

**EVERY PUBLIC SCHOOL  
STUDENT IN NEW SOUTH WALES  
MISSES OUT ON  
\$2,460  
OF THE FUNDING THEY  
NEED EVERY YEAR.**

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

**20,932  
NEW  
TEACHERS**

If funded to the minimum required standard, public schools in New South Wales could hire 20,932 additional teachers, potentially reducing class sizes by up to 9, to provide the individual support that helps children thrive in school.

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

### **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 New South Wales received only 35%, or around 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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SCHOOL  
EVERY  
CHILD**



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# **PUBLIC SCHOOL PROFILE**

# **NEW SOUTH WALES**

*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 NEW SOUTH WALES



### NEW SOUTH WALES STUDENTS



805,673 STUDENTS

**2209 PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**1605 PRIMARY SCHOOLS**

**399 SECONDARY SCHOOLS**

**137 SPECIAL SCHOOLS**

**68 COMBINED PRIMARY/SECONDARY SCHOOLS**

**447,593**  
lower than average SES households

**294,127**  
non-English speaking backgrounds

**64,699**  
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander backgrounds

### SCHOOL STAFF IN NEW SOUTH WALES

**66,733 SCHOOL STAFF**

**51,173 TEACHERS AND PRINCIPALS**

**15,560 EDUCATIONAL AND SCHOOL SUPPORT STAFF**

### UNDERFUNDING OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Over the next three years, public schools in New South Wales will receive \$4,055.0 million less than required to meet the SRS minimum funding amount.

Every public school student in New South Wales will miss out on \$1,677 of the funding they need every year.

Additionally, the 2018 bilateral agreement between the New South Wales 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 system wide regulation. This amounts to a capital depreciation tax levied on public school students of \$782 each, every year.

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

**\$1890.2 MILLION OVER THE NEXT THREE YEARS**

### COMBINED UNDERFUNDING

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

**\$5945.2 MILLION OVER THE NEXT THREE YEARS**

**\$2,460 UNDERFUNDING PER STUDENT PER YEAR**