

Education

In 2024–25, the Australian Government will provide funding of \$30.8 billion to support state education services, including \$30.2 billion in Quality Schools funding and \$673.0 million through National Partnership payments, as detailed in Table 2.4.

Table 2.4: Payments to support state education services^(a)

\$million	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Quality Schools funding(b)	29,154.3	30,155.7	31,355.8	32,583.7	33,834.1
National Partnership payments					
Building Boarding Schools on Country	7.8	-	-	-	-
Consent and respectful relationships education	20.4	20.4	20.4	8.3	8.3
Disadvantaged independent school students	62.8	47.1	31.4	15.7	-
National Student Wellbeing Program	61.4	61.4	61.4	61.4	61.4
Northern Territory Remote Aboriginal Investment – Children and schooling implementation plan(b)	36.3	30.2	-	-	-
On-Country Learning	30.0	10.0	-	-	-
Preschool Reform Agreement	478.5	490.3	346.3	-	-
Schools Pathways Program	1.7	1.7	1.7	-	-
Schools Upgrade Fund					
Round 1	3.6	-	-	-	-
Round 2	215.8	-	-	-	-
Targeted Round Projects	9.1	-	-	-	-
Student Wellbeing Boost	5.8	-	-	-	-
Workload Reduction Fund	7.0	12.0	7.0	-	-
Total National Partnership payments	940.0	673.0	623.5	642.0	654.9
Total	30,094.3	30,828.7	31,979.3	33,225.8	34,489.0
<i>Memorandum item – payments for non-government schools included in payments above</i>					
Quality Schools funding(b)	18,053.0	18,679.2	19,465.1	20,259.3	21,050.8
Building Boarding Schools on Country	7.8	-	-	-	-
Consent and respectful relationships education	6.2	6.2	6.2	2.5	2.5
Disadvantaged independent school students	62.8	47.1	31.4	15.7	-
Total	18,129.7	18,732.4	19,502.7	20,277.4	21,053.3

a) Total figures include items not for publication.

b) Includes funding for non-government representative bodies.

Quality Schools funding

The Australian Government’s Quality Schools policy aims to improve the educational outcomes of Australian students and their schools.

In 2024–25, the Australian Government will provide \$30.2 billion in Quality Schools funding to government and non-government schools in all states. This includes recurrent funding, capital funding, non-government school reform support funding, Choice and Affordability Fund funding and other prescribed purpose funding.

Quality Schools funding

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2023-24									
Government schools(a)	3,279.2	2,723.2	2,486.5	1,224.1	748.0	247.5	164.4	228.6	11,101.3
Non-government schools(b)(c)(d)	5,463.4	4,583.8	3,892.8	1,812.5	1,396.0	406.7	271.9	225.9	18,053.0
Total	8,742.6	7,307.0	6,379.3	3,036.5	2,143.9	654.2	436.3	454.5	29,154.3
2024-25									
Government schools(a)	3,388.6	2,836.9	2,555.1	1,267.9	768.3	254.2	174.4	231.0	11,476.5
Non-government schools(b)(c)(d)	5,672.7	4,728.3	4,022.9	1,873.6	1,441.2	422.5	279.6	238.4	18,679.2
Total	9,061.2	7,565.2	6,578.0	3,141.5	2,209.5	676.8	453.9	469.4	30,155.7
2025-26									
Government schools(a)	3,500.8	2,964.1	2,645.3	1,314.6	789.6	261.6	182.4	232.3	11,890.7
Non-government schools(b)(c)(d)	5,918.4	4,926.1	4,186.9	1,940.4	1,511.3	442.6	290.5	248.9	19,465.1
Total	9,419.2	7,890.2	6,832.2	3,255.0	2,300.9	704.2	473.0	481.2	31,355.8
2026-27									
Government schools(a)	3,624.6	3,096.8	2,736.7	1,362.1	810.9	269.1	190.5	233.8	12,324.5
Non-government schools(b)(c)(d)	6,162.5	5,133.6	4,355.2	2,005.6	1,578.6	462.0	301.8	260.0	20,259.3
Total	9,787.1	8,230.4	7,091.9	3,367.7	2,389.5	731.1	492.3	493.7	32,583.7
2027-28									
Government schools(a)	3,761.3	3,232.6	2,831.0	1,410.8	833.0	276.0	199.1	239.5	12,783.3
Non-government schools(b)(c)(d)	6,405.5	5,347.7	4,522.2	2,065.2	1,644.2	481.1	313.4	271.6	21,050.8
Total	10,166.8	8,580.3	7,353.2	3,475.9	2,477.2	757.1	512.4	511.1	33,834.1

- a) Includes Literacy Support for Tasmanian Students and funding for the Northern Territory to accelerate evidence-based reforms to improve outcomes for vulnerable students.
- b) Includes capital funding.
- c) Includes prescribed circumstances funding.
- d) Includes funding for non-government school reform support and the Choice and Affordability Fund.

The Australian Government uses a needs-based model for school funding, which delivers a consistent national approach for all schools in all states.

National Partnership payments for education

In addition to Quality Schools funding, the Australian Government is providing funding for state education services through National Partnership payments.

Building Boarding Schools on Country

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2023-24	-	-	-	7.8	-	-	-	-	7.8
2024-25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	7.8	-	-	-	-	7.8

The Australian Government is providing funding to upgrade the existing Yiramalay school, build a new boarding school, and establish an Indigenous Education Research Centre. This forms part of First Nations Education initiatives.

Consent and respectful relationships education

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2023-24	6.7	4.8	3.8	2.4	1.5	0.5	0.3	0.4	20.4
2024-25	6.7	4.8	3.8	2.4	1.5	0.5	0.3	0.4	20.4
2025-26	6.7	4.8	3.8	2.4	1.5	0.5	0.3	0.4	20.4
2026-27	2.7	2.0	1.5	1.0	0.6	0.2	0.1	0.2	8.3
2027-28	2.7	2.0	1.5	1.0	0.6	0.2	0.1	0.2	8.3
Total	25.4	18.4	14.3	9.0	5.8	2.1	1.1	1.6	77.6

The Australian Government is providing funding to the government and non-government schools education sector to support consent and respectful relationships education in their schools.

Disadvantaged independent school students

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2023-24	19.9	10.2	19.6	7.5	2.8	0.6	0.3	1.8	62.8
2024-25	15.0	7.6	14.7	5.7	2.1	0.4	0.2	1.4	47.1
2025-26	10.0	5.1	9.8	3.8	1.4	0.3	0.2	0.9	31.4
2026-27	5.0	2.5	4.9	1.9	0.7	0.1	0.1	0.5	15.7
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	49.9	25.4	49.1	18.9	7.0	1.4	0.8	4.5	156.9

The Australian Government is providing funding to support disadvantaged independent schools as they transition to new funding arrangements.

National Student Wellbeing Program^(a)

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2023-24	11.3	12.8	18.4	7.7	7.6	2.2	1.0	0.5	61.4
2024-25	11.3	12.8	18.4	7.7	7.6	2.2	1.0	0.5	61.4
2025-26	11.3	12.8	18.4	7.7	7.6	2.2	1.0	0.5	61.4
2026-27	11.3	12.8	18.4	7.7	7.6	2.2	1.0	0.5	61.4
2027-28	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	61.4
Total	45.1	51.2	73.4	30.9	30.4	8.9	3.9	2.0	307.2

a) State allocations have not yet been determined.

The Australian Government is providing funding to support the wellbeing of students through the provision of pastoral care services in participating schools.

Northern Territory Remote Aboriginal Investment – Children and schooling implementation plan^(a)

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2023-24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	36.3	36.3
2024-25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30.2	30.2
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	66.4	66.4

a) Includes funding for non-government representative bodies.

The Australian Government is providing funding to improve school readiness; pathways for secondary students to access opportunities for employment, training and further education; student attendance; educational attainment; First Nations workforce development, including increasing the number of local First Nations employees; and teacher housing in remote and very remote schools.

A new measure associated with this item is listed in Table 1.4 and described in more detail in Budget Paper No. 2, *Budget Measures 2024–25*.

On-Country Learning

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2023-24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30.0	30.0
2024-25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10.0	10.0
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	40.0	40.0

The Australian Government is providing additional funding to all operating schools in Central Australia to support improved student enrolment, engagement, wellbeing and learning outcomes through community driven responses.

Preschool Reform Agreement^(a)

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2023-24	140.8	128.5	88.7	48.1	30.0	9.8	9.7	4.7	478.5
2024-25	141.5	128.5	91.0	48.8	28.2	9.8	9.7	4.8	490.3
2025-26	100.2	90.0	65.7	33.8	19.8	6.9	6.8	3.5	346.3
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	382.5	347.1	245.4	130.7	78.0	26.6	26.1	12.9	1,315.0

a) State allocations may not sum to total due to unallocated funds.

The Australian Government is providing funding to support continued universal access to 600 hours per year of preschool for children in the year before they start school. The Preschool Reform Agreement (2022–2025) aims to improve preschool participation and outcomes, including improved enrolment and attendance. Preschool funding is an ongoing commitment, with total funding amounts from 2026 onwards to be published once future funding arrangements are agreed.

Schools Pathways Program

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2023-24	-	-	-	0.8	0.8	-	-	-	1.7
2024-25	-	-	-	0.9	0.9	-	-	-	1.7
2025-26	-	-	-	0.9	0.9	-	-	-	1.7
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	2.6	2.6	-	-	-	5.1

The Australian Government is providing funding to assist in promoting defence industry as a potential career path for young people and to encourage student participation in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics subjects relevant to defence industry.

Schools Upgrade Fund

The Australian Government is providing the states with \$228.5 million as part of the Schools Upgrade Fund, supporting capital projects to keep students and school staff safe after disruptions due to COVID-19.

Round 1

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2023-24	-	1.5	-	2.1	-	-	-	-	3.6
2024-25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	1.5	-	2.1	-	-	-	-	3.6

The Australian Government is providing grants to Australian schools to help improve ventilation and air quality and make small scale improvements such as upgrading computing equipment and school facilities, as well as targeted grants for schools identified with priority needs.

Round 2

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2023-24	68.0	48.2	40.4	25.0	17.1	6.5	2.5	8.1	215.8
2024-25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	68.0	48.2	40.4	25.0	17.1	6.5	2.5	8.1	215.8

The Australian Government is providing funding to government schools to enable capital investments in new classrooms, buildings, or other major refurbishments and upgrades.

Targeted Round Projects

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2023-24	-	9.1	-	-	-	-	-	-	9.1
2024-25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	9.1	-	-	-	-	-	-	9.1

The Australian Government is providing additional funding to support the continued delivery of Round 1 capital projects.

Student Wellbeing Boost

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2023-24	2.4	2.1	0.4	0.4	0.3	..	0.1	..	5.8
2024-25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	2.4	2.1	0.4	0.4	0.3	..	0.1	..	5.8

The Australian Government is providing funding to schools for the purposes of social cohesion wellbeing support for students.

Workload Reduction Fund

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2023-24	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.6	0.6	0.6	7.0
2024-25	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	0.8	0.8	0.8	12.0
2025-26	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.6	0.6	0.6	7.0
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	26.0

The Australian Government is providing funding to states and territories to enable them to pilot new approaches to reduce teacher workloads and maximise the value of teachers' time.