

Education

In 2023–24, the Australian Government will provide funding of \$29.1 billion to support state education services, including \$28.3 billion in Quality Schools funding and \$829.4 million through National Partnership payments, as detailed in Table 2.4.

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

\$million	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Quality Schools funding(b)	26,911.5	28,288.2	29,399.1	30,358.5	31,369.7
National Partnership payments					
Consent and respectful relationships education	-	20.4	20.4	20.4	8.3
National Student Wellbeing Program	61.4	61.4	61.4	61.4	61.4
Northern Territory Remote Aboriginal Investment(b)					
Children and schooling implementation plan	29.3	29.3	-	-	-
On-Country Learning	-	30.0	10.0	-	-
Preschool Reform Agreement	459.4	460.3	462.4	326.6	-
Schools Pathways Program	-	1.7	1.7	1.7	-
Schools Upgrade Fund					
Round 1	50.0	-	-	-	-
Round 2	-	215.8	-	-	-
Student Wellbeing Boost	192.0	-	-	-	-
Workload Reduction Fund	4.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	-
Total National Partnership payments	796.1	829.4	562.9	603.0	679.8
Total	27,707.6	29,117.5	29,961.9	30,961.4	32,049.5
<i>Memorandum item – payments for non-government schools included in payments above</i>					
Quality Schools funding(b)	16,645.6	17,441.1	18,130.7	18,680.5	19,260.0
Consent and respectful relationships education	-	10.2	10.2	10.2	4.1
Schools Upgrade Fund					
Round 1	9.5	-	-	-	-
Total	16,655.1	17,451.2	18,140.9	18,690.7	19,264.1

a) Total figures include items not for publication.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 2023–24, the Australian Government will provide \$28.3 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
2022-23									
Government schools(a)	3,082.1	2,470.8	2,285.6	1,116.3	700.1	235.1	155.0	220.9	10,265.9
Non-government schools(b)(c)(d)	5,033.8	4,224.1	3,575.5	1,702.1	1,270.3	364.2	257.6	218.0	16,645.6
Total	8,116.0	6,694.9	5,861.1	2,818.3	1,970.4	599.4	412.5	438.9	26,911.5
2023-24									
Government schools(a)	3,248.0	2,635.9	2,394.3	1,194.6	737.5	244.5	165.4	227.0	10,847.1
Non-government schools(b)(c)(d)	5,286.9	4,429.4	3,740.2	1,779.3	1,332.9	382.1	262.9	227.4	17,441.1
Total	8,534.8	7,065.3	6,134.5	2,973.9	2,070.4	626.5	428.3	454.4	28,288.2
2024-25									
Government schools(a)	3,366.9	2,761.0	2,482.6	1,244.2	760.9	252.3	171.9	228.5	11,268.4
Non-government schools(b)(c)(d)	5,495.0	4,608.6	3,888.2	1,841.2	1,401.5	396.1	267.7	232.4	18,130.7
Total	8,861.9	7,369.6	6,370.8	3,085.4	2,162.4	648.4	439.7	460.8	29,399.1
2025-26									
Government schools(a)	3,487.8	2,879.4	2,571.6	1,291.6	782.6	258.6	177.7	228.7	11,677.9
Non-government schools(b)(c)(d)	5,664.0	4,756.0	4,007.0	1,883.6	1,459.6	406.7	269.4	234.2	18,680.5
Total	9,151.8	7,635.4	6,578.7	3,175.1	2,242.2	665.3	447.1	462.9	30,358.5
2026-27									
Government schools(a)	3,618.2	3,007.5	2,662.1	1,340.9	803.3	264.9	184.0	228.8	12,109.7
Non-government schools(b)(c)(d)	5,838.8	4,917.1	4,129.9	1,931.1	1,516.9	417.6	271.9	236.7	19,260.0
Total	9,457.0	7,924.6	6,791.9	3,272.1	2,320.2	682.5	455.9	465.5	31,369.7

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.

Consent and respectful relationships education^(a)

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2022-23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2023-24	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	20.4
2024-25	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	20.4
2025-26	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	20.4
2026-27	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	8.3
Total	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	69.4

a) State allocations have not yet been determined.

The Australian Government will provide funding to government and non-government schools to support consent or respectful relationships education programs or training in their schools.

National Student Wellbeing Program

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2022-23	11.3	12.8	18.4	7.7	7.6	2.2	1.0	0.5	61.4
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
Total	56.3	64.0	91.8	38.6	38.0	11.1	4.9	2.6	307.2

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 implementation plan^(a)

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2022-23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	29.3	29.3
2023-24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	29.3	29.3
2024-25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	58.6	58.6

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; Aboriginal workforce development, including increasing the number of local Aboriginal employees; and teacher housing in remote and very remote schools.

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

On-Country Learning

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2022-23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2023-24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30.0	30.0
2024-25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10.0	10.0
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	40.0	40.0

The Australian Government is providing additional funding to 46 schools in Central Australia to identify and implement local solutions in consultation with local communities to increase school enrolment and engagement to improve learning outcomes.

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 2023–24*.

Preschool Reform Agreement^(a)

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2022-23	140.8	128.5	85.9	46.8	29.0	9.8	9.7	4.7	459.4
2023-24	140.8	128.5	89.2	47.5	30.0	9.8	9.7	4.7	460.3
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
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	523.3	475.6	333.1	175.6	107.0	36.4	35.7	17.8	1,708.6

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 funding amounts from 2026 to be published once future funding arrangements are agreed.

Schools Pathways Program

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2022-23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	2.6	2.6	-	-	-	5.1

This program assists in promoting defence industry as a potential career path for young people. It focuses on increasing the number of students undertaking Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics subjects relevant to defence industry in participating schools.

This program has been reclassified as a payment to the states since the October Budget.

Schools Upgrade Fund

The Australian Government is providing the states with \$265.8 million as part of the Schools Upgrade Fund, supporting capital projects to keep students and school staff safe after disruptions due to COVID-19. Payments will be made over 2 rounds.

Round 1^(a)

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2022-23	14.4	11.7	9.4	5.4	3.5	1.8	0.5	2.4	50.0
2023-24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2024-25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	14.4	11.7	9.4	5.4	3.5	1.8	0.5	2.4	50.0

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

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
2022-23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	68.0	48.2	40.4	25.0	17.1	6.5	2.5	8.1	215.8

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

Student Wellbeing Boost

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2022-23	62.2	45.6	35.8	22.3	14.2	5.2	2.7	4.0	192.0
2023-24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2024-25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	62.2	45.6	35.8	22.3	14.2	5.2	2.7	4.0	192.0

The Australian Government is providing funding to schools for the purposes of supporting students' mental health and wellbeing through the impacts of COVID-19.

Workload Reduction Fund^(a)

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2022-23	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	4.0
2023-24	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	7.0
2024-25	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	7.0
2025-26	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	7.0
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	25.0

a) State allocations have not yet been determined.

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

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 2023–24*.