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# Archbishop Makarios’ decisive intervention in Support of Greek Education



The concern surrounding the status of Greek language schools and, most importantly, their ability to continue offering VCE Modern Greek was far more than a simple administrative matter. It touched upon the very heart of the ongoing effort to preserve the Greek language, heritage and identity among younger generations of Greek Australians.

Against this backdrop, the personal intervention of His Eminence Archbishop Makarios of Australia and his direct meeting with the Premier of Victoria contributed significantly to the development of a transitional solution. The assurance that the existing arrangements for VCE Modern Greek will remain in place throughout 2027 provides schools with the necessary time to adapt to the relevant requirements and secure the appropriate long term accreditation from the competent education authorities.

Of particular significance is the fact that Archbishop Makarios did not confine the discussion to the resolution of a technical or administrative issue. Rather, he placed the matter within a broader context, emphasising that the Greek language and Greek education form an integral part of the multicultural character of

contemporary Australia.



This development also demonstrates the broader role assumed by the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Australia under the leadership of Archbishop Makarios: not only as an ecclesiastical institution, but also as a strong and effective voice representing Hellenism in its engagement with the Australian government and public institutions.

In this instance, direct communication, institutional dialogue and the ability to achieve a practical solution have offered the Greek Australian community something more than a temporary arrangement. They have provided valuable time and a clear pathway towards ensuring that the Greek language continues to be taught, cherished and passed on to future generations.

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