National Plan for School Improvement—what happens next?

Every Australian child has the right to a world-class education, no matter where they live, the school they attend or their family background.

That’s why the Australian Government has a National Plan for School Improvement.

Our plan is for all schools to get the funding they need to deliver a great education to all students. It will also provide better support for teachers and school leaders, more information to the community on our schools, and extra help for schools to improve their results.

Funding for every school will rise under our plan. But we want to make sure this money is spend on things we know will improve results, and will help every student.

What happens next?

The National Plan for School Improvement will be phased in from 2014, so every school starts getting the funding and extra support to become an even better school.

But this is a big change for many schools. So we will phase the new arrangements in over six years, giving all schools time to prepare and adjust.

School education in Australia is a partnership—between all governments and the Catholic and independent school sectors.

That’s why we have started discussions with state and territory governments, Catholic and independent schools to reach agreement on all the details of our plan. And we’re asking other governments to pay their fair share.

A special sub-committee of all School Education Ministers will be established to discuss and drive school funding and school improvement reforms.

We will introduce legislation into the Parliament by the end of 2012 that will enshrine the core principles of our National Plan for School Improvement. The legislation will be updated as discussions progress with the states and territories and the non-government school sector.

More information

The Prime Minister, Julia Gillard, the Minister for School Education, Peter Garrett, and the Parliamentary Secretary for School Education, Senator Jacinta Collins, will visit school communities across Australia to discuss our plan to make every school an even better school.

Many of these forums will be streamed live on the Better Schools website so that principals, teachers, parents and carers, and members of the community can participate in the national discussion on school improvement. Questions can be asked in person at the forums or via the website.

For more information about our National Plan for School Improvement, to have your say, and to keep up to date with progress on negotiations to deliver the plan, visit the website www.betterschools.gov.au, Facebook www.facebook.com/BetterSchoolsAU, Twitter www.twitter.com/BetterSchoolsAU, Youtube www.youtube.com/user/BetterSchoolsAU.