

2021 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).

2021 SRS Entitlement 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.

The Commonwealth has recently published schools’ 2021 capacity to contribute (CTC) scores, which will be used in the calculation of NSW funding. Further information is available on the [Commonwealth’s Department of Education, Skills and Employment website](#).

Payment Schedule

In 2021, schools will receive NSW Funding as per the following schedule:

Month	February	August	November
% of SRS entitlement	50%	25%	25%

Transition support

In 2021, the NSW Government will continue to provide transition support to help schools to adjust to the new funding arrangements through the Low Growth Low SES Fund and the Special Fund.*

Low Growth Low SES Fund

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.

The fund tapers down by 25% each year as schools transition to being funded at 20% of their SRS. Eligible schools will receive 75% of their Low Growth Low SES entitlement in 2021, 50% in 2022 and 25% in 2023. Further information will be provided to eligible schools.

Special Fund

In 2021, 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. From 2023, the Special Fund is being phased out through a tapered reduction of 25% per annum over four years. Eligible schools will receive 75% of the special fund in 2023, 50% in 2024, and 25% in 2025.

*Schools may also be eligible for assistance from the Commonwealth via the [Choice and Affordability Fund](#).