

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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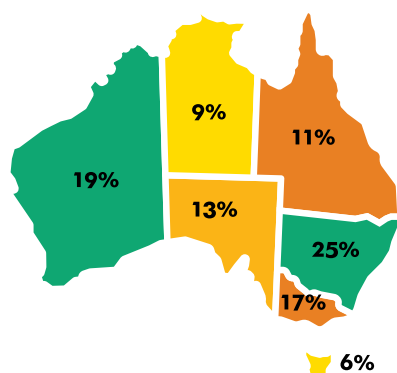
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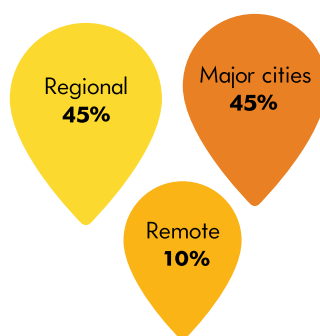
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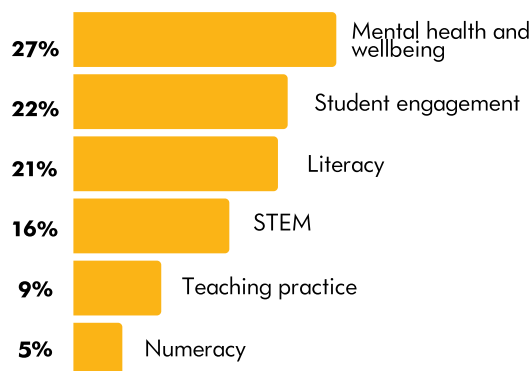
Applications by state



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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 WA SCHOOLS

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



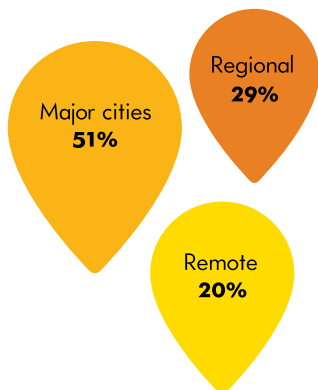
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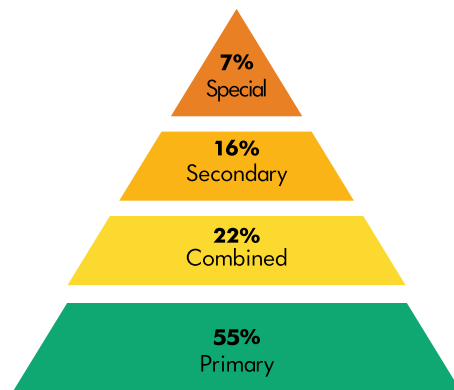
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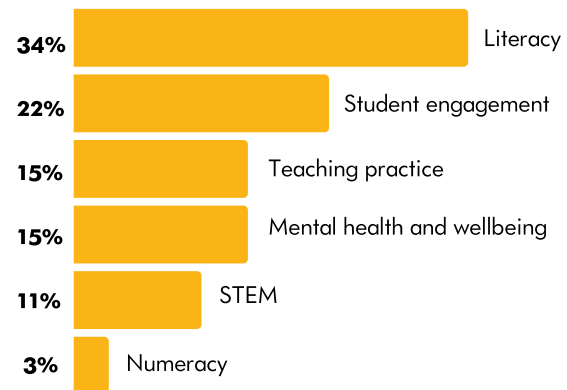
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Applications by school type



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HOW WA SCHOOLS WILL TACKLE THE TOP CHALLENGES



Literacy

Improvement strategies focused on teacher professional development (and in particular, engaging with Speech Therapists), to improve the oral language, reading and writing skills of students.



Student engagement

Initiatives to promote cross-cultural awareness and engagement, improve connection between students, the school and community, and project-based learning activities to provide valuable skills and opportunities for post-school pathways.



Teaching practice

Developing teaching skills or embedding a new practice (e.g. explicit instruction teaching), with support of expert coaches and consultants, to ensure teachers are more effective and have the knowledge and tools to improve the learning outcomes of students.



Mental health and wellbeing

Wellbeing/sensory spaces and programs to equip students and teachers with strategies to address mental health and wellbeing, improve behaviour and build resilience to engage in learning.

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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