

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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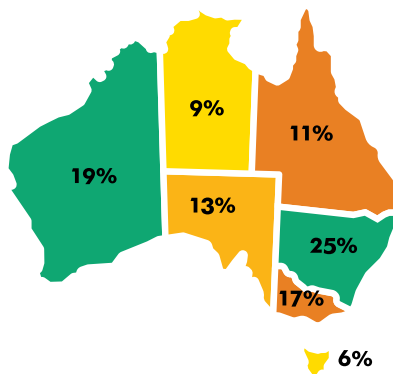
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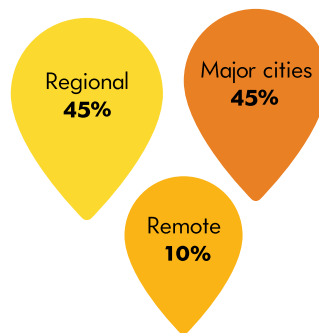
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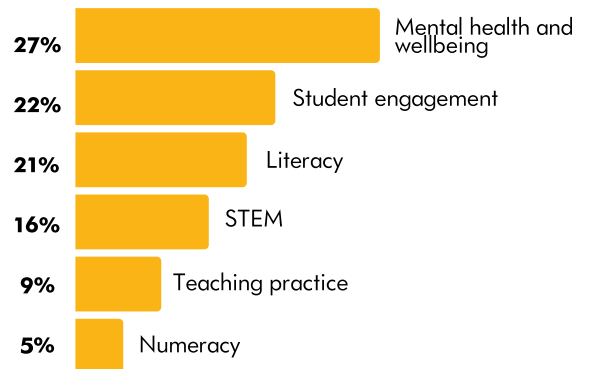
Applications by state



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 VIC SCHOOLS

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

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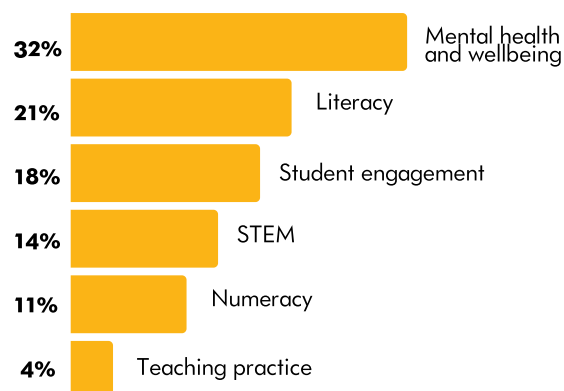
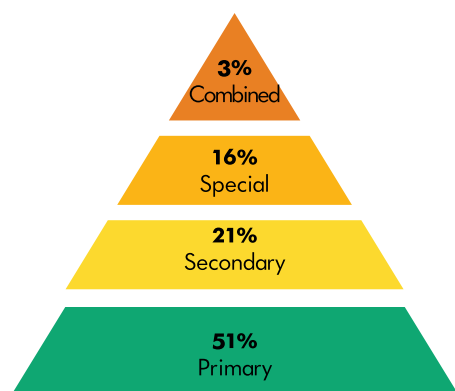
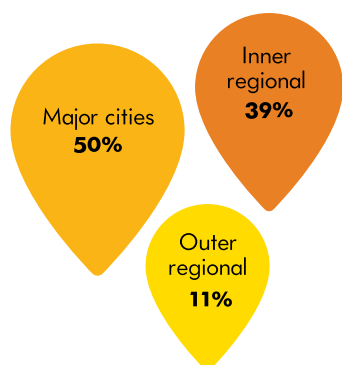
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Applications by location

Applications by school type

Applications by theme



HOW VIC SCHOOLS WILL TACKLE THE TOP CHALLENGES



Mental health and wellbeing

Development of sensory and self-regulation programs and spaces for students, building teacher capacity in trauma-informed-practice, and positively re-engaging with students who have been seriously impacted by COVID-19.



Literacy

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



Student engagement

Afterschool homework clubs for the community with students from EAL backgrounds, the development of outdoor sensory spaces such as gardens and nature education classrooms and the development of a sporting academy to encourage student engagement, attendance, mental and physical wellbeing, connection to school and academic outcomes.



STEM

Developing student skills in algorithmic thinking, robotics, coding and podcasting; and enhancing gender balance in sciences such as Physics and Chemistry throughout senior school years.

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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