NEW WAYS OF TEACHING AND LEARNING

• DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING
• NSW TAFE COMMISSION
• BOARD OF STUDIES
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BUDGET OVERVIEW
Education and training are key priorities for the Carr Government. In the 2002/2003 State Budget, the Government is building for the future with its focus on technology, school improvements, quality education, training and employment opportunities to assist people to improve their lives and secure their futures.

The 2002/2003 State Budget provides a record $8.1 billion for the Education and Training Portfolio. The budget focuses on improving facilities, resources and programs for more than 2 million students in schools, Vocational Education and Training and Adult Education.

Since 1995, total funding for the portfolio has increased by over $2,300 million, an increase of 40 per cent.
HIGHLIGHTS

• $6,128.8 million in total recurrent funding to schools.
• $1,292.2 million in recurrent expenditure for TAFE NSW.
• $229.4 million in recurrent and capital funding for technology and computers in schools ($963 million over the next four years).
• $88.5 million in extra funding over the next four years ($15 million in 2002–2003) to enhance the quality of teaching in Government schools and ensure an adequate supply of teachers in key learning areas across the State.
• $300 million for school capital works projects, as part of a four year $1.1 billion Schools Improvement Package.
• $72 million for TAFE NSW capital works.
• $92.6 million for Recurrent and Capital funding to the Board of Studies.
• $196 million for the Grants program supporting external vocational education and tertiary services.
• $179 million for the school maintenance program.
• $20.8 million for Adult and Community Education Services.
• $41.1 million for TAFE Building Maintenance.
• $124.6 million to target literacy and numeracy in schools (almost $500 million over the next four years).
• $259.3 million for grants to schools under global funding.
• $515.1 million for special education in government schools.
• $72.4 million for dedicated rural education programs.
• $59.4 million for socio-economically disadvantaged students.
• $37.9 million for Aboriginal education.
• $85.6 million for students from non English speaking backgrounds.
• $56 million for the Back-to-School Allowance.
• $6 million for targeted Youth Programs.
• $2.9 million for TAFE Capped Scholarships ($11.6 million over the next four years).
• $1.8 million for the TAFE Youth at Risk Program ($7.3 million over the next four years).
• $7 million for Years 7-10 English and Mathematics syllabuses.
• $16.1 million, over two years, ($2.5 million additional in 2002-2003) to undertake a trial of a “priority action schools” program, to provide intensive support to specifically targeted primary, central and high schools.
• $5 million, over two years, to introduce a pilot of reduced class sizes in designated schools, in Kindergarten to Year 3, to be independently monitored and evaluated.

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