

We are also developing plans that will enable the Multi-purpose Building (commonly known as the 'shed') to be an entertainment complex that will cater for sport, recreation and entertainment for the school and Strathfieldsaye community.

Our School Board is also investigating how we as a parish community can support the Strathfieldsaye community by developing further Kindergarten facilities.

We have also committed to further developing our teaching and learning using technology at St. Francis of the Fields P.S. We have committed \$100,000 to the purchase of 44 Laptop computers and Interactive Smart boards. Thankfully we received grants to the tune of \$75,000 to cover the vast majority of costs.

## State Government Funding of Catholic Schools

Victorian Catholic schools receive 71.9% of their funding from the public purse, compared to 95% received by Victorian government schools. In 2004, the Victorian State Government provided 15.8% of the total income to Victorian Catholic schools, that is, \$1,265 per pupil. This amount was \$288 less per pupil than the national average and \$454 less per pupil than the New South Wales average.

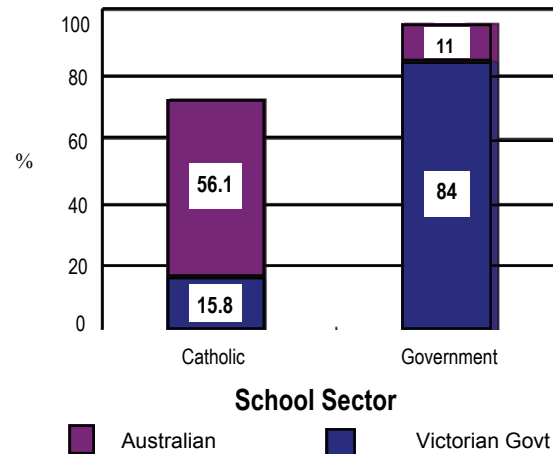
### Private Income

Another source of income for both Victorian Catholic and Government schools is private funding collected through school fees, building levies and other charges. The voluntary contributions in the government sector is about

5% compared to 18% in the Catholic Primary School sector. School fees in Catholic schools have increased by 95% over 1991–2002.

### Government Grants

Proportions of Income from Government Grants: Catholic Schools and Government Schools, 2004



### Recurrent Per Capita Expenditure

Combined Australian and State government funding arrangements result in Victorian Catholic schools having available lower per pupil income (recurrent, targeted and capital government grants) than Victorian government schools. Although private income from fees, building levies and other charges paid by parents, as well as parishes, reduces the gap between Catholic and government school income, the reality is that Catholic schools have on average significantly less to spend per pupil than Victorian government and independent schools. The table below shows that the total per pupil recurrent expenditure (excluding items of a capital nature) for Victorian Catholic primary schools was \$2,464 (32%) lower than that for Victorian government schools and \$3,027 (36%) lower than for Victorian independent schools.

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## Kennington Catholic Parish

Each year, Kennington Catholic Parish contributes 20% of the total parish Thanksgiving Income to the School Building and Maintenance Account.

In 2007, Kennington Catholic Parish contributed a total of \$63,600 into the School Building and Maintenance fund, as a result of our Thanksgiving Income.

These funds are used by our schools to improve the buildings and technology that will ensure a quality learning environment is maintained for all students.

Kennington Catholic Parish purchased land for the building of both schools and has been contributing financially to St Therese's Primary since 1957 and St Francis of the Fields Primary since 1994. The parish also funds the major capital works of both schools.

In the coming years we will, with the support of parishioners, continue to support our schools by contributing to their planned projects as detailed in this brochure.

Your support of the Thanksgiving Program enables so much of this to happen.

## St Therese's Primary School

### ICT

The school currently has 13 interactive white boards. Students in 15 out of our 16 classrooms are able to use this technology to greatly enhance their learning. Our aim is to have these boards in all classrooms plus the library and our new Expressive Arts Centre.

**Cost \$30,000**

Our plan is also to install a wireless network so that students and staff can access the intranet and internet anywhere in the school. It will allow for greater flexibility in classroom arrangements and delivery of lessons. **Cost \$10,000**

### School Grounds

The ravages of the drought have severely effected our school trees and oval. Permission has been granted for St Therese's to access the Bendigo Recyclable Water System. The school will cover the cost of installing a pipeline from Harry Trott Oval to the school. The soil will be improved and the irrigation upgraded so the drought tolerant grass can be planted in December 2008.

**Cost \$120,000**

### Expressive Arts Centre

After a number of years in the planning the Expressive Arts Centre will be built in the latter half of 2008. The architecture of the building will suggest the creativeness of the activities that will happen within.

The building will include a purpose designed Music classroom and Art classroom. A large meeting room that will double as an Indonesian classroom, music tutor room, kitchen, teacher's office and toilets are also included.

**Cost \$690,000**

## St Francis of the Fields Primary

St Francis of the Fields Primary School is situated in the growth corridor of Strathfieldsaye. Census data suggests that the population of Strathfieldsaye will double by the year 2020. Subsequently, we as a school and parish are planning for this anticipated future growth whilst diligently integrating human needs with the needs of the environment for a sustainable future.

St. Francis of the Fields Primary School recognises we are very much part of the fabric of the Kennington Parish and the Strathfieldsaye community, and as such are trying to develop goals in alignment with both communities.

These goals include:

- Developing a Whole School Building Plan that is capable of catering for 350 students, 450 students and possibly 550 students. These plans will ensure staged developments that are costed and financed in a fiscally responsible manner.

It is expected that Stage 1 will include:

- Two more toilets for staff and adult use.
- Larger Staff Room facilities to accommodate an increase in teacher numbers.
- 4 new, permanent classrooms.
- The moving of the current portable classrooms to form a pod consisting of an Environmental Centre, Art room, Music room and 2 classrooms.

The estimated total cost for these projects is expected to be \$1.01 million, with St Francis of the Fields Primary School contributing \$550,000 of this amount.