

Education

In 2022–23, the Australian Government will provide funding of \$27.0 billion to support state education services, including \$26.4 billion in Quality Schools funding and \$545.3 million through National Partnership payments, as detailed in Table 2.4.

Table 2.4: Payments to support state education services

\$million	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Quality Schools funding	25,030.3	26,412.6	27,700.8	28,689.6	29,659.4
National Partnership payments					
Early Childhood Education					
Preschool Reform Agreement	166.7	454.6	458.7	462.4	326.6
Universal access to early childhood education	317.2	-	-	-	-
MoneySmart teaching	0.1	-	-	-	-
National school chaplaincy program	61.4	61.4	61.4	61.4	61.4
Northern Territory Remote Aboriginal Investment(a)					
Children and schooling component	29.3	29.3	29.3	-	-
School pathways program	1.2	-	-	-	-
Total National Partnership payments	576.0	545.3	549.4	523.8	388.0
Total	25,606.3	26,957.9	28,250.2	29,213.4	30,047.4
<i>Memorandum item – payments for non-government schools included in payments above</i>					
Quality Schools funding	15,302.3	16,126.2	16,890.4	17,467.8	18,004.9
Total	15,302.3	16,126.2	16,890.4	17,467.8	18,004.9

(a) 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 2022–23, the Australian Government will provide \$26.4 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
2021-22									
Government schools(a)	3,009.9	2,270.2	2,157.8	1,019.9	665.6	234.3	142.9	227.3	9,728.0
Non-government schools(b)(c)(d)	4,647.1	3,913.1	3,297.1	1,538.2	1,129.9	337.6	244.7	194.6	15,302.3
Total	7,657.0	6,183.3	5,454.9	2,558.2	1,795.5	571.9	387.6	421.9	25,030.3
2022-23									
Government schools(a)	3,118.3	2,453.9	2,276.1	1,116.9	699.6	235.7	155.5	230.4	10,286.4
Non-government schools(b)(c)(d)	4,924.4	4,097.6	3,470.7	1,631.3	1,188.3	354.9	252.3	206.7	16,126.2
Total	8,042.7	6,551.5	5,746.8	2,748.2	1,887.9	590.6	407.8	437.1	26,412.6
2023-24									
Government schools(a)	3,257.7	2,604.1	2,381.8	1,192.7	732.9	241.6	166.1	233.4	10,810.4
Non-government schools(b)(c)(d)	5,156.1	4,291.7	3,638.6	1,706.4	1,249.1	372.8	260.4	215.2	16,890.4
Total	8,413.9	6,895.8	6,020.5	2,899.1	1,982.0	614.4	426.5	448.6	27,700.8
2024-25									
Government schools(a)	3,375.1	2,722.3	2,469.7	1,242.8	756.8	246.3	174.1	234.7	11,221.8
Non-government schools(b)(c)(d)	5,327.6	4,444.0	3,765.1	1,761.7	1,296.3	386.3	266.8	220.0	17,467.8
Total	8,702.7	7,166.3	6,234.9	3,004.5	2,053.2	632.6	440.9	454.7	28,689.6
2025-26									
Government schools(a)	3,504.7	2,841.5	2,561.9	1,294.4	783.5	251.0	182.5	235.0	11,654.5
Non-government schools(b)(c)(d)	5,490.7	4,589.8	3,880.2	1,811.7	1,338.0	398.3	272.5	223.7	18,004.9
Total	8,995.4	7,431.3	6,442.0	3,106.1	2,121.5	649.3	455.0	458.8	29,659.4

(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 will provide funding for state education services through National Partnership payments.

Early Childhood Education

The Australian Government is providing funding to the states for preschools under the new Preschool Reform Agreement, which succeeded the National Partnership Agreement on Universal Access to Early Childhood Education from the commencement of the 2022 preschool year.

Preschool Reform Agreement^(a)

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2021-22	42.2	38.6	25.5	13.9	8.5	3.0	2.9	1.4	166.7
2022-23	140.8	128.5	86.3	46.5	28.2	9.8	9.7	4.7	454.6
2023-24	140.8	128.5	90.0	46.8	28.2	9.8	9.7	4.8	458.7
2024-25	141.5	128.5	92.2	47.4	28.2	9.8	9.7	4.9	462.4
2025-26	100.2	90.0	65.7	33.8	19.8	6.9	6.8	3.5	326.6
Total	565.5	514.2	359.7	188.5	113.0	39.4	38.6	19.3	1,868.9

(a) State allocations for 2021-22 exclude implementation project funding, which is still under negotiation with the states.

In 2022-23, the Australian Government is providing \$454.6 million to the states under the new Preschool Reform Agreement. The agreement covers the 2022 to 2025 preschool years and will support continued universal access to at least 15 hours of preschool each week (600 hours per year) for children in the year before they start school.

The new agreement will ensure that all children benefit from Commonwealth funding regardless of the setting they attend. It also aims to improve preschool enrolment and attendance as well as outcomes for children.

Universal access to early childhood education

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2021-22	98.6	90.0	59.5	32.5	19.8	6.9	6.8	3.3	317.2
2022-23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2023-24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2024-25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	98.6	90.0	59.5	32.5	19.8	6.9	6.8	3.3	317.2

Previously, Australian Government funding for preschools was provided through the National Partnership Agreement on Universal Access to Early Childhood Education. The remaining funding under that agreement is for the 2021 preschool year.

MoneySmart teaching

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2021-22	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.1	-	0.1
2022-23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2023-24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2024-25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.1	-	0.1

The Australian Government is supporting the delivery of professional learning to teachers in primary and secondary schools and the development of materials to improve financial literacy education in schools.

National school chaplaincy program^(a)

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2021-22	11.3	12.8	18.4	7.7	7.6	2.2	1.0	0.5	61.4
2022-23	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	61.4
2023-24	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	61.4
2024-25	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	61.4
2025-26	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	61.4
Total	11.3	12.8	18.4	7.7	7.6	2.2	1.0	0.5	307.2

(a) State allocations from 2022-23 to 2025-26 have not yet been determined.

This program supports the wellbeing of students through the provision of pastoral care services in participating schools.

Northern Territory Remote Aboriginal Investment – Children and schooling component

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2021-22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	29.3	29.3
2022-23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	29.3	29.3
2023-24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	29.3	29.3
2024-25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	87.8	87.8

The Australian Government is providing funding to improve student attendance, educational attainment, Indigenous workforce development and teacher housing in remote and very remote schools.

The Northern Territory Remote Aboriginal Investment agreement supports the Northern Territory to improve schooling for Indigenous children, make communities safer and healthier, and increase access to interpreter services and job opportunities for Indigenous Australians. Other components of this agreement are discussed in the Health, Community Services and Affordable Housing sections of this Part.

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 2022-23*.

School pathways program

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2021-22	-	-	-	0.6	0.6	-	-	-	1.2
2022-23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2023-24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2024-25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	0.6	0.6	-	-	-	1.2

This program assists in providing a career path for young people to enter the defence industry. It focuses on increasing the number of students undertaking subjects relevant to the defence industry in participating schools.