



Better, Safer Future for Central Australia Plan: On-Country Learning

The Australian Government will provide additional funding for schools in central Australia to increase school enrolment and student engagement to improve learning outcomes.

Tailored solutions will be developed to increase schools' ability to work with local communities to better engage children and young people in school, and provide them with the wrap-around support they need to succeed.

Why is this important?

Programs that support educational engagement and pathways to further education and employment are critical for retention and longer-term success of First Nations students.

The additional funding will increase schools' ability to engage with the local communities they support and to develop local responses to better engage and support young people in school.

The challenges facing central Australia are highly complex and intergenerational, and education has been identified as one of a number of important strategies needed to address disadvantage in communities.

Education is a driver of opportunity and a critical pathway to further education and employment.

Community-led responses will be critical to addressing the challenges facing central Australia and its young people.

Who will benefit?

This initiative will better support children and students in schools and school community areas in central Australia, including government, independent and Catholic schools.

Schools will work with their local communities to develop tailored solutions to better engage children and young people in school and provide them with the wrap-around support they need to succeed.

How much will it cost?

The Government will provide \$40.4 million in additional funding for schools in central Australia.