



### This week's stories from the media

- Premier slams teachers for strike
- Teaching students offered thousands of scholarships
- Parents brace for chaos ahead of second teacher strike
- Fears new drug could be sold at schoolies
- Free classroom management courses for teachers
- School refusal data suggests issue is bigger than thought

### Teaching Students Offered \$10,000

The federal government is offering 5000 scholarships worth up to \$10,000 a year to education students who commit to the profession after they graduate.

Thousands of education students will receive scholarships worth up to \$40,000 as part of the federal government's push to boost the number of teachers across the nation.

The scheme will offer 5000 scholarships to students who begin studying next year.

The initiative specifically targets high-achieving school leavers, mid-career professionals, First Nations people, those from remote or regional Australia, students living with disabilities, and those with English as a second language.

As part of the \$160m federal investment, undergrad students can receive \$40,000 over four years, while postgrads could receive up to \$20,000 over two years.

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### Premier Malinauskas Slams SA Teachers For Voting To Strike

**Premier Peter Malinauskas has called out the teacher's union saying it cares more about money over the wellbeing of year 12 students entering exam season.**

The state government has offered teachers a compounding 4% increase over the first year but this doesn't satisfy the teachers' union, who will take strike action during exams.

Mr Malinauskas spoke frankly, revealing his opinions about the issue during his radio appearance on Tuesday morning.

"Whenever someone says it's not about the money – it's always about the money," he told FIVE-aa.

"I'm pretty disappointed by the conduct of the union leadership."

"They said publicly that an improved offer would allow them time to consider and go away to do the work."

"We put an approved offer to them early yesterday afternoon and then a few hours later, they're out on strike again."

Mr Malinauskas called teacher union demands "completely unreasonable" when considering the state's budget capacity - with a 5.5% and 8.6%-plus increase amounting to "billions of dollars".

Mr Malinauskas described the demand to be "patently absurd ... it's just not going to happen".

Mr Malinauskas went on to criticise the teachers' union, president Andrew Gohl and the entirety of the executives.

"I think that's beyond poor form and I actually think that it's the union leadership that is inconsistent with their own members' interests."

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### Parents Brace For Chaos Ahead Of Teacher Strike

**Nearly 400 South Australian schools will close or be forced to alter classes because of the teacher strike on Thursday, leaving parents scrambling.**

Another 201 schools can only offer a modified program.

The full-day strike was confirmed on Monday evening after the teachers’ union rejected a third offer from the state government on pay and conditions.

“I have a lot of sympathy for parents having to take their kids to work or call in on carer’s leave.”

“I’ve got a sister and a sister-in-law who are absolutely scrambling to find care for their kids.”

Teachers will rally on the steps of Parliament House at 11.30am on Thursday to further pressure the government to meet demands for wage rises of between 5.5% and 8.6% a year and more non-instruction time.

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### Fears New Drug Could Be Sold At Schoolies

**A powerful synthetic opioid entering Australia could be sold at schoolies celebrations in Victor Harbor, border force police have warned.**

With schoolies celebrations in Victor Harbor just a fortnight away, a health warning has been issued after an increase in detections of a powerful synthetic opioid entering Australia.

Known as metonitazene, the drug is more powerful than fentanyl and hundreds of times more potent than morphine.

“This is concerning with schoolies celebrations about to begin in states across the country if the intention was to import this drug in an attempt to sell to young people.”

Metonitazene is often disguised as other drugs meaning the user doesn’t necessarily know what they are taking.

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### Classroom Management For Teachers

**Teachers will soon get access to three free short courses on classroom management and teaching strategies developed by the University of Adelaide.**

The short courses will be focus on classroom management, explicit teaching strategies and phonics.

“They support new and experienced teachers and will help to improve student learning outcomes.”

Available in 2024, the microcredential qualification will offer credit towards post-graduate study with the School of Education at the University of Adelaide.

“These evidence-based courses will help teachers build on their skills in classroom management and the teaching of phonics.”

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### School Post

**The Term 4 edition of School Post is out soon!**



### School Refusal Bigger Than Thought

**School refusal Senate inquiry recommended commissioning national tracking because there was little available data on the subject - until now.**

Greens senator and former teacher Penny Allman-Payne commissioned a national poll of 1,000 parents.

When the results were weighted across public and private schools, 39% of parents agreed or strongly agreed that their child had experienced school refusal in the past year.

The government is due to provide a response to the senate inquiry's 14 recommendations - which included extra mental health support and earlier interventions - by this Friday.

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