



EDUCATION POLICY

Education Equality, Regional Access, and Real Outcomes.



WHAT WE BELIEVE

That access to education is a fundamental human right for every Australian. Access to quality education is a shared responsibility between government, educators, and institutions.

No student should be forced to leave their home—especially in Regional and Rural Australia—to receive a high standard of education. A child's postcode must never determine the quality of their education or their future opportunities. Consistency in education policy is essential to delivering consistent outcomes for students.

Constant shifts in ideology and “education trends” have undermined standards and failed students. Strong foundations in literacy and numeracy are non-negotiable and must be at the core of all learning.

Education must prepare students for real life—equipping them with practical skills, resilience, and pathways into employment. A balanced education includes both academic learning and physical, outdoor, and community-based experiences. Every student deserves clear, achievable pathways from early childhood through to tertiary education, regardless of where they live.



OUR POLICIES

Australia's education system must return to its core purpose: delivering strong, consistent, high-quality outcomes for every student.

No child should be left behind because of where they live. No student should be failed by shifting policies or lowered expectations.

Regional students are receiving worse outcomes despite equal or higher per-student funding.

This policy restores focus on the fundamentals, delivers real pathways into work and life, and ensures that Regional and Rural Australia is no longer treated as second-class when it comes to education.

Strong foundations. Equal access. Real outcomes.

Equal Access to Quality Education—No Matter Where You Live

Guarantee that students in Regional and Rural Australia have access to the same standard of education as those in major cities. Invest in regional schools to ensure parity in facilities, teaching quality, subject availability, and technology. Expand access to distance education, digital learning platforms, and hybrid models without compromising quality. Provide targeted incentives to attract and retain high-quality teachers in regional and remote areas. Publish annual regional vs metro performance gap and funding allocation.

Strong Foundations in Core Skills

Re-establish a national focus on literacy and numeracy as the cornerstone of education. Ensure all students achieve competency in reading, writing, and arithmetic at each stage of schooling. Introduce clear benchmarks and



accountability for schools to deliver measurable improvements in core skills. Tie funding to literacy and numeracy benchmarks.

End the Cycle of Education Fads

Commit to long-term, stable education policy that prioritises proven methods over shifting ideological trends. Establish an independent body to evaluate educational approaches based on evidence and outcomes. Provide certainty for teachers and schools through consistent curriculum direction and reduced policy churn.

Clear Pathways from Pre-School to Tertiary Education

Strengthen early childhood education to ensure all students start school ready to learn. Develop seamless pathways from school into vocational training, apprenticeships, or university. Expand regional access to TAFE, trade training centres, and university campuses. Support flexible learning options to allow students to study and work within their communities.

Education That Leads to Jobs

Align school and tertiary education with the needs of the modern economy. Expand vocational education and training as a respected and equal pathway to university. Partner with industry to provide real-world skills, work experience, and employment pathways. Ensure students graduate with practical, job-ready skills—not just theoretical knowledge.

Support for Regional Students and Families

Provide financial and logistical support to families where relocation is currently unavoidable, while working to eliminate that need long-term. Expand boarding, transport, and accommodation assistance where necessary. Invest in regional education hubs to reduce the need for students to leave their communities.



Support and Empower Teachers

Reduce administrative burden on teachers so they can focus on teaching. Provide ongoing professional development grounded in evidence-based practice. Improve teacher support, particularly in regional and high-need areas.

Balanced Education—Inside and Outside the Classroom

Promote physical activity, outdoor education, and community engagement as core parts of schooling. Encourage programs that build resilience, teamwork, and practical life skills. Support local initiatives that connect students to their environment and community.

Accountability and Measurable Outcomes

Introduce transparent reporting on student performance and school outcomes. Ensure funding is tied to delivering real improvements in student achievement. Hold education systems accountable for maintaining high, consistent standards nationwide.