

Re Faith-Based Schools

I do not have the time to read all the documents related to this issue, however in a broad stroke, I am strongly opposed to government interference in the policies of non-government schools.

When Australian families commit to pay private school fees it is because parents want the choice and control of WHO teaches their children. If they entrust their children to 12 years with a particular faith community, it is because they support and identify with this community.

Independent, non-government schools should continue to be autonomous in their authority to only hire staff who adhere to the same tenants of belief and values as the School's Board of Governors.

In all of life we discriminate. Does this meet our criteria or not? It is government over-reach to push for changing the existing status of faith based schools by removing their freedom to employ staff who are active service members of those faith communities.

Please leave non-government schools alone; don't legislate against their staff hiring processes.

Kind Regards
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