



Catholic Schools and the NSW Election 2007

Commitment of Political Parties

	Labor	Liberal/National	The Greens
1. Do you guarantee to maintain the current basis for funding a student in a non-government school at 25% of the cost to the state of educating a student in a government school?	YES	YES	NO and reduce current grants by 24%*
2. Do you guarantee to maintain the current level of funding for the interest rate subsidy for approved building loans for non-government schools?	YES	YES	Will review the scheme
3. Do you guarantee to maintain the essential exemptions required by religious schools from the NSW Anti-Discrimination Act?	YES	YES	NO

The information in this statement is derived from the following sources:

Labor: Formal advice from Minister for Education & Training, Carmel Tebbutt on 13 March 2007

Liberal/National Coalition: Formal advice from Shadow Minister for Education, Brad Hazzard on 12 March 2007

The Greens: Policy Statement at <http://www.nsw.greens.org.au/policies/education>

*calculated by Catholic Education Commission, NSW for Catholic Systemic Primary schools. The Greens policy is to reduce the total of the 2007 Commonwealth and State Government grants (\$5,579 per student) to the level it was, in current terms, in 2003 (\$4,260). The Greens policy is to use the NSW Government grant to effect this reduction. This means a reduction of \$1,319 per student which is 24% of the current grants for Catholic Systemic Primary students. The corresponding reduction for secondary students would be 14%.