

# 2025 NSW funding for non-government schools

The NSW Government has implemented the ‘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.

Since 2023, all non-government schools are funded at or above 20% of the SRS. Schools funded above 20% of their SRS will continue to transition down to 20% by 2029.

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

## 2025 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’ 2025 capacity to contribute (CTC) scores, which are used in calculation of the SRS. Further information is available on the [Commonwealth’s Department of Education website](#).

## Payment schedule

Schools will receive NSW SRS Entitlement funding as per the following schedule:

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

## Transition support

In 2025, the NSW Government will continue to provide transition support to help eligible schools through the Special Fund.\*

## Special Fund

In 2019, NSW introduced the Special Fund to support eligible special schools to adjust to the new funding arrangements over four years (2019-2022). The fund compares eligible special schools to their 2018 funding levels indexed at 2.5% per annum.

Since 2023, all non-government schools are funded at or above 100% of the SRS. Schools funded above 100% SRS will transition down by 2029.

To continue to support eligible special schools, the Special Fund is being extended with a tapered reduction of 25% per annum. 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](#).