

## PRAYER BRIEFING – MARCH 2025

*1 Corinthians 13:4 – “Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant”*

### Since our last prayer briefing

- A Federal election will be held in May following the usual release of the Federal Budget
- WA Labor Government was re-elected with a significant majority in the lower house, and are likely to form a Labor-Greens alliance to pass legislation in the upper house.
- Queensland LNP government has paused implementation of the “Respect@Work” bill
- A Greens MP has signaled to NSW Parliament their plan to table a Human Rights Act
- A Victorian Anti-Vilification bill has been shelved after the opposition and crossbench rejected it
- The SA government introduced an Education and Children’s Services Bill, intending to empower schools to manage violent and abusive caregivers or parents
- A Conversion Practises review in Victoria began in 2024, but no public scrutiny of the review has emerged yet

### Give thanks to the Lord

- The number of WA state parliamentarians who support protections for Christian schools more than doubled after the March 8 WA election.
- The Meet Your Candidates Forums in WA heard many significant commitments to uphold protections for the Christian character of Christian schools from the WA Liberal Party and Australians Christians party (who won a Legislative Council seat)
- The Queensland ‘Respect@Work’ law has been paused. It restricts the ability of religious organisations to govern employee conditions according to the values of the organisation. Attorney General Deb Frecklington described the law as “flawed” and said “delaying commencement is the only sensible option” to address “unintended consequences” and ensure appropriate settings.

### Ask the Lord

- That campaigns by Independent Schools Australia and My Christian School – to protect family choice, funding and legal protections for independent and faith schools – change the minds of candidates and lawmakers;
- That the WA Labor government would be prevented from taking away the rights of parents to choose schools that prefer wholly Christian staff, and will not restrict or ban counselling or prayer for people confused about their inner identity;
- That political candidates and the next federal Government respond favourably to proposals from faith leaders to provide religious schools with a ‘positive right’ to hire staff according to their ethos.