Dan White, the executive director of Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Sydney, has highlighted the role of schools in combating racism in an article responding to the booing of AFL player and former Australian of the Year Adam Goodes.

Representatives from the National Catholic Education Commission have used a meeting with members of the Tax White Paper Taskforce to reiterate the view of Catholic education that it would be inequitable to impose GST on non-government school fees.

While Victoria, New South Wales and the ACT continue to have the highest scores on National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) testing, new summary information released this week shows that Western Australia and Queensland are seeing the largest improvements in results.

People working in Catholic education across Australia have been invited to help shape the program for next year’s National Catholic Education Commission Conference, with a call for abstracts for possible presentations being issued.

Archbishop Mark Coleridge of Brisbane and Queensland Education Minister Kate Jones underlined the importance and the longevity of Catholic schools in the state during Catholic Education Week.
South Australian schools set to change intake policy

South Australia's Catholic education system is reversing an earlier decision to change when students can enrol in reception (kindergarten) and will accept students in the first and third terms.

Statistics snapshot

About 45 per cent of students attending a Catholic primary school in 2012 lived outside a major urban centre, the highest proportion of the three school sectors according to data from the Household, Income and Labour Dynamics Australia survey.

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This Saturday, August 8, marks the feast day of Australia’s first saint, St Mary of the Cross MacKillop.

Reflection

"Lay Catholic educators in schools, whether teachers, directors, administrators or auxiliary staff, must never have any doubts about the fact that they constitute an element of great hope for the Church."