

# Education

## FedBud Fast Facts

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## Addressing skills shortages and supporting students from disadvantaged backgrounds

### Key takeaways

#### Early Childhood Education

- \$72.4m over 5 years to support the skills and training of workers in the early childhood education and care sector.
- \$2.8m over 4 years from 2023–24 to streamline the delivery of the Additional Child Care Subsidy and expand the exceptional circumstances criteria.

#### Schools

- \$35m over 4 years from 2022–23 to attract more people to the teaching profession and retain more teachers in the workforce.
- \$40.4m to improve school attendance, engagement and learning outcomes for students in Central Australian schools.
- Investing \$38.4m to pilot community-led and culturally appropriate distance learning models in remote locations.
- A further \$21.6m will extend the Indigenous Boarding Providers grant programs for one year.
- \$91.7m over 4 years from 2023–24 to transform program administration for schools and higher education providers.
- The Government is investing \$9.3m on top of the \$328m previously announced for the National Teacher Workforce Action Plan.

#### TAFEs

- The Government is providing funding for 300,000 TAFE and vocational education training places to become fee-free.

#### Higher Education

- The Government is delivering the second tranche of its commitment for 20,000 additional supported university places in 2023 and 2024.
- Additional funding of \$18.7m over 4 years from 2023–24 (and \$4.7m per year ongoing) to extend and expand existing higher education student support programs.

#### Opportunities

Investment in areas of skills shortage continues, primarily in the TAFE sector with 300,000 training places to become fee-free and providing opportunities for students from disadvantaged backgrounds.

#### Did the Budget open doors for you?

Very few meaningful increases for the university and school sectors especially after considering inflation. The budget did not meet funding needs.

We score it: **2/5**



*This budget is like a gift from a cheap relative - you're happy to get something, but you know it could have been a lot better.*



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