**Subject: Federal Election 2025 – Supporting Catholic Education**

Dear Families,

As we approach the upcoming Federal Election on Saturday 3 May, we encourage you to take a moment to consider how your vote can support the future of your child’s education.

This election presents an important opportunity to reinforce the value and voice of Catholic education in our communities. Prime Minister Anthony Albanese, in announcing the election, referenced key issues impacting Catholic schools—especially around school choice and fair funding for all.

National Catholic Education Executive Director, Jacinta Collins, has outlined Catholic education’s election priorities under the banner “Catholic Education benefits all Australians”.

These include:

* Ensuring affordability and choice for families
* Addressing student hardship, wellbeing and disadvantage
* Continuing to build and innovate for the future

Catholic schools make a vital contribution to the Australian community, educating one in five students, including a high proportion of those from low socio-educational backgrounds and regional communities. Our schools save taxpayers billions each year while delivering strong educational outcomes and lifelong benefits for students.

To ensure this contribution continues, we are calling on all political leaders to:

* Guarantee fair and stable funding, so Catholic schools remain accessible and affordable
* Expand support for student mental health and wellbeing, particularly for disadvantaged and rural students
* Invest in Catholic education infrastructure and early learning to meet future needs

Ahead of the election, we encourage you to review the attached [Catholic Education Priorities Document](https://catholiceducat728-my.sharepoint.com/personal/rappleyard_dobcel_catholic_edu_au/Documents/Desktop/Election/Catholic-Education-Priorities.pdf) and consider these issues ahead of casting your vote.

We will also be sharing a scorecard summarising the responses of political parties and candidates on these key priorities as they become available.

Thank you for continuing to support the mission of Catholic education in the Diocese of Ballarat.

Warm regards,  
[Name of Principal]

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