

**EVERY PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENT
IN BASS**

**MISSES OUT ON \$1,289
OF THE FUNDING THEY
NEED EVERY YEAR.**

THE BENEFIT OF PROPER AND FAIR FUNDING

If funded to the minimum required standard, public schools in Bass could hire **6 additional teachers per school**, potentially reducing class sizes by up to 4, to provide the individual support that helps children thrive in school.

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

**204
NEW
TEACHERS**

CAPITAL FUNDING NEED

Additionally, over the last three years public school students in Bass received only 41% (or less than half) 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
Bridget Archer.*

*Phone their office on (03) 6334 7033 or email them at
bridget.archer.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

BASS

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 **BASS ELECTORATE**



BASS STUDENTS



13,796 STUDENTS

10,309
lower than
average
SES households

1,073
non-English
speaking
backgrounds

1,122
Aboriginal and
Torres Strait
Islander
backgrounds

 **37
PUBLIC
SCHOOLS**

 **21
PRIMARY
SCHOOLS**

 **10
SECONDARY
SCHOOLS**

 **1
SPECIAL
SCHOOL**

 **5
COMBINED
PRIMARY/
SECONDARY
SCHOOLS**

SCHOOL STAFF IN BASS

2,023

SCHOOL STAFF

1,200

**TEACHERS AND
PRINCIPALS**

823

**EDUCATIONAL AND
SCHOOL SUPPORT STAFF**

UNDERFUNDING OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN BASS

By the end of 2023 public schools in Bass will receive \$50.8 million less than required to meet the SRS minimum funding amount.

That means that every public school student in Bass **will miss out on \$1,289 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 Bass – 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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MILLION
TO 2023**

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PER STUDENT
PER YEAR**