

**EVERY PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENT  
IN CURTIN**

**MISSES OUT ON \$1,079  
OF THE FUNDING THEY  
NEED EVERY YEAR.**

## **THE BENEFIT OF PROPER AND FAIR FUNDING**

If funded to the minimum required standard, public schools in Curtin could hire **6 additional teachers per school**, potentially reducing class sizes by up to 3, to provide the individual support that helps children thrive in school.

Such an investment in public schools in Curtin would reduce class sizes, improve student achievement and create lifelong benefits – for students and society.

**207  
NEW  
TEACHERS**

## **CAPITAL FUNDING NEED**

Additionally, over the last three years public school students in Curtin received only 50% (or just one half) of the capital investment in school infrastructure, equipment and maintenance that their peers who attend private schools have received.

*The AEU is calling on the  
Federal Government to deliver  
proper and fair funding:*

- ✓ Fund public schools to **100% of SRS**, the minimum amount required for students to reach the minimum national benchmarks
- ✓ Immediately remove the **20% cap** on Commonwealth SRS contributions
- ✓ Remove the **4% capital depreciation tax** from state and territory SRS amounts
- ✓ Create a **long term program of capital investment** in Australia's public schools to support growing enrolments and help rebuild the economy

**EVERY  
SCHOOL  
EVERY  
CHILD**

*Take action*

*Your local member of parliament is  
**Celia Hammond.***

*Phone their office on (08) 9388 0288 or email them at  
[celia.hammond.mp@aph.gov.au](mailto:celia.hammond.mp@aph.gov.au) to tell them that  
public schools must be properly and fairly funded.*

*Other actions and resources are available at  
[www.everyschooleverychild.org.au](http://www.everyschooleverychild.org.au)*



**PUBLIC  
SCHOOL  
PROFILE**

**CURTIN**

*It's time to fund public schools properly and fairly.*

*Every school should be provided the resources to ensure every child gets  
the best education, regardless of their background or circumstances.*

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# THE SCHOOLING RESOURCE STANDARD



The Schooling Resource Standard (SRS) is an estimate of how much total public funding a school needs to meet its students' educational needs, and is based on recommendations from the 2011 Gonski Review of Funding for Schooling. The SRS is made up of a base amount for all primary and secondary students and up to six needs-based loadings for student priority cohorts and disadvantaged schools.

The SRS is not an aspirational standard of school funding - it is the minimum funding required so that schools can have at least 80% of their students achieving learning outcomes above the national minimum standard in NAPLAN for reading and numeracy.

The current funding agreements between the Commonwealth and State/Territory governments have now locked in a cap of 20% of SRS on Commonwealth contributions to public school funding, have entrenched state

and territory funding amounts below minimum SRS requirements. On top of all this, the funding agreements allow State/Territory governments to effectively tax public schools 4% of their total funding by allowing them to include arbitrary capital depreciation and regulatory costs. These segregated measures guarantee funding discrimination against public schools until 2023, and as a result in no state or territory except the ACT will public schools meet the minimum SRS requirements by 2023.

## Public schools in the **CURTIN ELECTORATE**



### CURTIN STUDENTS

 **34  
PUBLIC  
SCHOOLS**

 **28  
PRIMARY  
SCHOOLS**

 **4  
SECONDARY  
SCHOOLS**

 **2  
SPECIAL  
SCHOOLS**



**18,787 STUDENTS**

**2,176**

lower than  
average  
SES households

**5,970**

non-English  
speaking  
backgrounds

**196**

Aboriginal and  
Torres Strait  
Islander  
backgrounds

### SCHOOL STAFF IN CURTIN

**2,090**

**SCHOOL STAFF**

**1,351**

**TEACHERS AND  
PRINCIPALS**

**739**

**EDUCATIONAL AND  
SCHOOL SUPPORT STAFF**

### UNDERFUNDING OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN CURTIN

By the end of 2023 public schools in Curtin will receive \$59.8 million less than required to meet the SRS minimum funding amount.

That means that every public school student in Curtin **will miss out on \$1,079 of the funding they need every year.**

Every school should be provided the resources to ensure every child gets the best education, regardless of their background or circumstances.

Proper and fair funding would make the world of difference for public schools in Curtin – new high-quality classrooms and improved school facilities and equipment, more teachers and support staff, smaller classes, and additional learning programmes to give every child the opportunity for a bright future.

**UNDERFUNDED BY  
\$59.8  
MILLION  
TO 2023**

**\$1,079  
UNDERFUNDING  
PER STUDENT  
PER YEAR**