



Backgrounder: Catholic Education funding from Menzies to Gonski 2.0 and beyond

Federal funding for Catholic schools has been bipartisan policy in this nation for half a century.

Malcolm Turnbull and Simon Birmingham have undermined this bipartisanship . and trashed one

Catholic schools operate from a sense of mission, not to make a profit, and seek to provide a quality, low-fee, open and inclusive values based education to all who want one.

government schools . undermining another fundamental Liberal Party principal, parental choice in education.

Their new arrangements have already cut the amount of funding attracted by over 600 Catholic schools nationally and some 180 here in Victoria between this year and 2017 and threatened to make low-fee, inclusive, non-government schools unviable in many parts of Australia.

To rub further salt in the wounds, the Turnbull/Birmingham plan overtly discriminates Catholic