



PUBLIC EDUCATION

Building Great Australian Lives

ESSENTIAL FACTS ABOUT PUBLIC EDUCATION

1 academic performance

Public schools are competitive, delivering quality education, producing high achievers and meeting the needs of all learners.



Prof Larissa Behrendt AO



To be able to go from Kirrawee High School through to an elite law school in this country and then to Harvard Law School I think shows the public system was everything that I needed."

[see video](#)



Kurt Fearnley AO



Inclusion. It's like a fundamental part of the public education system. That idea of acceptance is in its DNA"



[see video](#)



2 inclusivity, equality and diversity

Public schools embrace everyone.

Craig Reucassel



In actual fact, it's the values that the school instils and there is no better place to instil values than the school that comes from the very idea that everybody can go there."

[see video](#)



3 available and accessible

Public schools are guaranteed to be located in your suburb and will always welcome a child.



4 cost

The value of a public education cannot be beaten.

5 resourcing

There is a School Resourcing Standard (SRS) which describes the nationally agreed minimum level that schools need to be funded at to meet the needs of all students.

This is a combined measure of both state and federal funding levels.

Despite the challenges of working in an underfunded system, public school teachers continue to work in the interests of their students and their communities.

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Whatever kind of background you're from, in public education, you're going to get an opportunity because it's for everybody and it sees the potential in everybody.”

Juanita Phillips



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6 performance at university

Yes! Public school students are well-equipped to do well to pursue higher learning.

7 successful alumni

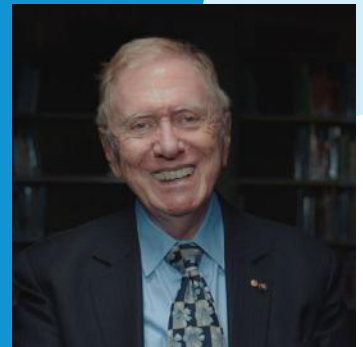
Successful people usually give credit to their education. Public school educated achievers have more to boast of because likely that they broke more barriers to get to where they are.

Your local school is likely to have amazing alumni working in communities across Australia... doctors, teachers, firefighters, retail managers, you name it.

**The Hon Michael Kirby
AC CMG**

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Encouraging people to do what they want to do and with excellence. Excellence was the motto of my school and of public education.”



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Public education has the broadest curriculum which offers pathways to success through university, TAFE and direct employment.

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