National Student Wellbeing Program FEDERATION FUNDING AGREEMENT - EDUCATION AND SKILLS

Parties	Commonwealth				
	New South Wales				
	Victoria				
	Queensland				
ø	Western Australia				
	South Australia				
	Tasmania				
	Australian Capital Territory				
	Northern Territory				
Duration	This Schedule is expected to expire on the later of 30 June 2028, or completion of deliverables, including final performance reporting and processing of final payments against milestones.				
Purpose	This Schedule is made for the purposes of the <i>Federation Funding Agreement – Education and Skills</i> (FFA).				
	This Schedule will support the wellbeing of Australian school students through the delivery of the National Student Wellbeing Program (NSWP) in the 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026 and 2027 school years.				
	The NSWP consists of the provision of chaplaincy and/or student wellbeing services in Australian schools to support the wellbeing of Australian school students through:				
	a) pastoral care services; and				
	 b) strategies developed in consultation with the school community, relevant school staff and school principal, that support the wellbeing of the broader school community, for example: coordinating volunteering activities and support, breakfast clubs, lunch time activities, excursions, school incursions, and parent/carer workshops. 				
	The NSWP is a complementary service to those provided by qualified specialists. The NSWP is not designed nor intended to provide specialist services to school students, such as professional counselling, professional mental health and psychological services and other allied health services. In addition, the NSWP is not a religious program and does not provide religious instruction or religious counselling to students.				

Estimated financial contributions	The Commonwealth will provide an estimated total financial contribution to the States of \$307.18 million in respect of this Schedule All payments are GST exclusive.							
	The Commonwealth's contribution to each State for NSWP school funding is up to the maximum amount in Table 1A. The States may use up to 3% of their funding for administration of the NSWP.							
	Table 1A (\$ million)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	Total	
	Total National Partnership payments	61.43	61.43	61.43	61.43	61.43	307.18	
	New South Wales	11.27	11.27	11.27	11.27	11.27	56.34	
	Victoria	12.79	12.79	12.79	12.79	12.79	63.95	
	Queensland	18.35	18.35	18.35	18.35	18.35	91.75	
	Western Australia	7.73	7.73	7.73	7.73	7.73	38.64	
	South Australia	7.59	7.59	7.59	7.59	7.59	37.97	
	Tasmania	2.22	2.22	2.22	2.22	2.22	11.09	
	the Australian Capital Territory	0.98	0.98	0.98	0.98	0.98	4.88	
	the Northern Territory	0.51	0.51	0.51	0.51	0.51	2.55	
	Note: Figures may not add d	ue to roundir	ng					
Additional	Role of the Common	wealth						
terms	 In addition to Clause 19 of the FFA (Role of the Commonwealth), the Commonwealth will be responsible for: 							
	a) providing reporting templates to the States to support the requirements of Table 1A and Item 4 (Reporting Arrangements) in this Schedule;							
	b) allowing States to use up to three per cent (3%) of total NSWP school funding for the administration of the NSWP; and							
	c) facilitating information sharing with the States regarding the delivery of the NSWP.							
	Role of the States							
	2. In addition to Clause 20 of the FFA (Role of the States and Territories), States will be responsible for:							
	a) inviting all schools in all sectors in their jurisdiction to apply to participate in the NSWP							
	 b) establishing a Cross Sector Panel (consisting of government, Catholic and independent school representatives) to select 							

as th be ar c) cc al	sessme e Panel etween rangem ontinuin ternativ	tise schools for funding, having regard to the nt criteria and selection methodology developed by that at minimum considers school need, distribution sectors and other school wellbeing support ents in the jurisdiction; g the operation of each Cross Sector Panel to select re schools, should some schools withdraw from the						
	NSWP before the expiry of this Schedule; d) putting in place appropriate processes to ensure that:							
i.	100	ipation by schools and students is voluntary;						
ii.	chapla	ains and student wellbeing officers may be of any or of no faith;						
iii.	chapla	ains and student wellbeing officers must:						
	a.	not proselytise;						
	b.	respect, accept and be sensitive to other people's views, values and beliefs;						
	с.	promote a safe and inclusive school community, where all people are respected;						
	d.	have relevant and valid State and Territory Working With Children or Vulnerable People Checks. Where chaplains and student wellbeing officers are not required to have a valid Working with Children or Vulnerable People Check in a State, that State will be responsible for putting in place appropriate processes to ensure that chaplains and student wellbeing officers undertake a National Police Check; and						
	e.	meet the NSWP's minimum qualification and professional development requirements as set out in Items 5c and 5d of this Schedule.						
iv.	chapla and:	ains and student wellbeing officers are to be aware of						
	a.	comply with State and Territory laws and policies in relation to child protection and child safety matters;						
	b.	comply with, relevant legislation relating to requirements for working with children, and relevant legislation relating to mandatory reporting of suspected child abuse or neglect;						
	c.	have regard to the National Principles for Child Safe Organisations (which in 2022, can be viewed on the Australian Human Rights Commission website at						

		https://childsafe.humanrights.gov.au/national- principles);
		d. have regard to the national policies and strategies led by the National Office for Child Safety, including the Commonwealth Child Safe Framework (which in 2022, can be viewed on the National Office for Child Safety website at https://childsafety.pmc.gov.au/);
	ot	ublishing on their public-facing website their guidelines or ther relevant documentation for delivering the NSWP that is ponsistent with the terms and conditions of this Schedule and nat outlines:
	i.	how schools apply for NSWP funding;
	ii.	the Cross Sector Panel arrangements;
	iii.	the assessment criteria and selection methodology for NSWP funding applications;
	iv.	the NSWP provider and/or funding recipient arrangements, including compliance with the Schedule;
	v.	the roles and responsibilities of chaplains and student wellbeing officers, including a code of conduct;
	vi.	that participation by students in the NSWP is voluntary and the consent mechanism that supports this;
	vii.	the process for complaints handling, including maintaining a complaints register;
	f) p	ublishing on their public-facing website:
	i.	the list of schools receiving chaplaincy and/or student wellbeing services in their State, including the provider or funding recipient delivering NSWP services to their State's schools. This list is to be kept current and updated as required; and
	ii.	their Terms of Reference for the Cross Sector Panel;
	U	istributing up to \$20,280 to, or on behalf of, each school (or p to \$24,336 to, or on behalf of, each school in a remote/ver emote area) that has been selected for funding.
Share	d roles	s and responsibilities
	In ad respo joint of the const	dition to Clause 21 of the FFA (Shared roles and onsibilities), the Commonwealth and the States agree to be ly responsible for participating in an independent evaluation e NSWP, to be arranged by the Commonwealth in ultation with the States. The draft evaluation report will be ided to States for comment prior to finalisation of the repor

R	eportir	ng Arrangements					
	4. T C	tates will provide annual milestone reports to the nonwealth during the operation of this Schedule (2023- in accordance with Table 1A and Table 2 (report due dates) cluding but not limited to:					
×	а	 Provision of the list of schools selected for funding in the following year; 					
	b	 Final list of schools that had chaplaincy and/or student wellbeing services and the amount of funding provided per school for the previous school year; 					
	С) Number, locality (metropolitan, regional, remote, very remote) and sector (government, Catholic and independent) of schools that applied for NSWP chaplaincy and student wellbeing services;					
	d	 Confirmation that the requirements set out in Item 2b) and 2c) of this Schedule were met during the school year the reporting relates to; 					
	e	 Cross Sector Panel Terms of Reference, membership and methodology used for school selection; and 					
*	f) At least one example of how the NSWP has supported the wellbeing of a school community in that year. This example may be published or used in the evaluation of the NSWP.					
lr	Interpretation						
	5. In addition to Clause 47 of the FFA, for the purpose of this Schedule:						
	а	a) A chaplain¹is an individual who:					
		 is recognised by the school community and the appropriate governing authority for the school as having the skills and experience to deliver school chaplaincy services to the school community; and 					
		 is recognised through endorsement by a recognised or accepted religious institution (as determined by the States); and 					
		iii. meets the NSWP's minimum qualification requirements as specified in Item 5c below.					
	b	A student wellbeing officer ² is an individual who:					
		i. is recognised by the school community and the appropriate governing authority for the school as having					

 $^{^{1}}$ Under the NSWP a title other than 'chaplain' may be used where the title is appropriate to the religious affiliation of the individual. ² Under the NSWP a title other than 'student wellbeing officer' may be used where the title is appropriate to the school community.

the skills and experience to deliver student wellbeing services to the school community; and
ii. meets the NSWP's minimum qualification requirements as specified in Item 5c below.
c) Chaplains and student wellbeing officers are required to hold a minimum qualification or qualifications equivalent to or higher than a Certificate IV as determined by the States, and this qualification or qualifications must include competencies in:
i. mental health and making appropriate referrals, and
ii. providing pastoral care, and/or working with youth.
 d) Chaplains and student wellbeing officers are also required to undertake a professional learning package in responding to and preventing cyberbullying delivered by the Office of the eSafety Commissioner within three months of commencing NSWP services and refresh this professional learning at least once every two and a half years.
e) Pastoral care is the practice of supporting the general wellbeing of students and the school community.
 f) Remote/very remote areas are those geographical areas classified as such by the Accessibility/Remoteness Index of Australia Plus, or as determined by the States in line with thei school classification processes.

Output	Performance milestones	Report due	Payment
Preparation for the delivery of the NSWP in 2023	Have in place a Cross Sector Panel by no later than January 2023 consistent with Item 2b in this Schedule.	01/03/2023	
	Provision of reporting in accordance with Item 4 in this Schedule.	with Table 1	In accordance
	Delivery of the NSWP in 2022 consistent with the reporting arrangements in the previous Project Agreement for the National School Chaplaincy Program (2019 to 2022 school years).		with Table 1A and Item 1b in this Schedule
Delivery of the NSWP in 2023 to 2027 school years and provision of reporting (2024 to 2028)	Continued operation of the Cross Sector Panel and selection methodology. Consistent	01/03/2024	
	with Item 2b in this Schedule.	03/03/2025	
	Delivery of the NSWP consistent with Items 2b) and 2c) in this Schedule.	02/03/2026	
		01/03/2027	
	Provision of reporting in accordance with Item 4 in this Schedule.	01/03/2028	Not applicable

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