

Statement of Intent

Better and Fairer Schools Agreement

"We are committed to ensuring every Tasmanian public school is on a path to reach 100 per cent of the Schooling Resource Standard – the fair funding level."

Australia has a good education system, but it can be better and fairer.

To ensure all schools get on a pathway to full and fair funding, the Commonwealth and Tasmanian State Government have jointly committed to achieving a Schooling Resource Standard (SRS) of 100 per cent over the life of the Agreement. The Commonwealth commits to increasing its SRS contribution for Tasmanian government schools to 22.5 per cent. The Tasmanian Government, as the primary funder of government schools, commits to achieving an SRS contribution of at least 77.5 per cent.

This funding will drive reforms that help improve outcomes for all students, especially for students from low socio-economic backgrounds; regional, rural and remote Australia; students with disability; First Nations students and students from a language background other than English. That is why we agree that the additional funding will be tied to reforms that ensure no child in a Tasmanian public school is held back or left behind.

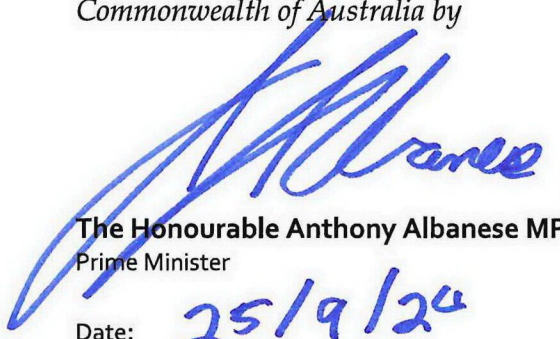
Recognising the key role that education plays in improving social equity, lifting social and economic outcomes for individuals and their communities, all governments are committed to working in partnership to negotiate the next Better and Fairer Schools Agreement. Our governments acknowledge the importance of continuing our commitments made under the National Agreement on Closing the Gap by ensuring reforms tied to additional funding under the next Better and Fairer Schools Agreement contributes to meeting those commitments.

Should the Commonwealth provide more favourable funding terms to another state or territory (with the exception of the Northern Territory) as part of the Better and Fairer Schools Heads of Agreement or Bilateral Agreement, then the Commonwealth will offer Tasmania those terms as well.

To represent a shared commitment to improving Australia's education system, national commitments are contained within the Better and Fairer Schools Agreement 2025-2034. Reform that supports the needs and local context of individual States and Territories will be agreed through Bilateral Agreements. Working together, these new agreements will build our education system into one where every child can meet their potential.

The Parties have confirmed their commitment to this agreement as follows:

**Signed for and on behalf of the
Commonwealth of Australia by**


The Honourable Anthony Albanese MP
Prime Minister

Date:

25/9/24

**Signed for and on behalf of the state of
Tasmania by**


The Honourable Jeremy Rockliff MP
Premier

Date:

25.09.24