

# URGENT ATTENTION: QUEENSLAND PARENTS



## Funding policy unfair for all

The Federal Government's education policy doesn't direct funding to the schools that most need it.

Since 2001 the Howard Government has given its biggest funding increases to very rich private schools in Sydney and Melbourne.

These extremely wealthy and selective interstate schools have been handed budget boosts of up to 249% (see over page).

Federal Government spending on state schools sadly remains at a standstill in real terms.

Many Queensland private schools have also received an inferior deal to their wealthy southern counterparts.

The QTU believes governments should fund both state and private schools based on need.

As it stands, the Federal Government's policy is unfair to students from both sectors.

## Federal Government neglects state schools

Queensland state schools deserve a fair share of funding from both the Federal and State Governments.

While the QTU will always pressure State politicians for more funding, it's the Federal Government that's really neglecting our students at present.

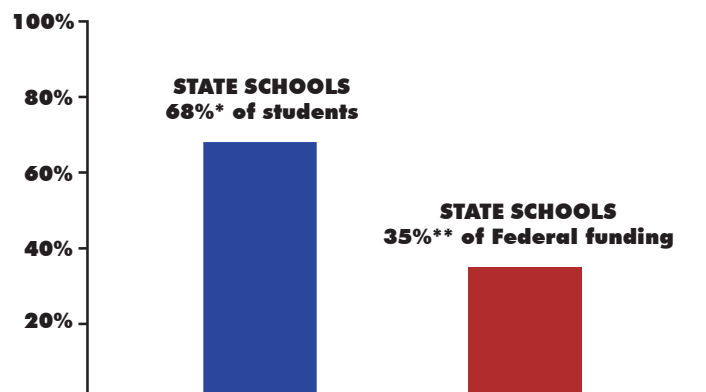
A fair go from the Howard Government would result in more individual teacher attention and improved facilities for our children.

Unfortunately, the Federal Government gives only 35% of its funding to state schools even though they have nearly 70% of students.

It wants to cut this even further in the 2005-2008 period and give public education only 31% of the pie.

This is why we must speak up now and make sure our children get a better deal.

### STATE SCHOOL FUNDING FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT 2001-2004



\* This is a national enrolment share. Queensland state schools have 70% of students. \*\* The Federal Government wants to cut the state school funding share to 31% for the 2005-2008 period.

# Did you know?

1. The Federal Government's unfair funding policy means a number of private schools now receive more total government funding (State and Federal) than many state schools. (Source: *Hansard*, Queensland Parliament, 16 November 2000.)
2. Rich interstate private schools are receiving at least three times more funding per student from the Howard Government than state schools. State secondary schools this year will receive \$803 per student from the Federal Government, while rich private schools such as those listed below will be given at least \$2400 per student.



## Seeing through political tricks

Federal Coalition politicians are trying to combine State and Commonwealth funding to hide their neglect of public education.

However, the Howard Government must be judged on its own funding of schools.

Since 1996, the share of Commonwealth spending going to state schools has plummeted, with the Federal Government falsely claiming its main responsibility is to fund private schools.

This situation is intolerable.

The Howard Government clearly has a responsibility to all students, not just those in private schools.

### Wealthy Southern Private Schools Funding Increases from Federal Government

PRIVATE SCHOOL	FUNDING INCREASE*
<b>Wesley College (Victoria)</b>	<b>143%</b>
<b>The King's School (NSW)</b>	<b>164%</b>
<b>Presbyterian Ladies' College (Victoria)</b>	<b>185%</b>
<b>Trinity Grammar (NSW)</b>	<b>206%</b>
<b>Geelong Grammar (Victoria)</b>	<b>217%</b>
<b>Mentone Girls' Grammar (Victoria)</b>	<b>239%</b>
<b>Haileybury College (Victoria)</b>	<b>249%</b>

\* Per secondary student Federal funding increase 2001-2004. Based on Department of Education, Science and Training estimates.

Note: 2001-2004 per student Federal funding for state secondary schools increased by 21%. In real terms this means there was no increase in funding when price adjustments were taken into account.



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