



Quality Schools

Supporting students in regional and remote schools

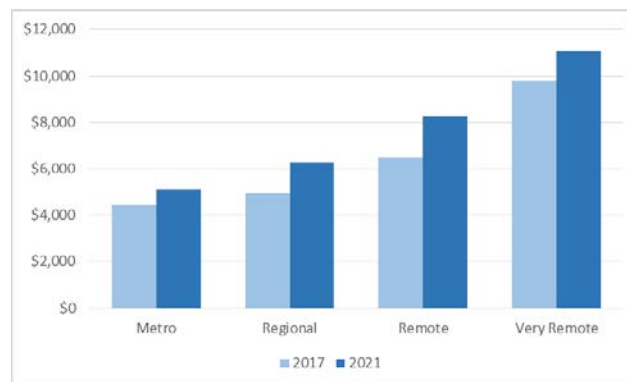
School funding for regional and remote schools will continue to grow from 2018

Over the next decade, the Australian Government will grow its record level of recurrent funding for schools from \$17.5 billion in 2017 to \$30.6 billion in 2027.

The Government will invest \$242.3 billion for schools recurrent funding from 2018 to 2027. Of this, an estimated \$57.5 billion will benefit students in regional and remote schools.

Commonwealth funding for students in regional and remote Australia will grow from \$3.9 billion in 2017 to \$7.2 billion in 2027 — this is an increase of 84 per cent. On average over that period, per student funding for students in regional areas will grow by 5 per cent per year.

Average per student Commonwealth funding for all schools by geographic location in 2021



Estimates based on Department of Education and Training modelling as at 2017-18 Budget

The location loading recognises the higher cost of schooling in regional and remote Australia

The Australian Government recognises that it generally costs more to educate students going to school in regional and remote areas than it does for students in city-based schools. This is why extra funding—called a ‘location loading’—is provided for students going to schools in regional or remote areas.

The location loading is based on Australian Bureau of Statistics data on the remoteness or accessibility of every location in Australia. Under the new funding arrangements, the location loading will continue to apply and, in 2018, is expected to benefit over 760,000 students.