2020 NSW funding for non-government schools

The NSW Government is implementing ‘Gonski’ needs-based, sector-blind funding model to all NSW schools, including non-government schools. The Government will fund all non-government schools consistently to ensure they have the resources they need.

NSW funding arrangements for non-government schools

Consistent with the changes introduced in 2019, NSW is continuing the transition to fund non-government schools at 20% of their Schooling Resource Standard (SRS) by 2029.

Schools funded below 20% of their SRS will transition up to 20% of SRS by 2023, while schools funded above 20% of their SRS will transition down to 20% of SRS by 2029.

New schools will be funded at 100% of their SRS (80% from the Commonwealth and 20% from the NSW Government).

2020 SRS Funding

Schools are funded under a single system, with payments by the NSW and Commonwealth Governments made according to the SRS.

The Commonwealth determines a school’s SRS and changes made by the Commonwealth to a school’s SRS would flow on through to NSW SRS funding.

Further information is available on the Commonwealth’s Department of Education and Training website.

Payment Schedule

In 2020, schools will receive NSW Funding on the following schedule:

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Transition support

In 2020, the NSW Government will provide transition support to help schools to adjust to the new funding arrangements through the new Low Growth Low SES Fund and the Special Fund.*

2020 Low Growth Low SES Fund

In 2020, schools with low SES (SES score less than 100) and low growth in their NSW funding (less than 0%) will be eligible for the Low Growth Low SES Fund.

Eligible schools will receive at least their 2019 NSW funding level in 2020. Further information will be provided to eligible schools.

Special Fund

In 2020, the Special Fund will continue to provide support to eligible special schools. This will ensure eligible special schools receive a minimum of its 2018 funding levels indexed at 2.5% per annum over four years (2019-2022).

If you have any questions, please contact NGSFU@nsw.edu.au.

*Schools may also be eligible for assistance from the Commonwealth via the Choice and Affordability Fund.