

# Fact sheet 1

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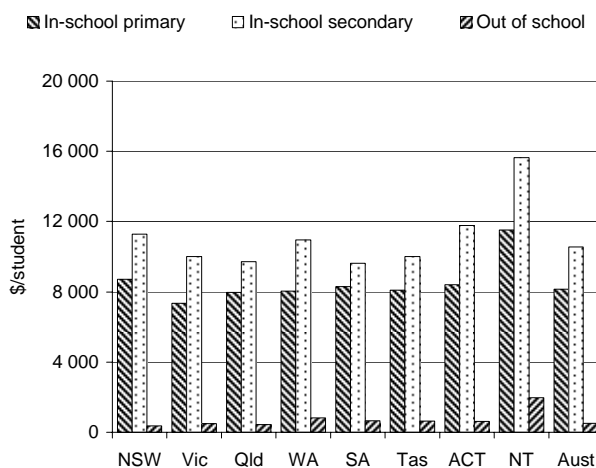
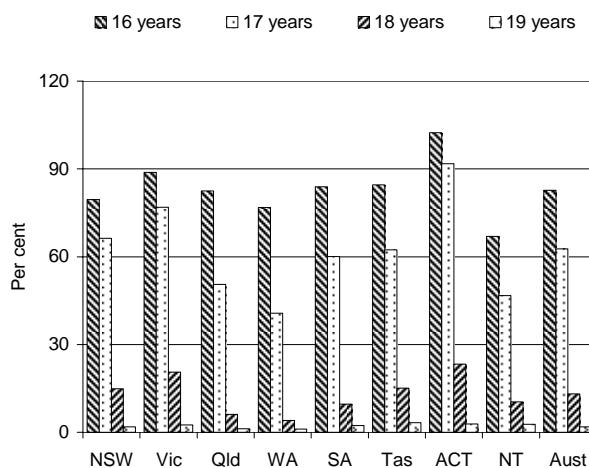
### SCHOOL EDUCATION (CHAPTER 3)

- The principal focus of this chapter is on government funded primary and secondary school education. Some performance indicators are reported for government schools, non-government schools and school education as a whole.
- There were 3.3 million full time equivalent school students enrolled in 2003. Of these, 71.7 per cent of primary students and 62.9 per cent of secondary students were educated in government schools (**pp. 3.8**).
- Australian, State and Territory governments spent \$27.0 billion on school education in 2002-03, of which \$21.8 billion (80.6 per cent) was spent on government schools (**pp 3.3-4**).

#### Selection of results

School participation rates, by age of students, all schools, 2003 (**pp. 3.20-21**)

Government recurrent expenditure per full time equivalent student, government schools 2002-03 (**p. 3.29-30**)



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- Indicators include school participation rates (**pp. 3.20-21**), apparent retention rates (**pp. 3.21-27**), learning outcomes for reading and writing literacy and numeracy for years 3 and 5 (**pp. 3.40-42**), year 12 estimated completion rates (**pp. 3.44-48**) and the ratio of students to staff (**pp. 3.37-40**).

#### Progress since 2004 Report

- Inclusion of data for full time equivalent school enrolments by gender.
- Reporting of a time series of recurrent expenditure per student using comparable, accrual based data.

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### School participation rates, by age of students, all schools, 2003<sup>a, b, c</sup>

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust
16 years	79.5	88.8	82.5	76.7	83.9	84.5	102.4	67.0	82.7
17 years	66.3	76.9	50.6	40.7	60.1	62.4	91.8	46.8	62.7
18 years	14.9	20.6	6.1	4.1	9.6	15.1	23.3	10.4	13.1
19 years	1.9	2.5	1.2	1.1	2.3	3.3	2.9	2.7	1.9

<sup>a</sup> Proportion of the population who were not of compulsory school age in some jurisdictions, but who were enrolled as full time students in August 2003. <sup>b</sup> School is compulsory for 16 year olds in SA and Tasmania. <sup>c</sup> The higher participation rates in the ACT are partly a result of the enrolment in the ACT of NSW residents from surrounding areas.

Source: ABS (2004); table 3A.37.

### Government recurrent expenditure per full time equivalent student, government schools 2002-03<sup>a, b, c, d, e</sup>

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust
In-school primary	8 715	7 347	7 969	8 051	8 302	8 107	8 413	11 510	8 165
In-school secondary	11 302	10 014	9 724	10 974	9 643	10 014	11 773	15 634	10 561
Out of school	373	489	434	820	654	639	623	1 973	511

<sup>a</sup> Total government expenditure on government schools (table 3A.7), divided by average FTE student population in 2002 and 2003. See footnotes to table 3A.7. <sup>b</sup> Actual user cost of capital for Victoria, Queensland and the ACT have been removed before applying a user cost of capital charge of 8 per cent across jurisdictions. This is to achieve greater comparability across jurisdictions. <sup>c</sup> A notional user cost of capital based on 8 per cent of total written down value of capital assets as at 30 June is applied to all jurisdictions. <sup>d</sup> Includes redundancy payments. <sup>e</sup> Includes grants and subsidies.

Source: Derived from MCEETYA (unpublished), National Schools Statistics Collection 2003, Melbourne; ABS 2004, Schools Australia 2003, Cat. no. 4221.0; table 3A.8.

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