



## Special Edition – State Budget 2018-19 Summary

### State Budget 2018-19 Initiatives – Schools

#### Overview

The State Budget 2018-19, delivered on 4 September 2019, is the first budget delivered by the new Liberal Government. The Budget invests significantly in government school education with a focus on a range of initiatives which will lead to improvements in educational outcomes for students. Recurrent annual funding for schools will increase by \$515 million from 2017-18 to 2021-22. Initiatives include a Literacy Guarantee Program and Languages in School Program along with entrepreneurial specialist programs in four high schools focussed on engaging with primary industries, and Engagement and Wellbeing and Breakfast programs. A number of initiatives have impacts for non-government schools.

#### Year 7 into High School

\$2.5 million per annum for three years from 2018-19 will be provided to commence the transition of Year 7 students from primary school into high school. An additional \$20.2 million will be provided in 2021-22 for additional resources to educate Year 7 students in a secondary school setting. This reflects a part year impact of the estimated ongoing costs of approximately \$40.0 million per annum from the 2022 school year.

#### School Bus Review

\$250 000 will be provided in 2018-19 to undertake a review of bus services to ensure that non-government school students have fair access to school buses in regional areas.

#### Meningococcal B Immunisation Program

\$30.7 million will be provided over three years to introduce a fully funded Meningococcal B Immunisation program for South Australian babies and young people. From February 2019 free meningococcal B vaccine will be offered as part of the School Immunisation Program for Year 10 students, with a one-off catch up program for Year 11 students in 2019.

#### New Government Schools

Two new birth to year 12 schools will be built under public-private partnerships (PPPs) in the Munno Para region and the Aldinga region to meet projected enrolment demand. A new Year 7 to Year 12 public secondary school for 1500 students in Whyalla will be built with completion in 2021

#### Further Information

State Budget 2017-18: <http://www.statebudget.sa.gov.au/>

### Key Economic Indicators

A net operating deficit of \$397 million is forecast for the general government sector in 2017-18. Net operating surpluses are forecast in 2018-19 and across the forward estimates.

Net Debt is predicted to be \$5.3 billion in 2017-18 rising to \$6.28 billion in 2018-19 and \$7 billion in 2019-20.

GSP is expected to grow by 2.25% in 2017-18 and across the forward estimates.

Employment growth is forecast to be 1.5% in 2018-19, and 1% in 2019-20 and 2020-21.

The Adelaide Consumer Price Index (CPI) is forecast to be 2.25% in 2018-19 and 2019-20 and 2.5% by 2020-21.

SA's trend unemployment rate was 5.6 per cent in July 2018, 0.6 of a percentage point lower than a year earlier and below the long term average rate 6.2%.

The annual indexation factor for fees and charges has been set at 2.2% for 2018-19 reflecting the average increase in the cost of providing the relevant services.

Taxation revenues are projected to grow in real terms by around 0.6% per annum on average over the period from 2017-18 to 2021-22.

GST revenue grants to SA in 2017-18 are estimated to be \$72 million higher than the 2017-18 Budget estimate.

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