

Memo Mr Frydenberg

From: Stephen Elder, Executive Director, Catholic Education Melbourne

To: Hon Josh Frydenberg MP, Minister for the Environment and Energy, Member for Kooyong

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Dear Mr Frydenberg

I noted your comments on the Today show this morning 'The fact is the Catholic schools will benefit greatly under the Turnbull Government's Gonski 2.0' and 'we really care about Catholic schools and we really care about education overall' with interest.

I am aware of your impressive CV; your Masters of Public Administration from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University and your time as a director of global banking with Deutsche Bank, and the keen understanding of policy and finance matters it must have given you.

With such a background, your comments about how 'Catholic schools will benefit greatly under the Turnbull Government's Gonski 2.0' came as a surprise.

Instead, Gonski 2.0 has cut \$17 million – or 46 per cent of federal government support – from the Catholic schools, mainly inclusive parish primary schools with modest facilities, in your very own electorate of Kooyong. Details of these cuts are listed below for your reference.

I appreciate that this information may be new to you. The funding figures previously circulated by your colleague the Minister for Education to Coalition parliamentarians appeared to have been based on flawed parameters to create the false impression that all Catholic schools would gain funding.

Perhaps you might ask Senator Birmingham why he has not provided the correct information to you earlier.

School	Suburb	Electorate	Type	Australian Government funding attracted by school in 2017	Australian Government funding attracted by school in 2018	Funding cut in 2018 (\$)	Funding cut in 2018 (%)
Genazzano Fcj College	KEW	Kooyong (Vic)	Combined	\$6,671,737	\$3,456,009	\$3,215,728	48%
Our Holy Redeemer School	SURREY HILLS	Kooyong (Vic)	Primary	\$1,203,761	\$644,145	\$559,616	46%
Our Lady of Good Counsel School	DEEPDENE	Kooyong (Vic)	Primary	\$1,715,603	\$886,353	\$829,250	48%
Sacred Heart School	KEW	Kooyong (Vic)	Primary	\$1,940,693	\$778,593	\$1,162,100	60%
St Anne's School	KEW EAST	Kooyong (Vic)	Primary	\$1,232,509	\$886,301	\$346,208	28%
St Bede's School	NORTH BALWYN	Kooyong (Vic)	Primary	\$2,007,129	\$1,264,926	\$742,203	37%
St Bridget's School	GREYTHORN	Kooyong (Vic)	Primary	\$555,717	\$395,210	\$160,507	29%
St Dominic's School	CAMBERWELL EAST	Kooyong (Vic)	Primary	\$1,983,510	\$791,415	\$1,192,095	60%
St Joseph's School	HAWTHORN	Kooyong (Vic)	Primary	\$2,885,563	\$1,011,929	\$1,873,634	65%
Xavier College	KEW	Kooyong (Vic)	Combined	\$10,907,193	\$6,387,157	\$4,520,036	41%
Siena College	CAMBERWELL	Kooyong (Vic)	Secondary	\$5,804,194	\$3,338,103	\$2,466,091	42%
Total				\$36,907,609	\$19,840,141	\$17,067,468	46%

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