

## Report on Government Services 2013

**SCHOOL EDUCATION  
(CHAPTER 4)**

This chapter reports 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 (see performance indicator framework on reverse).

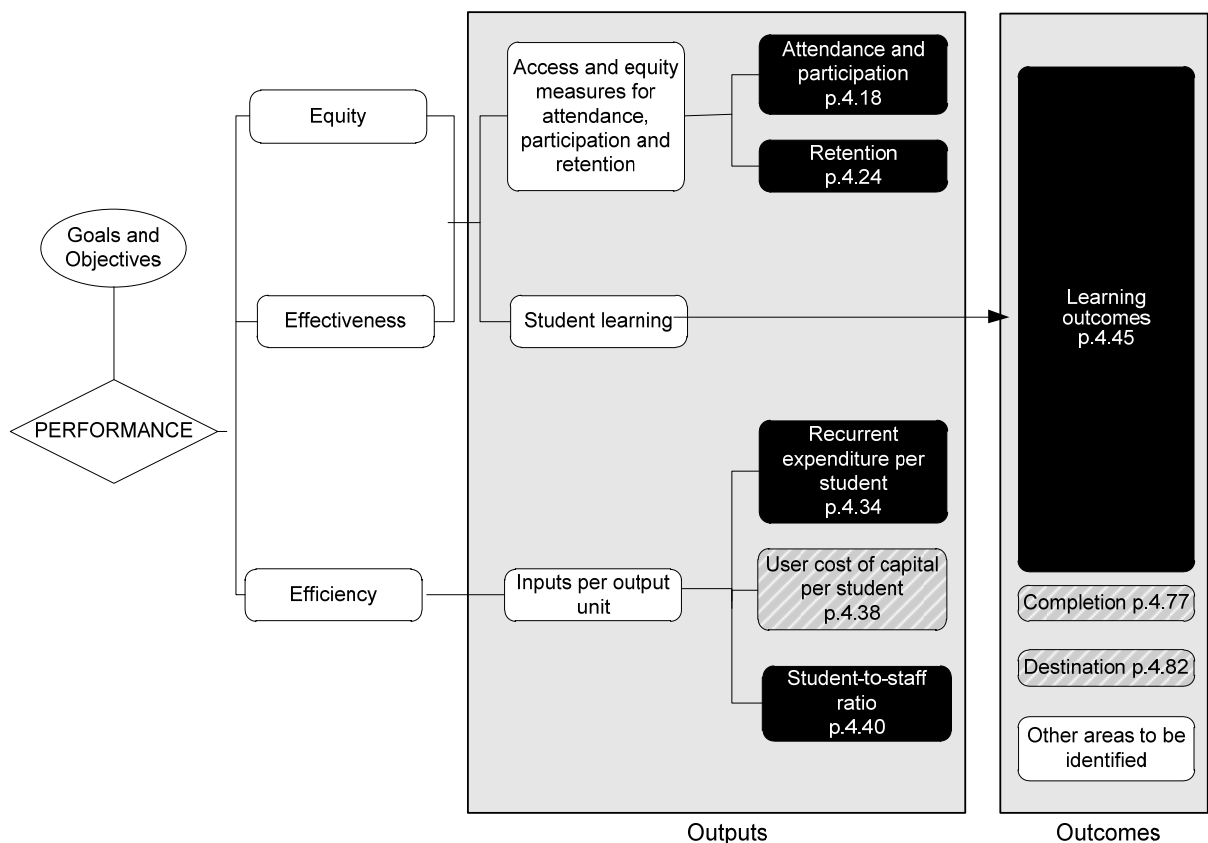
- There were 3.5 million full time equivalent school students enrolled in August 2011, in 9435 schools. Of these, 68.9 per cent of primary students and 60.3 per cent of secondary students were educated in government schools (pp. 4.8-9).
- Recurrent expenditure by Australian, State and Territory governments on school education in 2010-11 was \$44.3 billion, of which \$34.5 billion was spent on government schools (p. 4.4).

**Objectives of school education**

The goals for school education included in the Melbourne Declaration on Educational Goals for Young Australians are presented in the chapter. These goals are:

- Goal 1: Australian schooling promotes equity and excellence
- Goal 2: All young Australians become:
  - successful learners
  - confident and creative individuals
  - active and informed citizens (p. 4.15).

Performance indicators for school education (figure 4.4, p. 4.17)



**Key to indicators**

- Text** Data for these indicators are comparable, subject to caveats to each chart or table
- Text** Data for these indicators are not complete and/or not directly comparable
- Text** These indicators are yet to be developed or data are not collected for this Report: chapter contains explanatory text

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