

**PE To Double In Some SA Schools**

Physical education time will as much as double in dozens of public primary schools, in a move that could be rolled out across the state.

The Education Department will use a \$700,000 Sport Australia grant to run a program designed by former VFL player and University of Canberra expert Professor Dick Telford, in 30 schools to be selected later this year.

The trial of the Physical Education, Physical Literacy program will bring specialists into schools to coach teachers and raise their confidence and competence in teaching physical education.

As well as lifting dedicated PE class time – by as much as four hours a week – it will encourage a few minutes of exercise between classes to help students concentrate on learning.

Education Minister John Gardner said being active improved physical and mental health, increased motivation and confidence, and provided more opportunities to make friends.

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SA's International Student Enrolment Exceeds National Growth

For the first time since 2011, South Australia's international student enrolments have exceeded the national growth rate - 11.4% to 11.1%.

The state attracted nearly 30,400 enrolments in the first three months of 2019.

A breakdown of enrolments saw 63% in the higher education sector, and just over 16% in the VET sector.

South Australia's school sector is also on the rise, growing by 1.5%, while at the national level, the school sector's enrolments declined by 2.1%, giving the state's school sector a bigger share (11%) of total international school student enrolments in Australia.

Minister David Ridgway said this trend was fantastic news for the State, bringing with it economic benefits as well as an increase in cultural vibrancy to the city.

"In the 2017-18 financial year, international students generated \$1.62 billion for the South Australian economy, positioning international education as one of the state's top export earners."

India, Nepal, Brazil, Sri Lanka and the Philippines were South Australia's top five growth markets in that period, with China continuing to be the largest student market for South Australia.

In the first three months of 2019, South Australia's enrolments originating from India grew by 59% when compared with the same period last year.

"Adelaide has also been announced as one of the few cities in Australia where international students will qualify for an additional year of the 485 visa which provides further opportunities for students to call South Australia home."

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“...Music is so important, it’s life changing, it connects us with the world...”

Literacy And Numeracy Test For Teachers

The quality of Australia's trainee teachers is again under fire, with one in 10 failing the literacy and numeracy test required to teach.

The Literacy and Numeracy Test for Initial Teacher Education (LANTITE) is a federal initiative and was created to ensure graduating teachers had literacy and numeracy skills similar to the top 30% of the population (Year 9 level or above).

Trainee teachers can sit the NAPLAN-style test at any time in their degree and must pass it before gaining registration.

According to test data obtained by The Australian, literacy and numeracy levels among trainee teachers slipped for the third year in a row, adding to calls for higher ATAR entry scores for teaching.

When the test was first introduced in 2015, 95% of trainee teachers passed the test; this fell to 92% in 2017 and even lower this year.

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8,000 Serious Incidents Reported In SA Public Schools

Seven public school students were identified as being at risk of religious or political radicalisation last year, under a new category of critical incidents recorded by the Education Department.

They were among almost 8000 serious incidents recorded last year, including rises in categories relating to weapons, self-harm, alleged staff misconduct and drugs and alcohol.

The 2018 serious incidents report, released on The Advertiser's request, shows students or others came into schools armed with weapons, or used items such as chairs as weapons, 388 times last year, up from 346 in 2017.

For the first time there were more than 1000 cases of self-harm — the 1106 being a 19% jump from 933 in 2017.

Alleged staff misconduct rose from 385 to 469. Bullying incidents dropped from 463 to 429, while violence (threatened or actual) also dropped from 2508 to 2345.

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Students Get ANZAC Spirit Prize

More than 1000 students have taken part in the 2019 Premier's ANZAC Spirit School Prize competition.

The competition involves students researching a SA service man or woman who served during World War 1 or 2. Students also had to discuss how the individual they researched demonstrated the characteristics of the ANZAC spirit.

16 Years 9 and 10 students from across the state selected to attend a 14-day study tour to Vietnam later this year.

Education Minister John Gardner said students travelling to Vietnam will have a life-changing opportunity to delve deeper into history through the study tour.

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Students Plant 10 Trees To Graduate

A Philippine tradition may be made into law, with the government green-lighting a measure requiring students to plant at least 10 trees before they graduate.

Currently, it's something of a rite of passage for a Philippine student to plant a seedling — a slightly more meaningful gesture than tossing up a funny-shaped hat.

The Graduation Legacy for the Environment Act applies to all elementary, high school and college students.

If implemented correctly, this could result in 175 million new trees being planted each year — and 525 billion in just one generation.

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International Education Strategy

The State Government has launched a 10-year International Education Strategy, with an initial 4-year investment of \$6.25 million.

The program will deliver a suite of education initiatives with an international focus for public schools and preschools in South Australia.

A \$1.6 million Internationalising Schools Fund will be established to offer tailored packages of support for up to 20 schools with less experience in hosting international students.

Schools with international education experience will receive \$10,000 to help them share their knowledge with other schools and provide professional development opportunities to staff.

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