EVERY PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENT IN HIGGINS

MISSES OUT ON $1,971

OF THE FUNDING THEY NEED EVERY YEAR.

THE BENEFIT OF PROPER AND FAIR FUNDING

173 NEW TEACHERS

If funded to the minimum required standard, **public schools in Higgins could hire 11 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 Higgins would reduce class sizes, improve student achievement and create lifelong benefits – for students and society.

CAPITAL FUNDING NEED

Additionally, over the last three years public school students in Higgins received only 29% (or less than one third) 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 Katie Allen.

*Phone their office on **(03) 9822 4422** or email them at **katie.allen.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

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PUBLIC SCHOOL PROFILE

HIGGINS

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

Every school should be provided the resources to ensure every child gets 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

HIGGINS ELECTORATE

16 PUBLIC SCHOOLS

14 PRIMARY SCHOOLS

2 SECONDARY SCHOOLS

HIGGINS STUDENTS

8,005 STUDENTS

823 lower than average SES households

3,609 non-English speaking backgrounds

41 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander backgrounds

SCHOOL STAFF IN HIGGINS

807	SCHOOL STAFF
608	TEACHERS AND PRINCIPALS
199	EDUCATIONAL AND SCHOOL SUPPORT STAFF

UNDERFUNDING OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN HIGGINS

By the end of 2023 public schools in Higgins will receive $50.7 million less than required to meet the SRS minimum funding amount.

UNDERFUNDED BY $50.7 MILLION TO 2023

That means that every public school student in Higgins **will miss out on $1,971 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 Higgins – 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.

$1,971 UNDERFUNDING PER STUDENT PER YEAR