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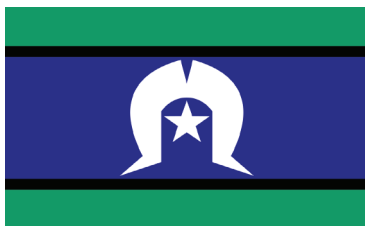
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GPV/KCV acknowledges the peoples of the Kulin nation as the traditional owners of our great land and offers respect to Elders, past and present.

GPV/KCV acknowledges that the Aboriginal culture existed in Australia before European settlement and consisted of many community groups. Further, we acknowledge the Indigenous peoples of this land as the oldest continuing cultures in human history.

GPV/KCV acknowledges that laws and policies of the past have inflicted grief and suffering on our fellow Australians and regrets the removal of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children from their families.

GPV/KCV believes that a society that is inclusive of all is crucial to individual and community wellbeing and will behave with respect towards all irrespective of their race, religion, sexuality, gender or socio-economic background.

GPV/KCV acknowledges 13th of February as National Apology Day, the anniversary of then Prime Minister, Kevin Rudd, delivering the National Apology to Australia's Indigenous Peoples in 2008. GPV/KCV will take steps that promote a happier and healthier future for Indigenous Australians, particularly the children and young people.

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# GPV/KCV Campaign - Improving education for all

**Since 2004 GPV/KCV has been campaigning for improvements in provision of education services to all children and young people. Since 2010 GPV/KCV has been particularly concerned about provision of education services to children and young people in out of home care and has campaigned for support for carers to keep children engaged in education and experiencing success at school.**

KCV commends the report *Let Us Learn* released by the Victorian Commissioner for Children and Young People in January 2024 and calls for the Victorian Government to respond to its recommendations as a matter of urgent significance to the wellbeing of Victoria's children and young people and that the Victorian Government establish an open process for the implementation of its recommendations, including publication of an implementation timeline

Further, in order to defray the prohibitive costs of education, KCV calls for the urgent implementation of the following measures:

- The Victorian Government to increase the Carer Allowance and for the Department of Families Fairness and Housing (DFFH) to strengthen the Care Allowance assessment and payment processes to ensure assessments are conducted thoroughly and in a timely way, and that equitable financial support is provided
- The Victorian Department of Education ensure that carers of students in out-of-home care are not requested to pay voluntary financial contributions and education-related expenses, including camps and excursions.
- The DFFH to ensure carers and the children / young people in their care, are provided, early in the establishment of the, placement, with information about flexible funding available to cover education and extra-curricular activities and that the process for seeking this funding is streamlined.
- The Victorian Government provide all students in out-of-home care with free public transport via Victorian Student Travel Pass

# Three of Australia's wealthiest private schools got double the federal funding they were entitled to last year

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**Three of Sydney's wealthiest private schools received double the federal funding they were entitled to last year under the official resource standard, new data shows, despite the introduction of reforms to tackle overfunding.**

Under the school funding agreement, struck in 2019, the commonwealth is meant to contribute 80% of the **schooling resource standard (SRS)** for private schools, while state and territory governments are responsible for the remaining 20%. The split is reversed for public schools.

Figures outlined in a Senate estimates briefing released under freedom of information legislation show four in 10 (1,150) private schools were overfunded by the commonwealth in excess of the agreed 80% level last year, to the tune of \$2.5bn.

**Northern Beaches Christian school, St Augustine's College and MLC school, all in Sydney, were funded at 171%, 160% and 158% of the SRS respectively, about double the 80% they should have received from the commonwealth. That equated to about \$13.6m of overfunding in a single year.**

In total, almost 40 schools received more than \$2m more than budgeted in their commonwealth share of funding, including prestigious institutions Loreto Kirribilli and Normanhurst, the Council of Newington College and St Aloysius' College, also in Kirribilli.

Penleigh and Essendon Grammar school and Haileybury in Melbourne and St Augustine's College in Sydney all received more than \$5m in overfunding.

School Name	State	2023 percentage of commonwealth SRS	2023 commonwealth overfunding	2028 projected commonwealth overfunding	Total projected commonwealth funding above 80% of the SRS 2023 to 2028
Haileybury	VIC	95%	\$ 5,101,372	\$ 890,756	\$ 19,139,650
Penleigh and Essendon Grammar School	VIC	110%	\$ 5,089,994	\$ 1,104,641	\$ 19,656,822
St Augustine's College Sydney	NSW	160%	\$ 5,000,335	\$ 1,070,485	\$ 19,402,699
Northern Beaches Christian School	NSW	171%	\$ 3,857,090	\$ 829,303	\$ 14,932,205
The Presbyterian Church New South Wales Property Trust	NSW	93%	\$ 3,847,901	\$ 771,122	\$ 14,094,399
Cannon Hill Anglican College Pty Ltd	QLD	132%	\$ 3,843,326	\$ 830,176	\$ 14,772,610
The Council of Trinity Grammar School	NSW	110%	\$ 3,649,280	\$ 788,635	\$ 14,091,632
MLC School	NSW	158%	\$ 3,529,618	\$ 761,369	\$ 13,624,152
Haileybury Rendall School	NT	106%	\$ 3,044,861	\$ 493,623	\$ 10,874,794
The William Branwhite Clarke College Council	NSW	103%	\$ 3,016,871	\$ 678,225	\$ 11,593,153
The Ivanhoe Grammar School	VIC	100%	\$ 3,015,936	\$ 595,797	\$ 11,529,160
Matthew Flinders Anglican College Limited	QLD	108%	\$ 2,994,404	\$ 663,187	\$ 11,444,275
Newcastle Grammar School Limited	NSW	147%	\$ 2,930,621	\$ 624,526	\$ 11,326,084
Hunter Valley Grammar School	NSW	110%	\$ 2,904,940	\$ 623,700	\$ 11,188,842
Council of Newington College	NSW	122%	\$ 2,894,718	\$ 625,950	\$ 11,184,776
Board of Trustees of the Brisbane Grammar School	QLD	125%	\$ 2,867,557	\$ 639,689	\$ 11,099,990
St Margaret's School Council Limited	QLD	135%	\$ 2,801,095	\$ 574,626	\$ 10,735,928
The Anglican Church of Australia Collegiate School of Saint Peter	SA	112%	\$ 2,637,177	\$ 531,315	\$ 10,113,165
Loreto Kirribilli Limited	NSW	134%	\$ 2,583,050	\$ 562,720	\$ 10,006,787
St Mary's Anglican Girls School Inc	WA	120%	\$ 2,582,766	\$ 549,226	\$ 9,836,598
Inaburra School Limited	NSW	119%	\$ 2,580,618	\$ 520,617	\$ 9,888,775
St Philip's Christian Education Foundation Ltd	NSW	84%	\$ 2,565,907	\$ 821,796	\$ 9,901,562



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Loreto Normanhurst Limited	NSW	133%	\$ 2,454,012	\$ 548,603	\$ 9,527,704
Central Coast Grammar School Ltd	NSW	104%	\$ 2,442,721	\$ 519,786	\$ 9,378,602
Governors of Hale School	WA	115%	\$ 2,427,505	\$ 506,842	\$ 9,351,165
Guildford Grammar School Inc	WA	104%	\$ 2,315,677	\$ 470,194	\$ 8,766,968
Pembroke School Incorporated	SA	106%	\$ 2,297,682	\$ 460,190	\$ 8,843,332
Whitsunday Anglican School Limited	QLD	107%	\$ 2,245,357	\$ 417,288	\$ 8,454,625
Oxford Falls Grammar School Limited	NSW	121%	\$ 2,238,314	\$ 491,823	\$ 8,706,005
Mentone Grammar School	VIC	100%	\$ 2,217,834	\$ 437,367	\$ 8,571,863
Monte Sant' Angelo Mercy College Limited	NSW	130%	\$ 2,207,644	\$ 468,334	\$ 8,623,954
St Aloysius' College LTD	NSW	132%	\$ 2,206,304	\$ 497,927	\$ 8,520,695
Kardinia International College (Geelong) Ltd	VIC	92%	\$ 2,140,344	\$ 463,913	\$ 8,260,635
Wesley College Melbourne	VIC	95%	\$ 2,089,741	\$ 366,544	\$ 7,850,857
Radford College Limited	ACT	112%	\$ 2,068,023	\$ 375,846	\$ 7,626,776
Oakhill College	NSW	93%	\$ 2,051,417	\$ 419,863	\$ 7,727,930
Wesley College	WA	109%	\$ 1,968,460	\$ 412,860	\$ 7,427,348
Brigidine College, St Ives	NSW	130%	\$ 1,960,454	\$ 418,274	\$ 7,612,745
Mount St Benedict College	NSW	102%	\$ 1,934,908	\$ 465,300	\$ 7,464,034
Somerset College Limited	QLD	95%	\$ 1,934,678	\$ 323,012	\$ 7,181,844
St Leonard's College	VIC	111%	\$ 1,892,500	\$ 398,908	\$ 7,333,278
Brisbane Girls Grammar School	QLD	114%	\$ 1,821,240	\$ 405,656	\$ 7,050,000
Perth College Inc	WA	115%	\$ 1,804,744	\$ 376,830	\$ 6,819,002
The Pittwater House Schools Ltd	NSW	137%	\$ 1,759,913	\$ 398,898	\$ 6,845,610
All Saints' College Inc.	WA	102%	\$ 1,735,243	\$ 383,648	\$ 6,503,501
All Saints Anglican School Limited	QLD	90%	\$ 1,734,651	\$ 433,107	\$ 6,469,075
Newcastle Anglican Schools Corporation	NSW	84%	\$ 1,710,575	\$ 546,707	\$ 6,128,663

School Name	State	2023 percentage of commonwealth SRS	2023 commonwealth overfunding	2028 projected commonwealth overfunding	Total projected commonwealth funding above 80% of the SRS 2023 to 2028
Scotch College Incorporated	SA	106%	\$ 1,681,905	\$ 334,953	\$ 5,543,051
Lindisfarne Anglican School	NSW	88%	\$ 1,664,711	\$ 268,989	\$ 6,619,590
Townsville Grammar School	QLD	92%	\$ 1,643,005	\$ 341,859	\$ 6,281,800
St Scholastica's College	NSW	100%	\$ 1,630,524	\$ 326,468	\$ 6,281,122
Burgmann Anglican School	ACT	94%	\$ 1,619,767	\$ 267,331	\$ 5,993,993
Girton Grammar School Ltd	VIC	94%	\$ 1,615,015	\$ 301,975	\$ 6,231,705
Board of Trustees of the Rockhampton Grammar School	QLD	89%	\$ 1,610,906	\$ 443,336	\$ 6,448,930
Mandurah Baptist College Inc	WA	90%	\$ 1,609,550	\$ 387,422	\$ 6,080,354
Melbourne Grammar School	VIC	104%	\$ 1,584,171	\$ 345,153	\$ 6,125,235
Geelong Grammar School	VIC	99%	\$ 1,581,561	\$ 326,005	\$ 6,141,000
The Council of St Andrew's Cathedral School	NSW	100%	\$ 1,433,102	\$ 276,988	\$ 5,579,045
Oxley College Limited	NSW	101%	\$ 1,416,591	\$ 264,992	\$ 5,370,504
Wilderness School Ltd	SA	113%	\$ 1,388,170	\$ 273,043	\$ 5,273,848
St Vincent's College Limited	NSW	111%	\$ 1,373,544	\$ 293,952	\$ 5,365,860
Kinross Wolaroi School	NSW	92%	\$ 1,373,338	\$ 299,677	\$ 5,324,093
Hillbrook Anglican School Limited	QLD	102%	\$ 1,366,656	\$ 314,757	\$ 5,265,480
The International Grammar School Sydney LTD	NSW	112%	\$ 1,365,320	\$ 275,672	\$ 5,254,745
Carey Baptist Grammar School Limited	VIC	94%	\$ 1,352,157	\$ 252,757	\$ 5,216,694
The Bunbury Cathedral Grammar School Inc	WA	104%	\$ 1,336,359	\$ 270,994	\$ 5,056,992
Rosebank College	NSW	89%	\$ 1,331,854	\$ 197,867	\$ 4,939,148
Catholic Church of the Diocese of Darwin Property Trust Inc	NT	81%	\$ 1,328,656	\$ -	\$ 2,716,639
The Council of St Catherine's School Waverley	NSW	115%	\$ 1,317,156	\$ 293,771	\$ 5,084,187
The Essington School Darwin Limited	NT	96%	\$ 1,303,519	\$ 257,254	\$ 4,627,247

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The Illawarra Grammar School	NSW	101%	\$ 1,292,981	\$ 239,876	\$ 4,886,017
Penrhos College	WA	107%	\$ 1,280,770	\$ 287,689	\$ 4,922,266
Westminster School	SA	92%	\$ 1,279,485	\$ 274,959	\$ 4,916,815
St Mary Star of the Sea College Limited	NSW	90%	\$ 1,266,831	\$ 333,164	\$ 5,058,079
St Pauls Grammar School Penrith LTD	NSW	96%	\$ 1,257,127	\$ 301,609	\$ 4,914,112
Stella Maris College	NSW	104%	\$ 1,252,463	\$ 275,880	\$ 4,875,347
Methodist Ladies' College Limited	VIC	94%	\$ 1,238,930	\$ 233,928	\$ 4,711,727
LYCEE CONDORCET THE INTERNATIONAL FRENCH SCHOOL OF SYDNEY LTD	NSW	117%	\$ 1,193,458	\$ 246,834	\$ 4,527,420
Seventh-Day Adventist Schools (North New South Wales) Limited	NSW	82%	\$ 1,177,522	\$ -	\$ 4,497,584
The Camberwell Grammar School	VIC	100%	\$ 1,166,710	\$ 230,587	\$ 4,512,142
Ormiston College Limited	QLD	89%	\$ 1,159,401	\$ 161,359	\$ 4,214,832
Swan Christian Education Association Inc.	WA	82%	\$ 1,157,071	\$ -	\$ 4,344,442
Lowther Hall Anglican Grammar School	VIC	101%	\$ 1,130,261	\$ 277,708	\$ 4,444,632
Scotch Oakburn College Inc.	TAS	88%	\$ 1,124,475	\$ 175,146	\$ 4,277,787
Winifred West Schools Limited	NSW	105%	\$ 1,115,216	\$ 195,921	\$ 3,832,499
Caulfield Grammar School	VIC	85%	\$ 1,103,986	\$ 287,810	\$ 4,411,777
Daramalan College	ACT	88%	\$ 1,065,836	\$ 156,250	\$ 3,970,632
The Cathedral School of St Anne and St James Limited	QLD	88%	\$ 1,048,118	\$ 164,642	\$ 3,874,923
Tranby College (INC)	WA	92%	\$ 1,019,703	\$ 205,158	\$ 3,847,194
Macarthur Anglican School	NSW	90%	\$ 1,003,381	\$ 256,997	\$ 3,866,929

**Separate figures show that public schools' total funding – from the commonwealth and states and territories – averaged just 92% of the SRS.**

The federal government has until the end of the decade to bring all nongovernment schools down to 100% of the total SRS, with funding to increase for public schools during the same period.

But despite historical funding inequities between the public and private sector, the total increase in commonwealth funding from 2023 to 2024 remained lower for public schools (4.1%) compared with Catholic schools (4.3%) and independent schools (5.8%).

The deputy president of the Australian Education Union, Meredith Peace, said if the federal government could afford to spend billions overfunding private schools for the next four years it could afford to lift its investment in public schools.

Victoria, New South Wales, South Australia and Queensland have been lobbying the commonwealth to increase its public school funding share from 20% to 25% to meet state shortfalls.

“Just 1.3% of public schools are fully funded right now and they must be properly resourced to be able to meet the significant challenges we face in education,” Peace said.

“We have a teacher shortage crisis, a serious decline in student wellbeing and widening achievement gaps between students from different backgrounds and locations.”

Because the freedom of information figures only include the funding private schools receive from the commonwealth, and do not capture state and territory money, they are likely to underestimate the true level of overfunding.

The latest data, provided by education departments to the National School Resourcing Board, showed all states and territories excluding the Northern Territory funded private schools in excess of 20% in 2022.

The education minister, Jason Clare, said he was working with his counterparts to prioritise getting all public schools to their “full and fair” funding level, noting the rate of commonwealth funding was linked to a surge in private school enrolments.

“Most nongovernment schools are at that level now,” he said. “Those schools that are above that 100% Gonski level are on a track to come down automatically.”

“The negotiations we’re having now are about how we fill the public school funding gap.”

**But according to the Australia Institute, tax concessions provided to private schools to build expensive facilities were a large driver of continued overfunding.**

The postdoctoral research manager at the institute, Dr Morgan Harrington, said the amount private schools were spending on luxurious amenities and high salaries was of “great concern”.

“The current system is unbalanced and unsustainable,” he said.

“Much of this spending is not part of core educational requirements. Removing tax concessions for private school building funds and requiring greater transparency in reporting will reduce inequities and make private schools more accountable for the public money they receive.”



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