

Hon John Gardner MP Minister for Education

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Schools receive funding to improve parent engagement

The State Government has announced \$80,000 in grants to support parents and caregivers' participation in their child's learning and education.

The Parent Initiatives in Education (PIE) funding program aims to help parents and caregivers to better understand what their children are learning, how they can support their child's education at home and to build positive relationships with their child's school or preschool community, with a particular focus on underrepresented groups.

33 government schools and preschools have been funded through the program.

A number of successful initiatives will be focusing on cultural engagement, such as Cowandilla Primary School and Children's Centre's Aboriginal Artwork Project which aims to promote the importance of reading and build community connections through Aboriginal dreamtime stories and art with families and children.

Parafield Gardens Children's Centre will use their funding to run family gatherings with Aboriginal families within the centre and beyond where they will share information around services and the learning and development of their child.

Other sites such as Munno Para Kindergarten and Riverdale R-7 will encourage parent participation in excursions and outdoor environments.

"The Marshall Liberal Government remains committed to improving learning outcomes for students through better parental engagement, as promised prior to the 2018 election," said Education Minister John Gardner.

"Many parents and caregivers want to be more involved in their child's education and it is important that this is supported.

"Research shows that positive engagement by parents in effective partnership with the school can have significant educational benefits, such as increased attendance at school and improved learning outcomes.

"Furthermore, the most significant educational impact is often achieved by effective parental engagement in learning at home.

"The initiatives supported by the PIE funding program aim to help parents be actively involved in their child's education, have the confidence to help their child learn and to better connect with their school or preschool."

The full list of successful education sites are:

Site	Initiative
Adelaide North Special School	What Is Your Child Learning?....Educating families on their child's curriculum
Adelaide Secondary School of English	Parents and Caregivers Workshops
Bellevue Heights Primary School	Building and strengthening cross cultural relationships
Cowandilla Primary School and Children's Centre	Little Library Aboriginal Artwork Project
Felixstow Community School	The Wellbeing Toolbox
Glen Osmond Primary School	Maximising parent participation in student learning
Grange Primary School	Supporting Your Child For The Start of School
Ingle Farm Primary school	Parenting Across the Cultures
Ingle Farm Primary School	Transition process from year 7 to HS for EALD/IELP students
Kadina Memorial School	Michael Carr-Gregg - "Real Wired Child: What kids are doing online and how to keep them safe"
Kalaya Childrens Centre	Parent engagement in asset mapping
Kilparrin Teaching and Assessment School	Parents to attend AGOSCI conference
Lockleys Children's Centre	Community cultural inclusion and awareness project
Moana Primary School	Maths Is Fun
Mount Barker South Primary School	Visible Learning Workshops
Munno Para Kindergarten	Going Bush
North Ingle School and Preschool	Multicultural Cooking and Community Garden Program
Parafield Gardens Children's Centre	Aboriginal Family Gatherings
Paringa Park Primary School	Parent Workshops: Using Technology Better with Google / Supporting Children with Anxiety
Pennington Children's Centre	ACE excursions
Port Augusta Children's Centre	Playing to learn.
Port Augusta Children's Centre	Sharing our culture
Port Augusta West Primary School	Building Learning Partnerships and Connections at PAWPS
Port Broughton Area School	The Resilience Project
Port Broughton Kindergarten	Noticing STEM (Science Technology Engineering & Maths) in our everyday life
Prospect Primary School	Our community - Inside Out
Riverdale R-7 School	Parent Literacy training
Salisbury High School	Parents as Partners at Salisbury High School
Surrey Downs Primary School	Positive Behaviour Seminar Series
Unley Kindergarten	Parent Education and Connection Workshops
Walleroo Mines Primary School	Dr Chris Matthews - teaching maths to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders through dance and story
Walleroo Preschool Centre	Communication & Connection: Oral Language Developmental Opportunities through Nature
Woodend Primary School	Introducing new parents to positive school communication and decision making