

Funding for non-government schools in NSW 2019-2029

The NSW Government is implementing the 'Gonski' needs-based, sector-blind funding model for all NSW schools, including non-government schools. All non-government schools will be funded on a consistent basis ensuring schools have the resources they need.

Q1 How will funding change in 2019?

- From 2019 NSW funding of non-government schools will align with the Commonwealth's needs-based, sector-blind 'Gonski' model.

Q2 How is the new funding model fairer?

- After the transition period, non-government schools with the same level of need will receive the same level of funding.

Q3 How does this model cut red tape?

- Schools are funded under a single system, with payments by the NSW and Commonwealth Governments' made according to the Schooling Resource Standard (SRS).
- There will be no February 2019 NSW census as the Department will cease the NSW census going forward and use the Commonwealth Census.
- Payments will be aligned with the Commonwealth, with NSW payments to be made in March, August and November.

Q4 How will non-government schools be funded from 2019 onwards?

- Schools are funded according to their SRS.
- Commonwealth began transitioning its funding to 80% of SRS in 2018.
- In 2019 NSW funding will align with the Commonwealth funding policy and begin transitioning to 20% of SRS.
- Schools below 20% of SRS transition up to 20% of SRS over five years (to 2023).
- Schools above 20% of SRS transition down to 20% of SRS over ten years (by 2029).
- New schools are funded at 100% of SRS (20% by NSW and 80% by the Commonwealth).
- More information on NSW funding calculations can be found [here](#).

Q5 What is the SRS?

- The Schooling Resource Standard (SRS) is an estimate of how much government funding a school requires to meet the educational needs of its students.
- Commonwealth Department of Education and Training (DET) determines a school's SRS.
- Further information about the SRS is available at the Commonwealth's Department of Education and Training [website](#).

Q6 When will schools be advised how much funding they will receive in 2019?

- The Department will advise all non-government schools and systems of their estimated 2019 funding entitlement in December 2018.

Q7 Will there be assistance to help schools adjust to the new funding arrangements?

- Transition funding support will be provided in 2019 guaranteeing that schools receive at least their 2018 NSW funding. Additional transition support will be provided for schools currently below 100% of SRS ensuring they receive at least 3% growth in NSW funding in 2019.
- A Special Fund will also support schools where students with high level disability are enrolled.
- More information on transition assistance funding can be found [here](#).

Q8 How will capital funding be distributed in 2019?

- Capital funding is not included in the SRS Entitlement funding.
- The Building Grants Assistance Scheme (BGAS) will continue as planned and ongoing commitments under the former Interest Subsidy Scheme will also be maintained.