



How are Government Schools Funded?

- Australian Government funding for government schools is delivered under a National Education Agreement (NEA) with the states and territories.
- The NEA is providing an estimated \$17.5 billion in supplementary Commonwealth funding to the states and territories for government schools over 2009–10 to 2012–13 including funding for Indigenous education programs and National Partnerships in the priority reform areas of: literacy and numeracy; improving principal leadership development and teacher quality; and improving educational outcomes in disadvantaged school communities.
- The NEA funding framework provides flexibility for states and territories to allocate Commonwealth funding to areas which they believe will produce the best outcomes for students.
- Under the NEA, states and territories have responsibility for developing policy, delivering services, monitoring and reviewing individual school performance and regulating schools so that work towards national objectives and achievement of outcomes is compatible with local circumstances and priorities.
- State and territory governments are responsible for ensuring schools are appropriately resourced in order to achieve the mutually-agreed objectives and performance benchmarks of the NEA.