

Centenary Snippets

Government funding

Goodna became a separate parish from Ipswich in 1892 and 2.4 hectares was purchased for a church and school. At this time no government financial assistance was given to Catholic schools and many fundraising activities were held to raise the 650 pounds which was the cost of the original school building.

It was not until 1969 when after a long campaign by parents and church leaders, State Government funding for non-government schools commenced. The State government offered a grant of \$25 per student. The following year the Federal Government offered a grant of \$35 per student. These amounts increased in the following years and ensured the survival of many parish schools which otherwise would have been forced to close.

What is the funding situation in 2010?

The table below is from the National Report on Schooling 2008 and it shows the difference in the resourcing levels between Catholic and Government schools. Catholic schools receive only 85% per student compared to students in Government schools. You will also notice in this table that the parent contribution in fees and levies at St Francis Xavier School is considerably lower than the National Report. Our fees and levies for 2010 total \$1410. We appreciate the contributions parents have made in the past 100 years to ensure the financial survival of our school at Goodna. Thanks for your support with fees and levies.

Queensland Catholic Schools	Government schools
Federal funding \$5 673	Combined Federal and State funding \$12 639
State funding \$2 012	
Parent contributions \$3 059	
TOTAL \$10 744	TOTAL \$12 639