



First Nations Education Policy

The Australian Government will invest \$74.8 million in a range of First Nations initiatives to accelerate Indigenous education outcomes to better meet Closing the Gap objectives.

How will this initiative work?

This measure will help forge new partnerships with First Nations Education Peak Organisations and support the development of a new National First Nations Education Policy.

It will also extend funding for a range of existing First Nations education programs while the Policy is developed.

The Australian Government will reach formal partnership agreements with:

- the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education Corporation, with \$12.5 million in funding over the next four years, and
- SNAICC – National Voice for our Children, with \$16.6 million over the next four years.

The Australian Government will also provide support for the following programs:

- \$20 million for the Australian Indigenous Education Foundation (AIEF) Scholarships Program
- \$5.5 million for ELLIC (English Language Learning for Indigenous Children) trial expansion, from 20 to 100 schools, and
- \$2 million for the Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership's Indigenous Cultural Responsiveness Initiative.

The Australian Government will also invest \$18.2 million to develop a new First Nations education policy and engage with First Nations stakeholders.

Why is it important?

Improving First Nations student outcomes is a priority in the current National School Reform Agreement and was highlighted in the Better and Fairer Education Review.

Closing the Gap Target 5 aims by 2031 to have 96 per cent of 20 to 24 year olds attaining a Year 12 or equivalent qualification.

As well as supporting the development of a new National First Nations Education Policy, close engagement with key First Nations stakeholders will inform the Better and Fairer Schools Agreement.

How much will it cost?

The Australian Government will contribute \$74.8 million to these initiatives.