



Better and Fairer Schools Agreement

Fully and fairly funded public schools in Western Australia by 2026

Western Australia will be the first State in Australia with a fully and fairly funded public school system, to drive better and fairer outcomes for all students.

Under the new Better and Fairer Schools Agreement, the Australian Government will invest an additional estimated \$785.4 million into Western Australia's public school system over 2025 to 2029, matched by the State Government to provide an estimated total of \$1.6 billion in additional public education funding over that period. The additional Commonwealth funding is tied to reforms to improve equity and excellence in our schools, support student wellbeing for learning and engagement, and provide a strong and sustainable school workforce.

Key reforms include:



Targeted support such as small group tutoring for students who need it the most.



Year 1 phonics check and numeracy check in the early years.



More support for public schools for student wellbeing and for students with complex needs, including full-service school model trials to link them to support services they need.



Identifying opportunities to reduce workloads and better support teachers and school leaders through professional learning.



Support and pathways for people to transition to a teaching career, with a focus on First Nations people, people with disability and those from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.

These reforms will drive real improvements in outcomes for students, so that all Western Australian students and their families, no matter their circumstances, have access to quality education.