



ACT Government

2003-2004 BUDGET

MORE FUNDING FOR NON-GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS

The Stanhope Government has allocated an additional \$1.5 million in per capita funding over four years to non-government schools. The funding will be used to increase the per capita rates for the first three years of schooling.

“This funding recognises the importance of the early years of schooling and will be directed to Kindergarten, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 students,” Ms Katy Gallagher, Minister for Education said.

“Early childhood support for non-government schools will support better educational outcomes and will assist non-government schools to target assistance to lower primary students”.

The provision of additional funding will be provided from 1 July 2003 and is a further share for the non-government sector of the redirected former free school bus funding.

There are currently 6,309 students enrolled in K-3 in ACT non-government schools.

The per capita rates for Kindergarten to Year 3 will be increased by 12.3% for 2003/04.

All per capita rates have been indexed by the Consumer Price Index of 2.5%, to maintain real funding levels.

Other funding for non-government schools includes \$1.801 million over four years for a careers education support service, which will support government and non-government schools in the provision of effective guidance to students in school to work transition.

Non-government schools will also benefit from the curriculum renewal initiative.
Statement ends.

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