

# WHAT DO SCHOOLS NEED IN 2021

Schools Plus helps children facing disadvantage succeed at school. Through our Smart Giving program, we provide funding, coaching and resources to support strategic school initiatives that improve student outcomes. Here are the insights from the 2021 application round.

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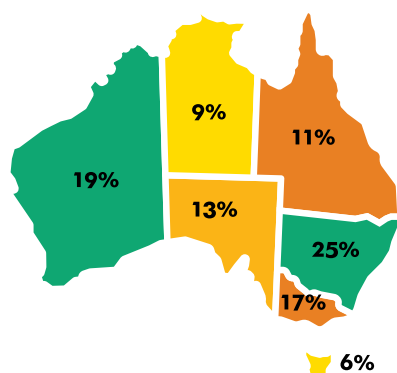
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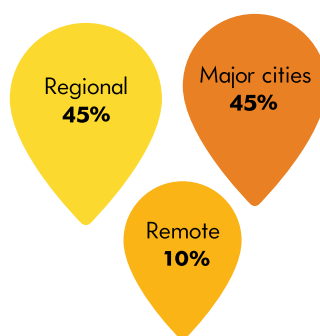
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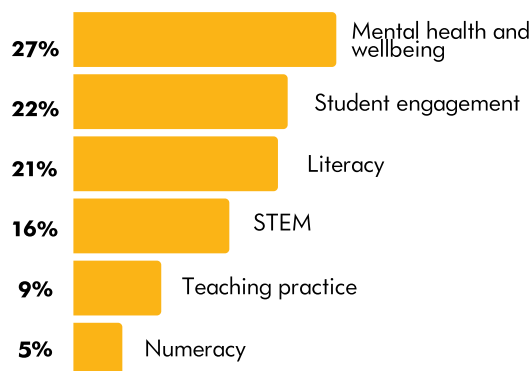
### Applications by state



### Applications by location



### Applications by theme



## THE TOP FOUR CHALLENGES SCHOOLS NEED HELP TO ADDRESS



### Student wellbeing

The number of students with anxiety and social/emotional needs is rising, exacerbated by the events of recent years. Projects include initiatives such as trauma-informed practice and allied health support.



### Literacy

Strong literacy skills underpin a child's ability to thrive at school and beyond. Projects will ensure students of all ages improve their reading, writing and language skills, many through the support of speech pathologists.



### Student engagement

Introducing culturally embedded and hands-on learning are highly effective ways of engaging students. Other initiatives engage families and communities, provide post-school pathways and re-engage students after periods of remote learning.



### STEM

Introducing science, technology, engineering and maths programs and new STEM equipment help to develop students' critical thinking, creativity and digital literacy.

## THE TOP THREE STRATEGIES USED TO ACHIEVE THEIR GOALS



**School Leadership Development and Agenda Setting**



**Teaching and Learning Practice Development**



**Family and Community Engagement**

# A CLOSER LOOK AT SA SCHOOLS

The below information provides further insights into the applications received from South Australian schools in the 2021 Smart Giving round.

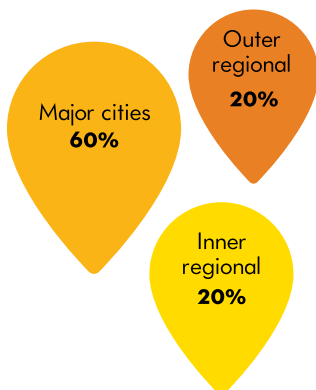
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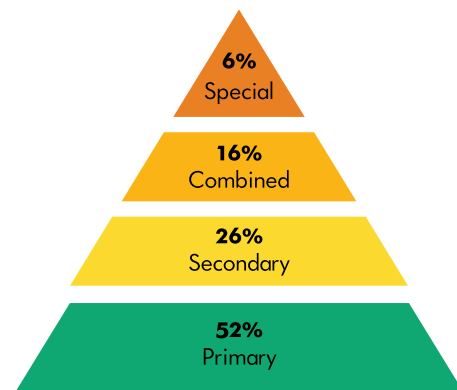
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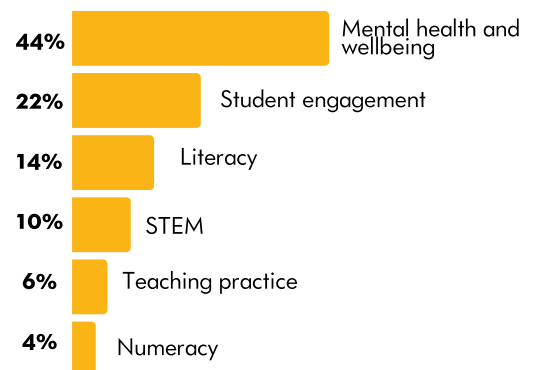
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## Applications by theme

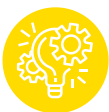


## HOW SA SCHOOLS WILL TACKLE THE TOP CHALLENGES



### Mental health and wellbeing

Wellbeing/sensory rooms, outdoor activities and programs to equip students and teachers with strategies to address mental health and wellbeing, build resilience and to engage in learning.



### Student engagement

Activities to engage students in hands-on learning, improve connection between students, the school and community, and provide valuable skills and opportunities for post-school pathways.



### Literacy

Improvement strategies and interventions, focused on teacher professional development, to improve the reading and writing skills of students.

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

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