

State Budget 2007/08 Information Sheet Education

Key issues:

Early intervention is a key issue for all students. All children should have access to 4 year-old education programs. Linked to these issues are quality schools for rural and remote areas that are adequately staffed and resourced. All students should be guaranteed appropriate education.

WACOSS' Recommendation	Budget Outcome	Comments
<p>Develop a range of strategies to encourage young people from CaLD and Aboriginal backgrounds to stay at school longer including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early intervention approaches to work with Aboriginal and CaLD students and their parents; • Specially designed services and support to children of refugees and asylum seekers in primary and high schools; • Pre-traineeship courses for Aboriginal and CaLD young people requiring additional support; • Flexible learning program to meet the specific needs of the Aboriginal and CaLD young people identified as having limited schooling with inadequate literacy and numeracy skills; • Provide funding for staff development programs, especially which teach how to work in a culturally sensitive environment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No identification of early intervention programs for Aboriginal and CaLD students and parents • Big increase in pre-traineeship courses and apprenticeships • Flexible learning • Culturally sensitive training is still in process 	<p>These programmes and strategies must be put into place over the long- term and not just one off or short-term interventions.</p>
<p>Fund programs targeted at young mothers to keep them in the formal education system.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing mentioned 	