

Budget 2019-20

Implementing Sport 2030 – continuing Sporting Schools

The Government will continue to support the Sporting Schools Program until 31 December 2020. The program will help schools to partner with National Sporting Organisations to deliver high quality sport-based activity that is free to students.

Why is this important?

The majority of Australian children and young people aged 5-17 years are not meeting the daily Australian physical activity guidelines. National data indicates that only 19 per cent of Australian children meet the guidelines and accumulate at least 60 minutes of moderate to vigorous physical activity every day of the week. It is important to embed sport and physical activity into schools' daily routine to increase the activity levels and fundamental movement skills of children.

By providing opportunities for children to participate in sport at no cost, Sporting Schools reduces pressures on low income families. It can also be the gateway for children to participate in organised sport that can strengthen the links between local sporting clubs and the community.

Who will benefit?

All Australian schools will be able to register for the program and apply for funding. This initiative will see funding continue to be provided for 5,200 primary schools and 500 secondary schools.

How much will this cost?

This will cost \$41 million from 2019–20 to 2020–21.