

**EVERY PUBLIC SCHOOL
STUDENT IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA
MISSES OUT ON
\$1,977
OF THE FUNDING THEY
NEED EVERY YEAR.**

THE BENEFIT OF PROPER AND FAIR FUNDING

If funded to the minimum required standard, public schools in South Australia could hire 3,733 additional teachers, potentially reducing class sizes by up to 6, to provide the individual support that helps children thrive in school.

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

**3,733
NEW
TEACHERS**

CAPITAL FUNDING NEED

Public schools across the country are in critical need of building and infrastructure improvements and yet in 2017 the Coalition Government ceased federal capital works funding to public schools.

Over the last three years public school students in South Australia received only 28%, or under one third of the capital investment in school infrastructure, equipment and maintenance that their peers who attend private schools have received.

A guaranteed long term federally funded capital works package is urgently required to provide much needed improvements to public schools and to build new schools in areas of rapid population growth. This would provide new classrooms, bathrooms, libraries, heating and cooling and sport facilities to ensure that every school has a physical school environment conducive to learning.

The AEU is calling on the new 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



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EVERY
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PUBLIC SCHOOL PROFILE

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

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 and allowed 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 SOUTH AUSTRALIA



SOUTH AUSTRALIA STUDENTS



176,376 STUDENTS

105,321
lower than average SES households

33,947
non-English speaking backgrounds

11,669
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander backgrounds

SCHOOL STAFF IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA

23,069 SCHOOL STAFF

14,153 TEACHERS AND PRINCIPALS

8,916 EDUCATIONAL AND SCHOOL SUPPORT STAFF

UNDERFUNDING OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Over the next three years, public schools in South Australia will receive \$612.2 million less than required to meet the SRS minimum funding amount.

Every public school student in South Australia will miss out on \$1,157 of the funding they need every year.

Additionally, the 2018 bilateral agreement between the South Australian and Federal governments allows 4% of funding to be written off for arbitrary 'additional allowances'. This is mostly depreciation but also includes the cost of school transport and system wide regulation. This amounts to a capital depreciation tax levied on public school students of \$820 each, every year.

In South Australia, the capital depreciation tax will deprive public school students of a total of another

\$433.7 MILLION OVER THE NEXT THREE YEARS

COMBINED UNDERFUNDING

The amount that schools and students in South Australia are currently funded below the mandated minimum Schooling Resource Standard is

\$1045.9 MILLION OVER THE NEXT THREE YEARS

\$1,977 UNDERFUNDING PER STUDENT PER YEAR