

Insights from Schools Plus:

WHAT DO SCHOOLS NEED IN 2020

Schools Plus helps children facing disadvantage succeed at school. Through our Smart Giving program, we provide funding, coaching and support to selected schools to support initiatives that improve students' outcomes. Here are the insights from our 2020 Smart Giving applications.



463 APPLICATIONS
SUBMITTED
BY SCHOOLS

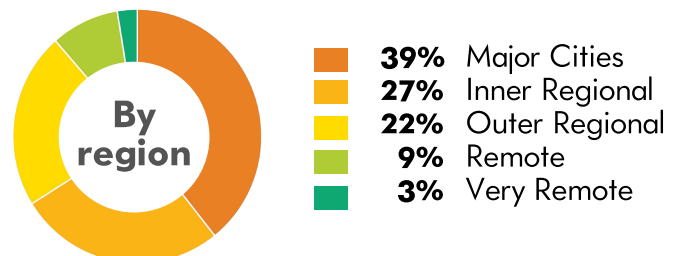
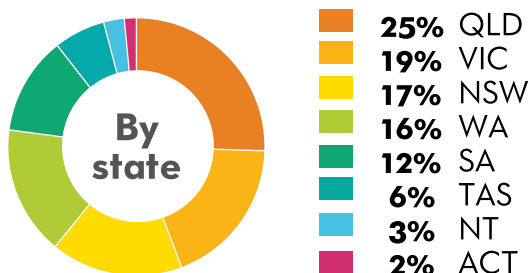
\$13.5M
IN FUNDING
REQUESTED

THIS IS NEARLY **DOUBLE THE LEVEL OF DEMAND** RECORDED IN PREVIOUS YEARS.

18% are from bushfire-impacted schools

25% are from drought-affected schools

30% are for projects related to COVID-19 recovery



THE TOP 4 CHALLENGES SCHOOLS NEED HELP TO ADDRESS



Student wellbeing

The number of students with anxiety, trauma backgrounds and social/emotional needs is rising rapidly. Initiatives will support the wellbeing of students, teachers and families.



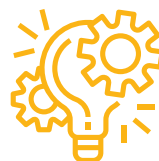
Literacy

Strong literacy skills underpin a person's ability to thrive at school and beyond. Intensive programs will ensure students of all ages improve their reading, writing and oral language skills.



Teaching practice

Developing teachers' skills so they are more effective in the classroom is the number one thing schools can do to improve student outcomes.



Student disengagement

Introducing STEM and project-based learning, where students solve real-life problems and take part in hands-on activities, is a highly engaging way to build future-focused skills.

If you would like to know more about supporting students facing disadvantage, visit schoolsplus.org.au or contact our team on (02) 8880 0296.

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