

New South Wales Government Schools

Jurisdiction-specific comments

Recurrent Funding:

- The financial information represents the 2016 expenditure of NSW Government Schools. These expenditures are funded from the State Budget and School Generated Income.
- The NSW Government provides a base level of funding based on student enrolments and staff numbers to every school.
- Additional funds are allocated according to grant requirements and student needs.
- The NSW Government uses information from payroll, school annual financial statements, school cleaning and maintenance to estimate the required recurrent funding to operate schools.
- Staff salary, school support services and central office costs are centrally funded and managed by the Department on behalf of schools.
- An apportionment methodology has been used to attribute expenditures that could not be assigned to individual schools.
- Expenditures relating to Government pre-schools were excluded from the report.
- School funding includes funds associated with specialist units attached to a host school, such as Intensive English and Distance Education Centres.

School Generated Income:

- Schools receive income from fees, charges and parents contributions as well as other private sources, for example donations, fundraising and sponsorships.
- There has been a change in reporting process with regards Schools Own Sourced Funding, which is reported by ACARA in two categories:
 - a. Fees, Charges and Parental Contributions
 - b. Other Private Sourced Income

The portion of funds expended will now be reported by the Department instead of funds received. This change in reporting methodology will result in a fall in aggregate and school level figures against Schools' own source funding categories.

Capital Funding:

- Capital programs are managed centrally. Majority of expenditures are traced to specific schools via source system data. There is apportionment of expenditures which are not school-specific and for those expenditures that cannot be assigned to individual schools.