Our Plan for NSW Public Education

NSW GOVERNMENT

2026 mid-year report card

2026 progress so far

Rolled out the Inspire program, embedding high potential and gifted education opportunities in teaching, learning and co-curricular activities in all NSW public schools.	✔
Delivered a dedicated school development day on disability, neurodiversity and inclusive education.	✔
Expanded support class provisions to more than 1,100 public schools, giving access to over 33,600 students, including 80 schools offering support class access for the first time in 2026.	✔
Transitioned more than 25,000 temporary teachers and school support staff to permanent roles since 2023, reducing teacher vacancies to a 12-year low.	✔
Expanded the Health and Development Participation Grant to more than 1,400 early learning services, including a record 67 public preschools, to support children's health and development.	✔
Rolled out the Year 1 Number Screening Check to all NSW public schools, assessing around 60,000 Year 1 students and helping to identify those requiring targeted support in number sense.	✔
Strengthened the Small Group Tuition program with more than 42,000 students receiving targeted literacy and numeracy support in the first half of 2026.	✔
Upgraded technology to support a consistent student experience for geographically isolated distance education students.	✔
Provided targeted phonics support to around 300 schools, strengthening early reading strategies.	✔
Expanded the School Counselling Service to provide more support to schools.	✔
Supported more than 500 students in Years 9 to 12 through the 'Get Back in the Game' program, helping at-risk young people to remain in school or transition to training or employment.	✔
Employed an additional 1,000 apprentices and trainees across the NSW public sector since 2023, with a retention rate of more than 90% and half of the participants located in regional NSW.	✔
Deployed targeted school administrative and support staff to a third of NSW public schools to reduce workload and improve daily operations.	✔
Opened 12 new and upgraded schools for Day 1 Term 1 2026, adding capacity for more than 4,500 additional students, and completing maintenance works at over 900 public schools.	✔

Working towards in Terms 3 and 4

Support all NSW public schools to implement the NSW Anti-Bullying Framework and the revised student code of conduct from Term 1 2027.
Continue to open the 100 new public preschools, following the opening of Blackett Public Preschool.
Expand access to Stage 6 courses through the new HSC Subject Guarantee from 2027, including for English, Mathematics and Science extension subjects.
Embed the new Access Request system, enabling coordination of support provisions for students with disability.
Expand the School Engagement Support Program from Term 3 2026 to reach over 200 schools, increasing access for students in Years 8 to 10 at risk of disengaging from school.
Continuing with the completion of 11 new school builds and transitioning 4 schools from temporary to permanent facilities in preparation for Day 1 Term 1 2027.
Update online School Finder tool to help families find the local public school that's right for their child.

We acknowledge the homelands of all Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people and pay our respect to Country.

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