



ACT Government

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SUPPORTING GOVERNMENT HIGH SCHOOLS

The Stanhope Government has allocated \$2 m over the next four years for a new High School Development Program for Government schools.

“The high school years are an important time when young people are establishing their sense of identity and we need to support schools as they grapple with the challenging educational needs of adolescents” said the Minister for Education, Mr Simon Corbell.

‘Most ACT high school students perform exceptionally well, as results in international assessments in English, maths and science demonstrate, but there are still students who struggle and need different approaches’ said Mr Corbell.

The High School Development Program provides a resource team focussed on assisting Government schools to plan educational programs and develop engaging curricula. Focus areas will include

- ❑ Exhibitions project, engaging individual Year 9 students in real life research and presenting the outcomes of that research to community.
- ❑ Middle school project, involving research, consultation and planning directed at the Year 5 – 8 student cohort.
- ❑ Vocational education and training project, exploring options to expand opportunities for students in Years 9 –10 to undertake vocational programs.

All States and Territories are focussing on specific educational issues of adolescents and addressing questions of alienation and lack of engagement. The High School Development Program builds on the work undertaken by teachers, staff, students and parents under the previous High Schools for the New Millennium Program.

The High School Development Program with its funding of \$0.5m per annum provides the opportunity for further development of inclusive and engaging educational practices. It aims to continue to improve educational opportunities for all students and enhance the overall quality of Government high school

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