

Funding for non-government schools in NSW 2019-2029

The NSW Government has implemented 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 has funding changed from 2019?

- From 2019 NSW funding of non-government schools has aligned 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 has 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).
- Since the end of 2018 there is no longer a February NSW census as the Department has ceased the NSW census going forward and is using the Commonwealth Census.
- Payments have aligned with the Commonwealth, with NSW payments to be made in February, August and November.

Q4 How are non-government schools being 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 aligned with the Commonwealth funding policy and began transitioning to 20% of SRS.
- Schools below 20% of SRS transitioned up to 20% of SRS by 2023.

- Schools above 20% of SRS continue to transition down to 20% of SRS by 2029.
- New schools are funded at 100% of SRS (20% by NSW and 80% by the Commonwealth).

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 determines a school’s SRS.
- Further information about the SRS is available on the [Commonwealth’s Department of Education website](#).

Q6 Will there be assistance to help schools adjust to the new funding arrangements?

- A Special Fund will also support eligible special schools until 2025.
- Further information is provided in relevant fact sheets on the [NSW Department of Education website](#).

Q7 How is capital funding distributed?

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