



# st patrick's college

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Dear parents,

Last Friday, 4 March 2011, the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) launched the updated version of its website *My School 2.0* ([www.myschool.edu.au](http://www.myschool.edu.au))

The website provides profiles on every school, including ours, and includes information about the school such as student and staff numbers, attendance rates, and results from the national literacy and numeracy tests.

For the first time, the website will include information about changes in school NAPLAN results and school finances.

While this information will provide a resource to help consider what areas our school is doing well in and where improvements might be possible, it should also be recognised that the information represents test outcomes at two single points in time and is only a very small part of the overall education picture.

Financial information for our school is also shown on the website, with 2009 recurrent income and capital expenditure broken down by source of funding.

Our school is funded by Australian and State Government grants as well as by your school fees and other contributions. On average, Catholic schools in Queensland receive 52% of their income from the Australian Government, 21% from State Government and the rest, 27%, is made up by contributions from parents and the community. It is important to note that Catholic schools, on average, receive only about 60% of the total government funding received by State schools.

The funding of Australian schools is an important, and in many ways, complex issue. For a detailed explanation about the funding of Catholic schools, I would encourage you to access information developed by the Queensland Catholic Education Commission at [www.qcec.catholic.edu.au](http://www.qcec.catholic.edu.au) (*Finance and Resourcing*)

There is a lot of information contained on the *My School 2.0* website and we encourage parents, carers and other interested members of the school community to view it. If you have any further questions you can contact the ACARA information desk directly on Ph 1300 895 563, or please also feel free to contact me at the school.

Yours sincerely

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