



More support for Indigenous school boarders

What is the government doing to support Indigenous students?

The Australian Government is providing \$6.8 million to assist non-government schools who have large numbers of indigenous boarders from remote areas.

The funding will allow these schools to deliver improved services to students and provide effective additional support to boost school attendance and engagement.

Why do boarding schools need more funding for Indigenous students?

A review of selected non-government boarding schools commissioned in 2013 found there were significant additional costs, such as health care, associated with boarding and educating Indigenous students from remote areas. The review also found that many schools used funding from other sources to subsidise the essential services and support for these students.

This funding ensures Indigenous boarding students from remote areas can continue to get a high quality education, some in schools that might otherwise be forced to close their boarding facilities.

How will it work?

Additional financial assistance will be provided in 2014 to non-government schools:

- with more than 50 Indigenous boarding students from remote areas; or
- where 50 per cent or more of their boarding students are Indigenous and from remote areas.

How can my school apply for funding?

Schools do not need to make a separate application for this funding. Eligibility will be determined on the basis of figures provided in the School Census in August 2014 and the additional payments will be made in October 2014.

Where can I find more information?

You can find more information by visiting: education.gov.au

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