

Recipient Details

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State or territory: WA

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Responses

Curriculum and assessment

Rating: 5

Teachers and teaching

Rating: 7

Leaders and leadership

Rating: 5

School and Community

Rating: 7

Information and Communication Technology

Rating: 7

Entrepreneurship and schools

Rating: 1

Improving access – enrolments, clusters, distance education and boarding

Rating for enrolments: 7

Rating for clusters: 3

Rating for distance education: 7

Rating for boarding: 7

Diversity

Rating: 7

Transitioning beyond school

Rating: 7

Additional Comments

It is very hard for students enrolling in university without any financial help, the current criteria for rural students to access living away from home allowance/austudy is they need to work for 30 hours a week for 18 months to prove their independence, there just isn't enough jobs out there for gap year students to realize this goal, also if our university bound students haven't family or friends to live with and can't afford uni live in accommodation it is very hard to work, live and survive in the city, our regional young people are trying their best to contribute to society and should be given a fair go!!

Please consider changing the qualifying rules for regional and rural students trying to realize their dream because as parents of these students most of us are doing it pretty tough.