

State Budget 2008/09 Information Sheet

Education

WACOSS advocates that State Government considers issues of parity and equality with regards to the funding of state and private education systems. WACOSS also recommends an investment in the social dimension of education, both at a primary and secondary level. Having a well resourced and socially responsible education system is core to achieving a socially just and sustainable Western Australia.

WACOSS' Recommendations	Budget Outcome & Comments
<p>Youth Workers in Western Australian High Schools:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - State Government to employ a youth worker in every WA State High School 	No new funding commitments
<p>Primary Schools as a 'Hub' for Community Development Services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Allocation for funds for a pilot program in the metro area for a 'Community Development Hub' 	No new funding commitments
<p>Alternative Education Programs for Young Mothers in High Schools:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Allocate resources and funding to provide services in WA High Schools where required. 	No new funding commitments
<p>Human Rights Education:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Every WA High School to be provided with the funding and resources to make Human Rights education part of the curriculum. 	No new funding commitments
<p>Regional Education Needs: Government investment of resources into regional education needs to -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - improve access to teaching and tutoring support services - provide greater financial incentives for teachers to work in RRR areas. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - \$16 million to complete the Fitzroy Crossing District High School. - \$13 million on the redevelopment of Karratha Senior High School. - Additional spending in 2008/09 to attract and retain teachers, including improvements to salary, conditions and incentives, across WA.