



# EDUCATION POLICY



## WHAT WE BELIEVE

The Shooters Fishers and Farmers Party believe that whilst access to education is a human right, access to quality education is a collective responsibility between educational institutions, teachers, and Government.

This is to ensure that students experience a quality education that is consistent across every NSW school, not just city schools.

Our students will need to navigate the challenges of the 21st century such as globalisation, new technologies, migration, international competition and changing markets. What is key for our students thriving in this century is a proficiency in literacy and numeracy, as well as healthy personal development through outdoor recreational activity.

The disparity between regional and metropolitan schools in terms of cuts to funding, maintenance backlogs, and educational outcomes is astounding and in need of immediate review.



## OUR ACTION PLAN

1. Provide greater assistance and incentives for teachers to teach in rural and remote schools including rewards for longevity of service to rural and remote schools.
2. Pursue the NSW government to replace the Professional Ethical Standards department within NSW DOE and replace it with an independent external body that fully implements the recommendations of the Tedeschi review.
3. Overturning of Local Schools, Local Decisions and Department of Education practices and policies that have underpinned it.
4. Provide greater support for all secondary schools to establish and maintain classes in stage 5 and 6 Agriculture and Stage 6 Vocational Courses in Primary Industries
5. Require schools who have a significant percentage of students failing to meet minimum standards in literacy and numeracy to identify strategies within their school plan that will be implemented over the 3-year cycle that will address this, and provide further support to schools who fail to meet these targets.
6. Support programs and initiatives that will challenge and broaden student perspectives on key issues that will affect them post school.
7. Establish an inquiry into the 'Learning Management and Business Reform' implementation across NSW Department of Education schools.
8. Campaign to have the NSW Government formally recognise target shooting, hunting and fishing as appropriate cultural activities and sports for all public schools.
9. Support the development and expansion of the TAFE system and oppose



## OUR ACTION PLAN - continued

any funding cuts, especially in regional NSW.