



# ACT Government

## 2002-2003 BUDGET

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### STUDENTS PATHWAYS INITIATIVE

“The Government has allocated \$1.7m over four years to a new Students Pathways Initiative in Government schools.

The Students Pathways Initiative aims to:

- improve policy and planning for students at risk;
- improve transition and pathways planning from high school through college;
- enhance the student management support team; and
- strengthen alternative education settings across all areas.

Young people are regarded as being at risk if their behaviour and circumstances put them at risk of becoming disconnected from families, schools and the community. The initiative will target students in secondary settings who are potentially at risk of not achieving satisfactory education and training outcomes.

This funding will provide support through functional literacy and numeracy programs, transition and pathways planning, youth worker support, provision of alternative settings and enhanced behaviour management support.

The Student Pathways Initiative will facilitate more effective liaison with Government and non-Government organisations supporting young people and their families. It reflects the Stanhope Government’s commitment to agencies working together in the best interests of the community. Other initiatives such as the child and adolescent mental health services and enhancement package, mental illness education ACT program add to the total level of additional support for young people at risk.

“This funding will support one of our key goals for youth – the introduction of individual pathway plans for students from years 9 &10 in Government schools” Mr Corbell, Minister for Education said.

The August 2001 Legislative Assembly Standing Committee Report - *Adolescents and young people at risk of not achieving satisfactory education and training outcomes* identified a number of areas where innovative programs needed to be developed and implemented to support this ‘at risk’ group of students. The provision of \$1.7m will address many of the recommendations of this report.

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