



FAIR FUNDING NOW!

FOR ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER STUDENTS

FACT SHEET

GOVERNMENTS MUST END THE RESOURCE GAPS

Properly funded public schools can help Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students to be strong in their culture and successful in their education.

PROPERLY FUNDED PUBLIC SCHOOLS CAN:

- ✓ Develop strong partnerships with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community
- ✓ Employ more Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander education support workers
- ✓ Meet every child's needs
- ✓ Increase the number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander teachers
- ✓ Develop and deliver language and culture programs

Our students need the opportunity to achieve success, finish high school, go to TAFE or university and get a job.

WHAT IS THE SRS?

The SRS (Schooling Resource Standard) is used by the federal government to fund schools.

There are two parts:

- Base funding for every student:
 - \$10,953 for every primary school student
 - \$13,764 for every secondary student
- Loadings to help schools and those children who have greater needs

Loadings deliver extra money for:

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students
- Students with a disability
- Students who speak English as a second or additional language
- Students from low socio-economic areas
- Small schools and schools in rural and remote areas.

That is why proper funding for public schools is important for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

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\$1.9 BILLION SLASHED FROM OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS




The Morrison government has slashed government funding to public schools by \$1.9 billion dollars in 2018/2019.

This will have a big impact on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, because 84% attend public schools.



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in public schools will again be disadvantaged by these huge cuts to public school funding and cuts to extra loadings.

The loadings are important because:

 DISABILITY	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students under the age of fourteen, are more than twice as likely to have a disability
	One in ten Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people report they speak their local language at home
 RURAL & REMOTE	Many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students attend small schools, live in rural and remote communities, and in low socio-economic areas

Because of the Morrison government's cuts, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students will continue to miss out on equal access to educational opportunities. There will be less money to meet their needs in schools.



NOT SERIOUS ABOUT CLOSING THE GAP

The Morrison government is not serious about Closing the Gap.



- ✓ Early childhood education
- ✓ School attendance
- ✓ Reading, writing and numeracy
- ✓ Year 12 attainment

Yet they have slashed \$1.9 billion from public schools in 2018/19.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, their parents and communities deserve better.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?
JOIN THE CAMPAIGN!
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