



## Catholic Education Commission Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn

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## MEDIA RELEASE

### CATHOLIC EDUCATION WELCOMES FUNDING COMMITMENT BY CANBERRA LIBERALS FOR SPECIAL NEEDS STUDENTS

The Catholic Education Commission welcomes the announcement from the Leader of the Canberra Liberals, Mr Jeremy Hanson, that if elected to form government in the ACT in October, they will provide \$17.5 million to support students with special needs in nongovernment schools. This funding will assist in the implementation of recommendations from the 'Schools For All' report.

"This announcement provides a guaranteed funding stream for students in Catholic schools with a disability or complex need", said Mrs Moira Najdecki Director of Catholic Education.

"The funding ensures that these students in a Catholic school will continue to be educated to an excellent standard and will be able to attend the school of their choice," said Mrs Najdecki.

Associate Professor Patrick McArdle, Chair of the Catholic Education Commission said, "The announcement by Mr Hanson is a clear commitment to serve the needs of all students in the ACT. Our interest is to secure optimal outcomes for all students irrespective of parental choice of education systems. With over 17,000 students in ACT Catholic schools, we will continue to work with the current and future ACT Governments to secure a bipartisan commitment in this area to ensure greater fairness and equity for the sector regardless of the election outcome."

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