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Dear Mr O'Doherty

I am writing to advise you on the Coalition's commitment in relation to post 2012 funding arrangements for the non-government schools sector.

While we have policies that are yet to be announced, I am pleased to advise you that the Coalition will continue the existing SES funding model until the end of the quadrennium and beyond, but we will consult on how to enhance the model in the lead up to the new agreement in 2013.

We will also preserve the funding maintenance and funding guarantee provisions that exist in the SES model, as well as continue the annual indexation arrangements.

The Coalition has a long standing commitment to equitable funding for non government schools and that has not changed. While Labor's school funding review has commenced, the recommendations will not be available until well after the election.

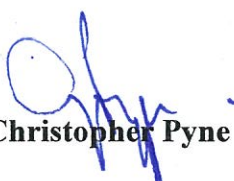
In contrast, the Coalition is of the view that schools need and deserve certainty about funding arrangements in order to be able to plan effectively for the future.

The Coalition has some exciting new policies to announce in the month ahead. In particular, we have undertaken extensive consultation with the sector, to look at developing a more equitable way to support students with special learning requirements, such as students with disabilities.

We remain committed to boosting principal autonomy, and supporting choice for parents.

If you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact my office at any time.

Yours sincerely



Christopher Pyne