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## **Victorian Catholic school enrolments reach new high**

Catholic school education in Victoria continues to grow, with new 2024 census figures showing that the number of students enrolled in a Catholic school in the state increased to more than 215,000.

‘The growth in student enrolments shows that more and more parents are choosing the holistic, faith-based educational experience offered by Victorian Catholic schools,’ said Victorian Catholic Education Authority Acting (VCEA) CEO Mr Bruce Phillips.

‘This is a tribute to the work of principals, teachers and school proprietors to provide students and families with welcoming, inclusive and safe environments that integrate and celebrate faith, learning and life.’

‘With a growing number of parents choosing a Catholic education for their child, it is imperative that the Australian and Victorian governments continue to provide the capital funding required to meet increased enrolment demands, particularly in the state’s growth areas,’ he said.

The Victorian Catholic school education sector plans to deliver over 30 new schools in the state’s growth areas over the next decade to help meet increasing demand.

Victorian Catholic schools self-fund 80 per cent of their capital expenditures, with funding also coming from the Victorian Government’s \$450m Building Fund for Non-Government Schools and the Australian Government.

There are 496 Catholic schools in Victoria, which educate more than 215,000 students, or more than 1 in 5 of Victorian students.

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