

South Australian High Quality Education Policy

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On 26 November South Australian Premier the Hon. Jay Weatherill MP announced the South Australian Government's High Quality Education Policy. The South Australian Government has set five key goals in order to ensure high-quality public education system. These goals focus on ensuring a highly-qualified workforce in the education sector and encouraging specialist and innovative education institutions for young South Australians.

The High Quality Education Policy

1. All new South Australian teachers to hold a master's qualification from 2020.

In order to promote a highly-qualified workforce, from 2015 to 2020, 240 scholarships to obtain a master's degree will be available for existing teachers. The State Government has also announced that it will work with South Australian universities to ensure all new teaching graduates have a master's degree from 2020.

2. Advanced leadership qualifications to become a requirement for all preschool directors and school principals from 2020.

Up to 50 per cent of South Australian principals are expected to retire in the next five years. From 2015 to 2020, 120 current and aspiring school principals will be supported to achieve advanced leadership qualifications.

Leadership appointments will preference people with these qualifications from 2015, with the qualifications to become a requirement from 2020.

3. More specialist public schools, including specialist partnerships between primary and secondary schools, to give greater choice to families about their children's education.

Grants of \$50 000 will be offered to encourage more public schools to specialise in an academic field, languages or arts. Schools which currently offer specialisations will be more widely-promoted.

Discussions to consider how specialised schooling can drive local innovation, productivity and participation will begin immediately with school communities, industry leaders and relevant bodies.

4. A second city high school to open in 2019 to provide more young South Australians with secondary education options.

The State Government will build a second city high school for 1 000 students, to open in 2019.

The State Government will also make two changes to school zoning. The first stage, to take effect from 2015, will allow students from Ovingham, Prospect, Fitzroy and Thorngate to enrol in Year 8 at Adelaide High School. In 2019, the State Government will further expand the zone to include more inner northern and western suburbs, including the new school.

5. A flagship school will be established at the University of South Australia's Magill Campus for children from birth through to Year 12 that models best practice teaching, theory and research.

The school would bring together school, early childhood services and special education, including an intervention unit for students with autism. The school would be part of a new first-of-its-kind education precinct which will aim to combine teaching practice and research through partnerships between early childhood providers, local schools and the University of South Australia.

Consultation will be held with the dual campus Norwood Morialta High School community about moving to the new school and the State Government will undertake a feasibility study to determine the viability and costs of the proposal.

Further information

The South Australian High Quality Education Policy can be accessed [here](#).