



Funding for the First Nations Teacher Strategy

The Australian Government will allocate \$2.4 million to develop and implement the First Nations Teacher Strategy. The Strategy will help attract and retain more First Nations teachers, which is a key recommendation of the National Teacher Workforce Action Plan.

How will this initiative work?

The Australian Government will partner with a First Nations organisation to develop the Strategy and conduct widespread consultation. The Strategy will outline barriers and enabling elements for First Nations teachers, as well as areas for targeted national efforts to accelerate First Nations teaching outcomes, complementing state and territory initiatives.

Initial work on development of the Strategy will focus on:

- Improving First Nations completion rates for initial teacher education
- Successfully transitioning First Nations peoples into teaching roles
- Supporting First Nations peoples in teaching roles
- Building cultural responsiveness across education settings.

Why is this important?

A First Nations Teacher Strategy is a key action under the National Teacher Workforce Action Plan. Increasing the number of First Nations teachers will promote improved cultural understanding and respect for First Nations perspectives in education and support positive educational outcomes for First Nations students.

Who will benefit?

Providing more pathways and better supports will help attract and retain First Nations teachers while also paving the way for more diverse and culturally safe classrooms.

This will help more Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students attain a Year 12 or equivalent qualification as per Target 5 of the Closing the Gap initiative.

How much will it cost?

The Australian Government will invest \$2.4 million to finalise the Strategy.