

FINANCE POLICY

Needs-Based Funding Distribution

LESNW Department:	Finance
Policy Title:	Needs-Based Funding Distribution
Policy Code:	LESNW AD DOC POL12
Date of Implementation:	30 July 2018
Last Review Date:	18 April 2019
Next Review Date:	18 April 2022 or as required

POLICY IMPLEMENTATION

Lutheran Education SA, NT & WA will apply the following needs-based system funding distribution principles for Lutheran schools within their approved authority:

1. Public funding will be distributed in compliance with the *Australian Education Act 2013 (Cwth)* and *Australian Education Regulation 2013*.
2. Australian Government recurrent funding allocated to the system authority of LESNW will, subject to any approved transitional arrangements, be consistently distributed to minimise funding changes which adversely impact educational programs and outcomes.
3. LESNW recognize needs-based funding arrangements that take account of the specific circumstances of students and individual schools in order to assist in the minimization of disadvantage and facilitate high quality education for every student within the system authority. LESNW system schools will receive a per capita grant for each student, supplemented by additional funding targeted at individual student needs.
4. LESNW has adopted a system weighted average SES score across all Lutheran schools in order to calculate the capacity to contribute percentage and therefore determine the funding quantum available to the approved system authority. LESNW has the ability to review the weighted average SES Score annually and implement a change. Where a system weighted average SES score is no longer beneficial for Lutheran schools, individual school SES scores will be used to calculate capacity to contribute.
5. An exception exists where Yirara College (NT) receives 100% of their Australian Government recurrent funding in recognition of guarantees made when the college joined the LESNW system.
6. A record of this policy is to be made publicly available on the LESNW website and upon specific request.

Lutheran Education SA, NT & WA : Needs-Based Funding Distribution Policy	Compliance with: Australian Education Act 2013 (Commonwealth) Section 78 (5)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SA, NT & WA Lutheran schools receives a per capita amount for each student, supplemented by additional funding targeted to individual student need. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) (i) An amount per student should be provided representing the recurrent resources required to support a student with minimal educational disadvantage to achieve expected educational outcomes.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mechanism for allocating system administration and school support costs through a separate system support fund levy. - Transitional arrangements that limit adverse effects on educational programs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) (ii) A funding model should take account of efficiencies that can be realized while improving educational outcomes.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Publicly funded loadings will be distributed in full to the LESNW schools in line with Australian Government instalment distribution notices. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (b) In addition to the amounts mentioned in paragraph (a), loadings should be provided to students and schools with additional needs in order to support student achievement, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) for students with disability; and (ii) for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students; and (iii) for students with a low socioeconomic status; and (iv) for students who have low English proficiency; and (v) for schools based on location; and (vi) for schools based on size.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Public funding to be distributed according to needs-based funding principles and in accordance with Better Schools legislation. - A record of the policy is provided publicly on the LESNW website and available upon specific request. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (c) A funding model should be publicly available and transparent.

POLICY MANAGEMENT & EVALUATION

This policy is to be reviewed as a need arises.

LESNW AD DOC POL 13 (TOR – System Support Fund) forms Appendix A of this policy.

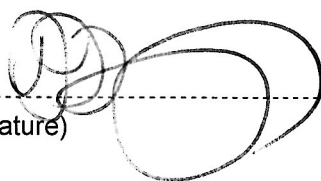
APPROVAL OF POLICY

This policy has been ratified.

Daryl Trigg

LESNW Board Chair (Print Name)

(Signature)



Date: 18/4/19

This policy has been incorporated into the LESNW Policy records.

Heather Waring

Policy Manager (Print Name)

(Signature)



Date: 29/4/19

