



## PRAYER BRIEFING – MAY 2025

*1 Peter 2:15 – “For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people.”*

### Since our last prayer briefing

- Christian schools held several election forums in the days prior to the election, with over 1000 people attending forums held by Christian Schools Australia
- The Labor Federal Government has been re-elected with a significant majority in the lower house, and many Greens seats switched to being held by Labor or Teal MPs
- Federal Labor has around 90 of 150 seats in the House of Representatives
- A probable working majority of Labor and Greens in the Senate poses a real risk that there could be pressure for legislation to proceed to reduce current protections for Christian schools

### Give thanks to the Lord

- The significant losses for the Greens party in the lower house means that the Greens have lost credibility and negotiating power with Labor to support their push to reduce government funding to independent schools.
- Christian schools have a strong position to negotiate with the Labor Government on maintaining current protections, as it made the commitment that “[l]egal protections for people of faith will not go backwards under Labor” (according to a written response to a senior faith leaders joint-letter, dated 10 April 2025).
- That campaigns by Independent Schools Australia and Christian Schools Australia – to protect family choice, funding and legal protections for independent and faith schools – were well received by Liberal, Family First and Australian Christians candidates at the recent Christian Schools Election Forums.

### Ask the Lord

- That the re-elected Labor Government keeps its promises regarding current protections for Christian schools
- The Queensland ‘Respect@Work’ law, which has been paused, will be extensively revised or wound back, per the Attorney General’s view that the current law (that would restrict school’s ability to manage staff) is “flawed” and had “unintended consequences”.
- That the WA Labor government would be prevented by a community outcry and by significant numbers of supportive MPs from taking away the rights of parents to choose schools that prefer wholly Christian staff. We also pray that it will not restrict or ban counselling or prayer for people confused about their inner identity.