

Mid-year Reception in South Australian non-government schools – temporary funding

FEDERATION FUNDING AGREEMENT – EDUCATION AND SKILLS

Table 1: Formalities and operation of schedule

Parties	Commonwealth Government South Australia																
Duration	This Schedule is expected to expire on 30 June 2027 or on completion of the funding measure, including final payments and processing of acquittal certificates.																
Purpose	This Schedule reflects the Australian Government’s election commitment regarding mid-year Reception programs in South Australia. This Schedule provides a temporary funding injection totaling \$22 million over 2025 and 2026. The per school funding amounts are based on the actual characteristics of students enrolled in an 18-month Reception program, who commenced in mid-2025 and the characteristics of the schools providing the programs, as reported to the Commonwealth Department of Education (the department) by Approved Authorities. The Australian Government will work closely with the non-government sector on options for structuring the mid-year Reception program so it is eligible for funding, consistent with the relevant legislation.																
Estimated financial contribution s	The Commonwealth will provide an estimated total financial contribution to South Australia of \$22.0 million over 2025-26 and 2026-27 in respect of this Schedule. The Commonwealth’s contribution to South Australia is for identified and eligible non-government schools with a unique Australian Government Education ID number (AGEID) which deliver an 18-month Reception program. <table><tr><td colspan="4">Table 1</td></tr><tr><td>(\$ million)</td><td>2025-26</td><td>2026-27</td><td>Total</td></tr><tr><td>Estimated total budget</td><td>13.287</td><td>8.713</td><td>22.0</td></tr><tr><td><i>Less estimated National Partnership Payments</i></td><td>13.287</td><td>8.713</td><td>22.0</td></tr></table>	Table 1				(\$ million)	2025-26	2026-27	Total	Estimated total budget	13.287	8.713	22.0	<i>Less estimated National Partnership Payments</i>	13.287	8.713	22.0
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	Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions	0.0	0.0	0.0
Additional terms	1. Role of the Commonwealth a. In addition to Clause 19 of the Federation Funding Agreement (FFA (Role of the Commonwealth)), the Commonwealth will be responsible for: i. Calculating the final funding amounts based on the characteristics of students and schools using the methodology outlined below in clause 3(a). ii. Providing a copy of each school's entitlement listed in <u>Appendix A</u> and supporting payment information to the South Australian Government for the purposes of payments. iii. Writing to approved authorities in advance of payments being made to confirm each school's entitlement, written directions for the funding, and acquittal and reporting process. iv. Administering the acquittal and reporting process directly with approved authorities. 2. Role of South Australia a. In addition to Clause 19 of the FFA (Role of the States and Territories), South Australia will be responsible for establishing local funding agreements with Catholic Education South Australia (CESA) and the Association of Independent Schools of South Australia (AISSA) for the purposes of supporting the delivery of the injection of funding in 2025 and 2026. The local funding agreements will enable South Australia to: i. Distribute the agreed 2025 funding amounts to approved Authorities, in accordance with this Schedule and <u>Appendix A</u>, by 31 January 2026 (or as soon as practicable once received from the Commonwealth). ii. Distribute the agreed 2026 funding amounts to approved Authorities, in accordance with this Schedule and <u>Appendix A</u>, by 30 September 2026 (or as soon as practicable once received from the Commonwealth). iii. Confirm with the Commonwealth once payments have been made to Approved Authorities. 3. Terms and conditions of funding a. The Commonwealth has calculated the funding set out in <u>Appendix A</u> according to the following methodology:			

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The per school funding amount for 2025 is calculated and paid for the final six months of 2025 (50 per cent of the following) at a rate equivalent to the target Commonwealth share (80 per cent) of the Schooling Resource Standard (SRS) for each eligible non-government school for reported eligible full time equivalent students at the school in the first 6 months of an extended Reception program in 2025. This equates to a total of \$13.29 million in 2025. ii. The funding amount for 2026 will provide the remaining balance of the \$22 million commitment, to be distributed proportionally to the 2025 funding amount at the school level. This equates to a total of \$8.71 million in 2026. This payment will be contingent on CESA and AISSA confirming schools listed for a payment are still operational and have offered the extended reception program to students in 2026. iii. The final proportional distribution of funding for 2026 will be calculated by the Commonwealth in consultation with the non-government sector (based on 2025 payments) once confirmation is received from schools. iv. The schools identified as receiving funding under this measure are listed at <u>Appendix A</u>. Approved Authorities will only receive funding for their eligible member schools as outlined in this Schedule and its accompanying Appendices. v. The temporary funding for the identified schools will be paid to the school's relevant Approved Authority. b. The South Australian Government must pass on the 2025 funding to approved authorities in line with the Schedule and <u>Appendix A</u>, by 31 January 2026 (or as soon as practicable once received from the Commonwealth). c. The South Australian Government must pass on the 2026 estimated funding to approved authorities in line with the Schedule and <u>Appendix A</u>, by 30 September 2026 (or as soon as practicable once received from the Commonwealth). d. The Commonwealth will provide written directions to each Approved Authority to stipulate: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Schools must spend or commit to spending the 2025 allocated funding by 30 June 2026. ii. Schools must spend or commit to spending the 2026 allocated funding by 31 December 2026. iii. Funding must be spent for the purposes of school education only. |
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	iv. Approved authorities should adhere to the statement of declaration for assurance, which was signed by approved authorities as part of the expression of interest in August to inform final funding amounts, and to written directions for the funding. v. The Commonwealth will stipulate and manage an acquittal process to ensure funding was spent or committed to being spent by the specified dates above and in line with the written directions. vi. Approved authorities will be required to acquit the 2025 funding received under this measure to the Commonwealth by 31 December 2026, in line with recurrent funding arrangements. vii. Approved authorities will be required to acquit the 2026 funding received under this measure to the Commonwealth by 30 June 2027, in line with recurrent funding arrangements.
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Table 2: Performance requirements, reporting and payment summary

Output	Performance milestones	Report due	Payment
Support the additional 6-months of education provided in South Australian non-government Reception programs	Execution of this Schedule	N/A	\$13,287,122 (In accordance with Table 1 of this Schedule)
	Commonwealth to provide for the 2025 payment: - South Australian Government with a copy of each school's entitlement listed in Appendix A and supporting payment information - Each approved authority with confirmation of each school's entitlement, written directions for the funding, and acquittal and reporting process.	No later than 5 business days after execution of this Schedule	N/A
	The South Australian Government provides confirmation to the Commonwealth that 2025 funding has been distributed to the Approved Authorities in accordance with Appendix A.	31 January 2026 (or as soon as practicable following distribution from the Commonwealth)	N/A

	Written confirmation from CESA and AISSA that all schools listed in <u>Appendix A</u> are still operational and have offered the 18-month extended reception program to students in 2026.	1 July 2026	\$8,712,878 (In accordance with Table 1 of this Schedule)
	Commonwealth to provide for the 2026 payment: • South Australian Government with a copy of each school's entitlement listed in Appendix A and supporting payment information • Each approved authority with confirmation of each school's entitlement, written directions for the funding, and acquittal and reporting process.	Within 10 days of the department confirming final eligibility for payment	N/A
	The South Australian Government provides confirmation to the Commonwealth that 2026 funding has been distributed to the Approved Authorities in accordance with Appendix A.	30 September 2026 (or as soon as practicable following distribution from the Commonwealth)	N/A

The Parties have confirmed their commitment to this schedule as follows:

Signed for and on behalf of the Commonwealth of Australia by

The Honourable Jason Clare MP
Minister for Education

4 / 11 / 2025

Signed for and on behalf of the State of South Australia by

The Honourable Blair Boyer MP
Minister for Education, Training and Skills

19 / 11 / 2025

Mid-year Reception in SA non-government schools – estimated temporary funding**Table 3: Funding summary**

Sector	2025 Entitlement (\$)	2026 Entitlement (\$)	Total Entitlement (\$)
Catholic	9,731,074	6,381,041	16,112,115
Independent	3,556,048	2,331,837	5,887,885
All	13,287,122	8,712,878	22,000,000

Table 4: Estimated final funding amounts

AGEID	School name	2025 Sector	2025 Entitlement (\$)	2026 Entitlement (\$)*	Total Entitlement (\$)
250	Christ the King School	C	102,242	67,044	169,286
252	St Peter's College	I	40,944	26,848	67,792
254	St Margaret Mary's School	C	156,644	102,718	259,362
259	Good Shepherd Lutheran School	I	58,478	38,347	96,825
261	Immaculate Heart of Mary School	C	69,771	45,752	115,523
266	Redeemer Lutheran School	I	105,655	69,283	174,938
268	Loxton Lutheran School	I	71,352	46,787	118,139
269	Maitland Lutheran School	I	17,115	11,224	28,339
271	Stella Maris Parish School	C	116,663	76,500	193,163
279	Mercedes College	C	46,813	30,697	77,510
280	Annesley College	I	63,725	41,788	105,513
282	Mount Carmel College	C	77,269	50,668	127,937
291	Our Lady of Grace School	C	74,987	49,173	124,160
294	Our Lady of the River School	C	53,905	35,348	89,253
296	Our Lady of the Visitation School	C	152,283	99,857	252,140
297	Our Lady Queen of Peace School	C	95,463	62,599	158,062
299	Prince Alfred College	I	17,194	11,274	28,468
300	Pulteney Grammar School	I	39,893	26,159	66,052
301	Rosary School	C	143,691	94,224	237,915
306	St Aloysius College	C	59,083	38,743	97,826
307	St Andrew's School	I	152,626	100,084	252,710
308	St Anthony's School	C	15,022	9,850	24,872

309	St Anthony's Catholic Primary School	C	35,073	22,998	58,071
310	St Augustine's Parish School	C	236,098	154,819	390,917
311	St Bernadette's School	C	97,211	63,745	160,956
313	St Brigid's School	C	44,714	29,320	74,034
314	St Columba's Memorial School	C	50,125	32,869	82,994
315	St Dominic's Priory College	C [#]	62,642	41,076	103,718
316	St Francis of Assisi School	C	100,540	65,929	166,469
317	St Francis School	C	159,093	104,324	263,417
319	St Gabriel's School	C	137,132	89,922	227,054
322	St Jakobi Lutheran School	I	17,380	11,397	28,777
323	St James School	C	19,775	12,968	32,743
324	St John Bosco School	C	92,877	60,903	153,780
326	St John's Grammar School	I	80,778	52,969	133,747
328	St John's Lutheran School	I	31,747	20,817	52,564
329	Lobethal Lutheran School	I	33,471	21,949	55,420
330	St John the Baptist Catholic School	C	123,344	80,882	204,226
331	St John the Apostle School	C	106,387	69,762	176,149
334	St Joseph's Memorial School	C	52,534	34,448	86,982
335	St Joseph's School	C	23,114	15,157	38,271
336	St Joseph's School	C	34,728	22,772	57,500
338	St Joseph's School	C	19,507	12,792	32,299
339	St Joseph's School	C	407,580	267,266	674,846
340	St Joseph's School	C	107,591	70,552	178,143
341	St Joseph's School	C	61,179	40,117	101,296
344	St Joseph's School	C	116,709	76,531	193,240
346	St Joseph's School	C	42,607	27,940	70,547
347	St Joseph's School	C	111,320	72,997	184,317
348	Mary Mackillop Memorial School	C	26,060	17,089	43,149
349	St Joseph's School	C	50,411	33,057	83,468
351	Caritas College	C	125,089	82,026	207,115
352	St Joseph's School	C	85,393	55,995	141,388
353	St Joseph's School	C	99,961	65,547	165,508

354	Tenison Woods Catholic Primary School	C	157,358	103,185	260,543
358	St Joseph's School	C	83,323	54,638	137,961
362	St Mark's College	C	161,125	105,656	266,781
364	St Martin's Catholic Primary School	C	131,351	86,132	217,483
365	St Mary Magdalene's School	C	37,659	24,694	62,353
366	St Mary's College	C	24,608	16,137	40,745
367	St Mary's Memorial School	C	80,336	52,680	133,016
368	St Mary MacKillop School	C	42,075	27,589	69,664
371	St Michael's Lutheran School	I	60,385	39,596	99,981
372	St Monica's Parish School	C	92,071	60,375	152,446
373	St Patrick's School	C	67,315	44,141	111,456
374	St Paul Lutheran School	I	84,165	55,191	139,356
375	St Paul's College	C	113,702	74,559	188,261
377	St Peter's Collegiate Girls' School	I	35,322	23,162	58,484
379	St Pius X School	C	142,604	93,510	236,114
380	St Raphael's School	C	19,941	13,076	33,017
381	St Francis de Sales College	C	159,134	104,351	263,485
385	St Therese School	C	9,674	6,343	16,017
386	St Thomas More School	C	101,420	66,505	167,925
387	St Thomas' School	C	81,914	53,713	135,627
390	Scotch College	I	28,283	18,546	46,829
395	Dominican School	C	104,641	68,617	173,258
396	Star of the Sea School	C	207,359	135,974	343,333
397	St Catherine's School	C	35,769	23,455	59,224
401	Walford Anglican School for Girls	I	9,162	6,008	15,170
402	Westminster School	I	96,970	63,587	160,557
403	Whitefriars School	C	206,528	135,428	341,956
2601	Portside Christian College	I	15,816	10,371	26,187
2602	Antonio Catholic School	C	104,017	68,208	172,225
2604	Saint David's Parish School	C	144,805	94,955	239,760
2605	Unity College Inc	I	142,067	93,158	235,225

2606	Prescott College Southern	I	53,121	34,834	87,955
2611	Mount Barker Waldorf School	I	26,187	17,171	43,358
2619	Southern Vales Christian College	I	59,741	39,174	98,915
2621	Holy Family Catholic School	C	224,312	147,090	371,402
2622	Hope Christian College	I	138,400	90,754	229,154
2623	The Hills Montessori School	I	34,300	22,491	56,791
2626	St Mark's Lutheran School	I	68,298	44,785	113,083
2627	Pilgrim School	I	20,961	13,744	34,705
2628	School of the Nativity	C	36,367	23,847	60,214
2629	St Martins Lutheran College	I	115,210	75,548	190,758
2630	Crossways Lutheran School, Ceduna	I	61,842	40,553	102,395
4038	The Hills Christian Community School Incorporated	I	96,500	63,279	159,779
4039	King's Baptist Grammar School	I	50,265	32,961	83,226
4041	Cardijn College - Marian Campus	C	106,527	69,854	176,381
4059	Calvary Lutheran School	I	33,465	21,944	55,409
4060	St Francis Xavier's Regional Catholic School	C	228,018	149,520	377,538
4230	St George College	I	50,008	32,792	82,800
5243	Immanuel Gawler	I	61,611	40,401	102,012
5266	St Martin de Porres School	C	160,920	105,522	266,442
5524	Our Saviour Lutheran School	I	5,425	3,557	8,982
5529	Rivergum Christian College	I	13,484	8,841	22,325
5532	Pedare Christian College	I	95,603	62,690	158,293
8824	Golden Grove Lutheran Primary School	I	82,155	53,872	136,027
13279	Southern Montessori School	I	72,896	47,800	120,696
14109	Emmaus Catholic School	C	142,593	93,503	236,096

14129	All Saints Catholic Primary School	C	207,897	136,327	344,224
14130	Our Lady of Hope Catholic School	C	88,310	57,908	146,218
14133	Horizon Christian School	I	39,834	26,120	65,954
14290	Tatachilla Lutheran College	I	98,617	64,666	163,283
14339	Xavier College	C	495,006	324,594	819,600
14613	Catherine McAuley School	C	254,109	166,629	420,738
14653	Heritage College Inc	I	18,577	12,182	30,759
15341	Rostrevor College	C	19,062	12,499	31,561
15342	Christian Brothers College	C	65,861	43,187	109,048
15343	St Ignatius' College	C	96,930	63,561	160,491
15345	Our Lady of La Vang School	C	5,676	3,723	9,399
15419	St Columba College	C	323,390	212,060	535,450
15689	Blackfriars Priory School	C	54,172	35,522	89,694
15690	Loreto College	C	50,568	33,159	83,727
15691	St Michael's College	C	221,498	145,245	366,743
16029	Trinity College Blakeview	I	114,087	74,811	188,898
16030	Trinity College North	I	116,353	76,298	192,651
16031	Trinity College South	I	107,062	70,205	177,267
16728	Harvest Christian College	I	26,879	17,626	44,505
16879	Trinity College Gawler River School	I	117,919	77,324	195,243
16983	St Barbara's Parish School	C	134,532	88,218	222,750
17261	Faith Lutheran College Incorporated	I	30,393	19,931	50,324
17289	Investigator College	I	118,939	77,993	196,932
17290	Tenison Woods College	C	173,666	113,880	287,546
22798	Mid North Christian College	I	31,785	20,843	52,628
26772	Nazareth Catholic College	C	179,815	117,911	297,726
28124	Samaritan College	C	223,656	146,660	370,316
28557	Navigator College	I	77,827	51,035	128,862
30155	Blakes Crossing Christian College	I	122,627	80,412	203,039
30308	Mount Torrens Christian School	I	4,539	2,976	7,515

30314	Seaview Christian College	I	29,910	19,613	49,523
80012	Dara School	I	13,544	8,882	22,426
85295	McAuley Community School	C	136,830	89,725	226,555
85514	Sunrise Christian School Naracoorte	I	7,391	4,846	12,237
87012	Ngutu College	I	27,808	18,235	46,043
88871	Trinity College Roseworthy	I	104,960	68,826	173,786
88944	St Benedict School	I	4,997	3,277	8,274
	TOTAL	ALL	\$13,287,122.00	\$8,712,878.00	\$22,000,000.00

Note: all payments are GST exclusive.

*Estimated funding for 2026 – final allocations will be calculated by the Commonwealth after confirmation from the non-government sector

This school is a non-systemic Catholic school