Council of Catholic School Parents NSW/ACT

MEDIA STATEMENT

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‘Better Schools’ Funding Agreement

“The Council of Catholic School Parents NSW acknowledges the hard work and considerable goodwill of both Catholic education authorities and the Government to deliver greater funding certainty to Catholic school communities and their families from 2014”, said Danielle Cronin, executive director, Council of Catholic School Parents. “Today’s agreement means that we are finally in a better position to communicate with our school communities with more clarity and certainty about what the Better Schools plan will mean for them,” she said.

The Council notes, however, that the promised funding increases will not flow in full from 2014. Danielle Cronin said, “While we are pleased that we can provide greater certainty to Catholic school parents regarding the funding of their children’s schools, we also caution parents that the significant funding increases promised by the Better Schools model will not be realized for some years to come. New funding to schools will grow only incrementally over the next six years”.

The Council of Catholic School Parents also acknowledges that while we are one step closer, collectively we still have a lot of work to do to fully implement the Better Schools funding model and the associated National Plan for School Improvement.

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The Council of Catholic School Parents (CCSP) is the peak representative body for parents with children in Catholic schools in NSW.

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