

AUSTRALIAN COUNCIL FOR THE DEFENCE OF GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS

PRESS RELEASE 600#

PUBLIC FUNDING OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OUTSTRIPS PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN VICTORIAN ELECTORATES

DOGS received the following letter with statistical information from a recently retired Public Schools Adviser.

Dear ADOGS

As a recently retired Public School Careers Adviser I have analysed "My School" funding data for my Community for a number of years.

In every Community in the Macedon Electorate with a Catholic and State School the Catholic schools receive higher Public funding regardless of size or ICSEA. (See attached)

So Stephen Elder can't accuse me of "Cherry Picking" I have also analysed Castlemaine, Broadmeadows and Gladstone Park with same results.

I was intrigued that Elder from the Victorian Catholic Education Office stated that a Committee at the CEO sits down and allocates the Public Funding according to need - are they running their own Private Gonski?

I attach documents for your information, use / publish as you will. I have deliberately focussed in part on Schools of a similar size. Kyneton, Lancefield, Castlemaine and Gladstone Park clearly show Elders "untruths?"

Have sent to local Fed and State MP's (all ALP) - no response. Sent to AEU (and spoken to them) - Little apparent interest.

Cheers

J.B.

MY SCHOOL 2014 / 15

PUBLIC FUNDING PER SCHOOL (EXCLUDING FEES)

SCHOOL Total	ICSEA	ENROLMENT	PUBLIC FUNDING Per Student (Federal + State) School
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Our Lady's Kyneton	1044	278	8,940 (6720 + 2220) \$2,485,320
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Kyneton PS	1005	286	8,138 (1441+ 6697) \$2,327,468 (= - \$157,852)
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le Our Lady's 8 fewer students but \$157,852 more.

St Michaels Daylesford	1013	97	11,023 (8640 + 2563) \$1,069,231
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Tylden PS	1078	99	8,712 (1478 + 7234) \$862,488 (= -\$206,743)
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Trentham PS	1043	82	9,389 (1589 + 7800) \$769,898 (= -\$299,333)
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Malmsbury PS	1021	82	9,184 (1647 = 7537) \$753,088 (= -\$316,143)
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le St Michaels 2 students less but \$206,00.00+ more than Tylden PLUS FEES! – 3 more teachers?

St Mary's Lancefield	1027	146	10,856 (8212 + 2644) \$1,584,976
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Lancefield PS	1024	165	7,598 (1318 + 6280) \$1,253,670 (= - \$331,306)
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Lancefield PS 19 more students and \$331,306 LESS

StAmbrose Woodend	1064	224	8,724 (6557 + 2167) \$1,954,176
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Woodend PS	1083	390	7,273 (1231 + 6042) \$2,836,470 (= + \$882,294)
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Macedon PS	1099	218	7,459 (1395 + 6064) \$1,626,062 (- \$328,114)
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NOTE WOODEND PS 32% more Funding but 57% more students. Macedon 6 less students

BUT! NOTE: The \$ actually received by Government Schools is significantly less than stated because "...The reported figures for Victorian government schools do not only reflect income direct to individual schools. The reporting includes a significant amount of services delivered in kind such as primary welfare officers, student support services, school nurses, computer and internet services, IT infrastructure and a range of other programs and services that benefit students, either directly or indirectly. These items are classified as 'revenue' as they represent a benefit to schools". Source: My School Website

MY SCHOOL 2014 PUBLIC FUNDING (Fees Excluded)

CASTLEMAINE

St Mary's Catholic

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BROADMEADOWS

St Dominics Broadmeadows

ICSEA 911 Enrol 202 Public Fund $11202 + 2122 = 13324$ (\$2,691,448)

Broadmeadows Primary School

ICSEA 927 Enrol 286 Public Fund $2768 + 9291 = 12059$ (\$3,448,874)

As far as I can see this is the best funded Public Primary School in Victoria. Still receives less per student than St Dominics.

Meadows PS

ICSEA 898 Enrol 299 Public Fund $1773 + 7944 = 9717$ (\$2,905,383)

ie an extra 97 students v St Dominics – 4xclasses – “earns” an extra \$213,935 – (\$2,205 per student)

Broadmeadows Valley PS

ICSEA 906 Enrol 262 Public Fund $2574 + 8346 = 10920$ (\$2,,861,040)

le an extra 60 students v St Dominics “earns” an extra \$169,592. Will this pay for the 3 extra teachers required?

GLENROY

Corpus Christi Primary Glenroy

ICSEA 982 Enrol 303 Public Fund $8495 + 2754 = 11249$ (\$3,408,447)

Glenroy Central PS

ICSEA 927 Enrol 221 Public Fund $2421 + 8268 = 10689$ (\$2,362,269)

Glenroy West PS

ICSEA 999 Enrol 191 Public Fund $1873 + 7606 = 9479$ (\$1,810,489)

GLADSTONE PARK

School of the Good Shepherd Gladstone Park

ICSEA 1004 Enrol 281 Public Fund $7083 + 2162 = 9245$ (\$2,597,845)

Gladstone Views PS

ICSEA 994 Enrol 281 Public Fund $1498 + 6424 = 7922$ (\$2,226,082) (ie \$371,763 less PUBLIC funding than School of Good Shepherd). **Enrolment identical! Catholics more cash.**

Gladstone Park PS

ICSEA 975 Enrol 413 Public Fund 1547 + 7178 = 8725 (\$3,603,425)

From Parliamentary Library

AGSRC – 2013.

AGSRC amounts are \$10,057 (Primary) and \$12,445 (Secondary). These amounts are used as the initial 2013 amounts until indexation (3.5%) occurs later this year. The National Schools SPP for government schools and per student GRGs for non-government school students and targeted programs for non-government schools are indexed annually in line with changes in AGSRC. Targeted programs for non-government schools are indexed annually in line with movements in the AGSRC Index.

NOTE: THE AGSRC FOR 2014 (AFTER INDEXATION) WAS \$10,723.33 (PRIMARY) AND \$13,422.96 (SECONDARY)

How are the AGSRC amounts calculated?

The AGSRC amounts are based on state and territory government recurrent expense data (thus excluding capital expenditure, depreciation and notional user cost of capital), which includes both Australian Government and state and territory government funds, maintained By the Standing Council on School Education and Early Childhood (SCSEEC). The expense

data includes:

- employee-related expenses:
 - – salaries, wages and allowances paid to ‘in-scope’ staff (including both teaching and non-teaching staff) and
 - – salary on-costs, including superannuation, payroll tax, long service leave, workers compensation insurance and fringe benefits tax
- out-of-school expenses: that is, expense items that do not fit the definition of in-school expenses, such as teachers based in a regional office and the costs of regional and central administration (apportioned across primary and secondary levels of schooling according to enrolments at each level)
- redundancies: payments of accrued leave, other entitlements, superannuation and special incentives
- other operating expenses: student transport, cleaning, utilities, repairs and maintenance, minor stores, plant and equipment, rentals and leases and other (for example, telephone, computer lines, postage and security) and
- grants and subsidies paid directly to school for any school education purpose

The final primary and secondary AGSRC amounts for any one year are calculated by dividing the total of these expenses for each level of education (primary and secondary) in the previous financial year by the average of government school primary and secondary enrolments for the previous two years, using Australian Bureau of Statistics enrolment data. Therefore, the 2012 AGSRC amounts were calculated using 2010–11 expense data divided by average enrolments for 2010 and 2011.

And (From the Catholic Education Office website)

-According to the latest data provided by the Australian Government's My School website, Catholic students receive, on average, 20 per cent less government funding than students in government schools.

Facts to share with your community (From Catholic Ed Website)

-One-in-five Australian students attends a Catholic school.

-Catholic schools operate with an average of 10 per cent less recurrent funding than government schools. Fair funding for Catholic schools would help to take the pressure off government schools.

-According to the latest data provided by the Australian Government's My School website, Catholic students receive, on average, 20 per cent less government funding than students in government schools.

-If government funding does not keep pace with the cost of educating children, the result is equal to a funding freeze. A funding freeze for Catholic schools is the same as a funding cut.

-Increasing school fees will put pressure on families to transfer their kids from Catholic schools to government schools. Fair funding for -Catholic schools will mean less pressure on government schools.

-Catholic schools aspire to produce students who are well-formed individuals because we think it's important to participate in and contribute to our local communities. A strong Catholic education system contributes to a strong community. Catholic schools deliver significant support and resources for special needs, disabled, low-income, disadvantaged and remote students and communities – this deserves equal funding.

Many thanks to our researcher.

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