

Expanded capital investment in
non­government schools

The Australian Government is committing an extra $300.0 million over 10 years to expand its capital investment in non­government schools.

The Australian Government provides funding to assist non­government primary and secondary school communities improve capital infrastructure where they otherwise might not have access to sufficient capital resources.

Australian Government capital grants are in addition to funds provided by state and territory governments, non­government school authorities and school communities.

The Government is increasing its investment in capital funding for non­government schools from an estimated $141.4 million in 2017 to an estimated $182.5 million in 2021. Non­government schools undertaking eligible infrastructure projects will have access to increased capital funding, particularly those serving the most educationally disadvantaged students.

Under improved Commonwealth capital grants arrangements for non­government schools, funding will now take account of student enrolment growth, which is consistent with arrangements for government schools.

Additional funding of $300.0 million over 10 years will help disadvantaged non­government school communities to provide good quality school infrastructure, which in turns supports better school outcomes. Educational infrastructure is an important influence on student outcomes. Studies show the quality of school infrastructure can have an effect on school attendance, attainment and student behaviour.

The quality of facilities not only affects students but also has an impact on the motivation and ability of teachers to instruct their students successfully. It affects the ability of schools to attract and retain quality teachers.

The expanded program will give greater capacity for the non­government sector to provide and improve their school infrastructure. It will support the Government’s school education reform priorities, which aim to improve learning outcomes of students regardless of their school or background.