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## **CATHOLIC CHURCH WELCOMES FUNDING COMMITMENT**

Archbishop of Sydney, Anthony Fisher OP, Chairman of the Bishops Commission for Catholic Education has welcomed today's announcement of changes to its school funding arrangements.

"Today's announcement is an important step in achieving a more equitable outcome for all students and families," Archbishop Fisher said.

"Educational need cannot be limited to financial need. Every child needs a quality education and there is a need for every parent to have a real choice in education, including the option of a faith-based school.

"The previous funding arrangements put in jeopardy the future of low-fee, low-expenditure faith based schools.

"I'm pleased the Government has affirmed the importance of choice in education.

"Central to the Government's package is a fundamental review of the funding model in order to address the long-term needs of our schools and communities.

"I congratulate the new Minister on his constructive approach to bringing some certainty to future funding arrangements."

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