



## Teacher Workforce Action Plan

The Budget provides a further \$9.3 million to support work already underway through the National Teacher Workforce Action Plan to strengthen Australia's teacher workforce, which will support better learning outcomes for school children.

The additional funding will be used for:

- national guidelines to better support early career teachers and new school leaders
- improving teacher workforce data to better understand future demand for teachers.

### Why is this important?

Australia needs more teachers working in our schools, supporting the educational needs of our children.

Not enough people are becoming teachers and too many have been leaving the profession.

The Australian Government is committed to encouraging more people, including school leavers, to become teachers.

And better support is needed for existing teachers – to guide and support their career development and to want to remain working in classrooms.

### Who will benefit?

Good education begins with good teachers, and a strong and supported teacher workforce is essential to help children learn and achieve their best. This new investment builds on the \$328 million already announced to start to rebuild Australia's teacher workforce.

Actions already being taken through the National Teacher Workforce Action Plan include:

- 4,000 additional university places for education, including 1,972 places for primary and secondary teachers
- \$25 million to pilot new ways to reduce teacher workloads and maximise the time they have to teach
- \$10 million for a national communications campaign to raise the status of the teaching profession.

The Government will also broaden eligibility for teaching bursaries of up to \$40,000 to include mid-career professionals, people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, and other underrepresented communities.

### How much will it cost?

The Government is providing an additional \$9.3 million to support the implementation of the National Teacher Workforce Action Plan. This work will be delivered through the Department of Education, the Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership, and the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority.