

**EVERY PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENT
IN SHORTLAND**

**MISSES OUT ON \$1,643
OF THE FUNDING THEY
NEED EVERY YEAR.**

THE BENEFIT OF PROPER AND FAIR FUNDING

If funded to the minimum required standard, public schools in Shortland could hire 7 additional teachers per school, potentially reducing class sizes by up to 6, to provide the individual support that helps children thrive in school.

Such an investment in public schools in Shortland would reduce class sizes, improve student achievement and create lifelong benefits – for students and society.

**297
NEW
TEACHERS**

CAPITAL FUNDING NEED

Additionally, over the last three years public school students in Shortland received only 70% (or almost a third less) of the capital investment in school infrastructure, equipment and maintenance that their peers who attend private schools have received.

*The AEU is calling on the
Federal Government to deliver
proper and fair funding:*

- ✓ Fund public schools to **100% of SRS**, the minimum amount required for students to reach the minimum national benchmarks
- ✓ Immediately **remove the 20% cap** on Commonwealth SRS contributions
- ✓ Remove the **4% capital depreciation tax** from state and territory SRS amounts
- ✓ Create a **long term program of capital investment** in Australia's public schools to support growing enrolments and help rebuild the economy

**EVERY
SCHOOL
EVERY
CHILD**

Take action

*Your local member of parliament is
Patrick Conroy.*

*Phone their office on (02) 4947 9546 or email them at
pat.conroy.mp@aph.gov.au to tell them that public
schools must be properly and fairly funded.*

*Other actions and resources are available at
www.everyschooleverychild.org.au*



**PUBLIC
SCHOOL
PROFILE**

SHORTLAND

It's time to fund public schools properly and fairly.

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the best education, regardless of their background or circumstances.*

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THE SCHOOLING RESOURCE STANDARD



The Schooling Resource Standard (SRS) is an estimate of how much total public funding a school needs to meet its students' educational needs, and is based on recommendations from the 2011 Gonski Review of Funding for Schooling. The SRS is made up of a base amount for all primary and secondary students and up to six needs-based loadings for student priority cohorts and disadvantaged schools.

The SRS is not an aspirational standard of school funding - it is the minimum funding required so that schools can have at least 80% of their students achieving learning outcomes above the national minimum standard in NAPLAN for reading and numeracy.

The current funding agreements between the Commonwealth and State/Territory governments have now locked in a cap of 20% of SRS on Commonwealth contributions to public school funding, have entrenched state

and territory funding amounts below minimum SRS requirements. On top of all this, the funding agreements allow State/Territory governments to effectively tax public schools 4% of their total funding by allowing them to include arbitrary capital depreciation and regulatory costs. These segregated measures guarantee funding discrimination against public schools until 2023, and as a result in no state or territory except the ACT will public schools meet the minimum SRS requirements by 2023.

Public schools in the **SHORTLAND ELECTORATE**



SHORTLAND STUDENTS

 **45
PUBLIC
SCHOOLS**

 **35
PRIMARY
SCHOOLS**

 **8
SECONDARY
SCHOOLS**

 **2
SPECIAL
SCHOOLS**



16,868 STUDENTS

10,795
lower than
average
SES households

1,096
non-English
speaking
backgrounds

1,816
Aboriginal and
Torres Strait
Islander
backgrounds

SCHOOL STAFF IN SHORTLAND

1,407

SCHOOL STAFF

1,061

**TEACHERS AND
PRINCIPALS**

346

**EDUCATIONAL AND
SCHOOL SUPPORT STAFF**

UNDERFUNDING OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN SHORTLAND

By the end of 2023 public schools in Shortland will receive \$86.4 million less than required to meet the SRS minimum funding amount.

That means that every public school student in Shortland **will miss out on \$1,643 of the funding they need every year.**

Every school should be provided the resources to ensure every child gets the best education, regardless of their background or circumstances.

Proper and fair funding would make the world of difference for public schools in Shortland – new high-quality classrooms and improved school facilities and equipment, more teachers and support staff, smaller classes, and additional learning programmes to give every child the opportunity for a bright future.

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\$86.4
MILLION
TO 2023**

**\$1,643
UNDERFUNDING
PER STUDENT
PER YEAR**