

The House

The next Government of Australia will confront the issue of religious freedom and make policy decisions that will impact on our shared values and beliefs for generations to come.

Labor has indicated that as part of their policy intention they will remove the ability for your school to employ staff who share and live out your values and beliefs saying

“a Shorten Labor government will amend the Sex Discrimination act to remove the exemptions that permit religious schools to discriminate against students and staff” – the exemptions that also protect what we can teach.

The Liberal party has said that it is

“essential that Australia’s laws are nationally consistent and effectively protect the rights and freedoms recognised in international agreements, to which Australia is a party. This particularly applies to the right to freedom of religion and the rights of equality and non-discrimination.”

Your vote in the House of Representatives will help decide who forms Government and what direction protecting our beliefs, values and freedom takes.



We value you, and we need you.

As the election approaches, and we all consider how we will vote, there are many policy areas that should concern us.

While we will have a diverse range of opinions and priorities we must also consider the protection of our fundamental values and beliefs.

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We are asking all parents, carers, staff, and other members of our Christian school community to join us on Facebook at **ValuedVoicesAus**.

We are asking you stay informed and aware of what the Government, Opposition, and the cross bench parties have to say about protecting the values of our schools, our staff, and our students when it comes to religious freedom.



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This election, your values are on the ballot paper

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The Senate

The results of the federal election in the Senate will have a critical impact on the future of our schools and the protection of our values and beliefs. Whether Labor or the Coalition form Government, once again the final say on religious freedom will be in the hands of the Senate, and, critically, in the hands of the Senate cross-bench.

Careful consideration of how to vote in the Senate will be vital for all those committed to protecting our freedoms.

Liberal Party



Labor Party



Australian Conservatives



The Greens



One Nation



Religious Freedom

OUR VALUES AND BELIEFS

A Federal election for the House of Representatives and half of the Senate will take place on Saturday 18 May.

This election will be the most critical for religious freedom in living memory.

Against the background of the same sex marriage survey the Government commissioned the Expert Panel on Religious Freedom to review the protections for religious freedom in Australia and make recommendations on strengthening them.

Before the Panel's report was even released malicious selective leaks became the justification for attempts to remove the existing, and long standing, protections for religious freedoms in Commonwealth law. Hiding behind the false claims of expulsions of same-sex attracted students legislation was introduced which would have threatened the ability of Christian schools to teach what we believe and operate our schools consistently with those beliefs. If the Green's proposed amendments were accepted, we would also have lost our ability to employ staff who share those beliefs.

Religious Freedoms are at the heart of our shared values and beliefs. As many parents, carers, and grandparents say to us – it is the values of our education system that are the main reason our schools were chosen for your kids.

Those values and beliefs, that freedom of religion, is ingrained in how we teach and how we learn. Those values and beliefs must be protected for our current students and for the future.

