



## Sport – Sporting Schools extension

The Australian Government is investing \$79.6 million in the extension of the Sporting Schools program for an additional two years, to support children to be physically active and enjoy the multiple benefits of sport participation.

The program will also build confidence and a more widespread return to community sport following COVID-19 restrictions.

This investment supports the Government’s long-term commitment to reduce physical inactivity amongst Australians by at least 15% by 2030, through encouraging physical activity in the formative stages of life, in line with *Sport 2030*.

### Why is this important?

Children and young people who are active daily have a lower risk of chronic health conditions. Despite these benefits, only 18% of Australians aged five to 17 years meet the national daily physical activity guidelines.

The Sporting Schools program encourages the development of long-term positive attitudes and behaviours towards sport and physical activity amongst children, setting the foundations for lifelong health and wellbeing. The program provides a conduit between schools, students, parents and their local sporting clubs, facilitating a connection to community sport participation and encouraging healthy and active lifestyles.

### Who will benefit?

Government-funded participation programs create encouraging environments for people who do not often engage in sport. Sporting Schools will benefit more than 2.2 million students in the program every year, alongside 17,000 principals and teachers, and a casual workforce of more than 7,000 qualified community-level coaches.

Through Australian Government investment in Sporting Schools, since 2015, more than 11 million students have already benefited from positive exposure to sport activities.

### How much will this cost?

The Australian Government is investing \$79.6 million over three years, from 2022–23 to 2024–25.