Total (auto sum) \$(autosum) SD=SE+SF+SG+SH+SI
school details (\$)									
AGEID School Name									
17217 All Hallows' School (BRISBANE)	70,950.79				0.00				70,950.79
17221 Assumption College (WARWICK)	47,243.94				0.00				47,243.94
17226 Brigeline College (INDOOROOPLY)	44,071.53				0.00				44,071.53
617 St Joseph's Catholic School (CLONCURRY)	3,558.81				0.00				3,558.81
692 St Peter's Catholic School (HALIFAX)	7,555.62				0.00				7,555.62
17225 St Margaret Mary's College (HYDE PARK)	143,702.03				0.00				143,702.03
2529 Ryan Catholic College (KIRWAN)	271,378.47				0.00				271,378.47
15370 Southern Cross Catholic College (ANNANDALE)	82,423.76				0.00				82,423.76
624 St Joseph's Catholic School (MUNDINGBURRA)	17,432.67				0.00				17,432.67
661 St Francis' School (AYR)	10,939.22				0.00				10,939.22
5353 St Joseph's Catholic School (MOUNT ISA)	8,004.58				0.00				8,004.58
605 St Joseph's Catholic School, The Strand (NORTH WARD)	13,589.16				0.00				13,589.16
5354 St Kieran's Catholic School (MOUNT ISA)	4,905.68				0.00				4,905.68
649 St Mary's Catholic School (BOWEN)	13,994.32				0.00				13,994.32
2188 Holy Spirit Catholic School (CRABNOOK)	41,521.93				0.00				41,521.93
17223 Good Shepherd Catholic College (MOUNT ISA)	22,634.00				0.00				22,634.00
30318 St Benedict's Catholic School (SHAW)	24,331.28				0.00				24,331.28
8770 Marian Catholic School (CURRAIONG)	20,799.71				0.00				20,799.71
467 Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School (INGHAM)	12,141.49				0.00				12,141.49
14157 Good Shepherd Catholic School (RASMUSSEN)	25,842.40				0.00				25,842.40
553 St Colman's School (HOME HILLS)	4,445.77				0.00				4,445.77
569 St Francis Catholic School (HUGHENDEN)	1,752.03				0.00				1,752.03
584 St John Bosco Catholic School (COLLINSVILLE)	6,290.12				0.00				6,290.12
678 St Patrick's Catholic School (WINTON)	1,095.02				0.00				1,095.02
28618 St Clare's Catholic School (BURDELL)	39,992.50				0.00				39,992.50
17227 Gilroy Santa Maria College (INGHAM)	41,658.94				0.00				41,658.94
17240 Burdick Catholic High School (AYR)	31,705.80				0.00				31,705.80
550 St Catherine's Catholic College The Whitsundays (PROSERPINE)	31,659.16				0.00				31,659.16
17253 Columba Catholic College (CHARTERS TOWERS)	40,603.42				0.00				40,603.42
77476 St Anthony's Catholic College (DEERAGUN)	142,853.74				0.00				142,853.74
17234 Downlands College (TOOWOOMBA)	0.00				62,804.00				62,804.00
15877 Emmanuel Catholic Primary School (MOUNT PLEASANT)	80,086.42				0.00				80,086.42
17580 Good Counsel College (INNISFAIL)	25,252.00				0.00				25,252.00
17581 Good Counsel Primary School (INNISFAIL)	25,252.00				0.00				25,252.00
5513 Holy Cross School (TRINITY PARK)	43,846.00				0.00				43,846.00
7767 Holy Spirit College - Manoora (COOKTOWN)	6,983.00				0.00				6,983.00
17236 Iona College (WYNNUM WEST)	94,170.00				0.00				94,170.00
17238 Loreto College Coorparoo (COORPAROO)	43,400.00				0.00				43,400.00
17239 Lourdes Hill College (HAWTHORNE)	66,652.00				0.00				66,652.00
30177 Mackillop Catholic College (MOUNT PETER)	40,809.00				0.00				40,809.00
14316 Mackillop Catholic Primary School (ANDERGROVE)	24,206.71				0.00				24,206.71
17241 Marist College Ashgrove (ASHGROVE)	64,962.43				0.00				64,962.43
481 Mother of Good Counsel School (CAIRNS NORTH)	29,393.00				0.00				29,393.00
17243 Mount Alvernia College (REDRON)	51,992.27				0.00				51,992.27
17244 Mount St Bernard College - Main (HEBBERTON)	13,885.00				0.00				13,885.00
490 Our Lady Help of Christians School (EARLVILLE)	45,957.00				0.00				45,957.00
507 Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Catholic School (SPRINGSURE)	1,686.20				0.00				1,686.20
508 Our Lady of the Sacred Heart School - Thursday (THURSDAY IS)	9,662.00				0.00				9,662.00
5565 Our Lady's Catholic Primary School (LONGREACH)	20,512.25				0.00				20,512.25
524 Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School (YEPPOON)	60,019.31				0.00				60,019.31
16688 St Andrew's Catholic College Redlynch Valley (REDLYNCH)	138,765.00				0.00				138,765.00
533 St Anne's Catholic Primary School (SARINA)	25,074.86				0.00				25,074.86
537 St Anthony's Catholic Primary School (NORTH ROCKHAMPTON)	70,474.78				0.00				70,474.78
17218 St Augustine's College (CAIRNS)	63,739.00				0.00				63,739.00
541 St Augustine's School (MOSSMAN)	14,291.00				0.00				14,291.00
26009 St Benedict's Catholic Primary School (YEPPOON)	38,836.41				0.00				38,836.41
30236 St Brendan's Catholic Primary School (MACKAY)	35,808.92				0.00				35,808.92
30142 St Brigid's Catholic Primary School (EMERALD)	31,636.16				0.00				31,636.16
552 St Clare's School (TULLY)	12,748.00				0.00				12,748.00
18221 St Francis Catholic Primary School (TANNUM SANDS)	33,770.44				0.00				33,770.44
572 St Francis Xavier Catholic Primary School (MACKAY WEST)	68,047.92				0.00				68,047.92
574 St Francis Xavier's School (MANUNDA)	38,162.00				0.00				38,162.00
5612 St Gerard Majella Primary School (WOREE)	32,836.00				0.00				32,836.00
2514 St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School (GLADSTONE)	55,666.73				0.00				55,666.73
587 St John's Catholic Primary School (WALKERSTON)	32,192.58				0.00				32,192.58
586 St John's School (SILKWOOD)	5,359.00				0.00				5,359.00
626 St Joseph's Catholic Primary School (NORTH MACKAY)	41,659.03				0.00				41,659.03
595 St Joseph's Catholic Primary School (BARCOLDINE)	10,081.83				0.00				10,081.83
596 St Joseph's Catholic Primary School (BILLOELA)	19,568.18				0.00				19,568.18
597 St Joseph's Catholic Primary School (BLACKALL)	11,249.20				0.00				11,249.20
608 St Joseph's Catholic Primary School (BLUNDBERG)	35,933.46				0.00				35,933.46
616 St Joseph's Catholic Primary School (CLERMONT)	18,247.52				0.00				18,247.52
604 St Joseph's Catholic Primary School (NORTH ROCKHAMPTON)	58,804.77				0.00				58,804.77
627 St Joseph's Catholic Primary School (WANDAL)	50,241.11				0.00				50,241.11
17900 St Joseph's College (TOOWOOMBA)	63,408.82				0.00				63,408.82
30180 St Joseph's Parish School (WEIPA)	11,043.00				0.00				11,043.00
613 St Joseph's School (ATHERTON)	21,030.00				0.00				21,030.00
603 St Joseph's School (PARRAMATTA PARK)	31,098.00				0.00				31,098.00
5528 St Mary's Catholic College (WOREE)	79,735.00				0.00				79,735.00
5822 St Mary's Catholic Primary School (BUNDBERG)	69,536.61				0.00				69,536.61
664 St Mary's Catholic Primary School (MACKAY SOUTH)	50,763.63				0.00				50,763.63
662 St Mary's Catholic Primary School (NORTH ROCKHAMPTON)	50,619.92				0.00				50,619.92
17229 St Mary's College (TOOWOOMBA)	66,558.38				0.00				66,558.38
665 St Michael's School (GORDONVALE)	24,083.00				0.00				24,083.00
17231 St Monica's College (CAIRNS)	56,513.00				0.00				56,513.00
684 St Patrick's Catholic Primary School (BUNDBERG WEST)	83,065.28				0.00				83,065.28
680 St Patrick's Catholic Primary School (EMERALD)	60,227.87				0.00				60,227.87
17233 St Patrick's College Townsville (TOWNVILLE)	27,171.00				0.00				27,171.00
5812 St Paul's Catholic Primary School (GRACEMERE)	52,765.99				0.00				52,765.99
693 St Peter's Catholic Primary School (ROCKHAMPTON)	45,393.29				0.00				45,393.29
17235 St Rita's College (CLAYFIELD)	52,803.87				0.00				52,803.87
699 St Rita's School (SOUTH JOHNSTONE)	6,820.00				0.00				6,820.00
17237 St Saviour's College (TOOWOOMBA)	18,429.45				0.00				18,429.45
18959 St Stephen's Catholic College (MAREEBA)	47,500.00				0.00				47,500.00
706 St Teresa's School (BAVENSHEE)	6,415.00				0.00				6,415.00
709 St Therese's Catholic Primary School (MONTO)	10,235.12				0.00				10,235.12
708 St Therese's School (BENTLEY PARK)	50,098.00				0.00				50,098.00
712 St Thomas' School (MAREEBA)	35,645.00				0.00				35,645.00
17248 St Ursula's College (TOOWOOMBA)	29,292.37				0.00				29,292.37
17249 St Ursula's College (YEPPOON)	0.00				0.00				0.00
726 Star of the Sea Catholic Primary School (GLADSTONE)	47,417.76				0.00				47,417.76
17250 Stuartholme School (TOOWONG)	31,319.53				0.00				31,319.53
17251 Villanova College (COORPAROO)	64,651.40				0.00				64,651.40