**Indicative 2018 Student Resource Package (SRP) Release**

The Indicative 2018 SRP will be available on 20 September 2017 and will incorporate enrolment projections and demographic changes as reported in the August 2017 census.

Adjustments relating to the wage-related rates for teaching and education support staff resulting from the Victorian Government Schools Agreement (VGSA) 2017 have been also implemented.

To review the changes, see: [Student Resource Package](https://www.eduweb.vic.gov.au/SRP/)

## Key changes for schools

### Increase to SRP credit rates

The SRP credit rates will increase on average 2.57 per cent to support schools with their leadership, teaching support and teaching and learning.

An additional 0.3 per cent on average has been applied to the Student per capita funding and Enrolment Linked Bases of the Core Student Learning component of the SRP to support the employment of 3,000 Learning Specialists in 2018.

### Increase to SRP cash rates

The SRP cash rates will increase by 9.70 per cent to support the Casual Relief Teaching (CRT) increase. This has been applied to the cash rate portion associated with CRT.

An additional 1.44 per cent on average has been applied to the Student per capita funding of the Core Student Learning component of the SRP. This has been allocated for professional practice days for a teacher to be released from their scheduled duties.

Short-Term Leave Reimbursement daily rates for teaching and non-teaching CRT will also increase.

Non-wage indexation of 2.00 per cent has been included and applied across all non-wage elements of the SRP. This has been applied to the cash rate proportions associated with non-wage items such as utilities.

**Supporting Information**

For more information on Learning Specialists and Professional Practice days as part of the Professional Practice Elements, see: [Professional Practice Guide](https://edugate.eduweb.vic.gov.au/sites/i/_layouts/15/WopiFrame.aspx?sourcedoc=/sites/i/Shared%20Documents/17-0129%20EBA%20Guide%20for%20teachers_v14.pdf&action=default) or email: [professional.practice@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:professional.practice@edumail.vic.gov.au)

### Contract Cleaning for Metropolitan Schools

With the introduction of the Victorian Government School Cleaning Reform, funding for cleaning allocations to metropolitan schools will be changing from the date that the new cleaning model commences in each individual school during 2018.

Schools will see a portion of their cleaning funding in the SRP Budget Detail report and a portion on the SRP Budget Management report as a centrally administered item.

The cleaning budget in the SRP for regional schools and metropolitan schools subject to the transition arrangements will not be affected in 2018. For more information, see: [Contract Cleaning](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/teachers/management/finance/Pages/srpref028.aspx)

For further information, phone: 1300 842 754 or email: [cleaning@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:cleaning@edumail.vic.gov.au)

## OTHER CHANGES

### Swimming in Schools

Additional funding to Victorian government primary schools towards the cost of swimming and water safety programs, covering aspects of Health and Physical Education learning, will be distributed through the SRP in 2017, 2018 and 2019.

### Workers’ Compensation Contribution Model (WCCM)

Schools receive funding towards Workers’ Compensation costs through the annual SRP.

From 2018 the WWCM will recoup approximately 4 per cent of the premium paid for the Department’s central Worker’s Compensation policy. Each school’s contribution will to be capped at 0.5 per cent of its remuneration however, capping will increase from $10,000 to $25,000.

Each school’s new calculation details will be available on its ‘Work Cover Summary Statement’ on the SRP reports page.

For more information, contact the Workers’ Compensation Advisory Service on email: [workers.compensation.corporate@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:workers.compensation.corporate@edumail.vic.gov.au)

## Commonwealth school funding

The indicative school budgets assume that current levels of Commonwealth funding for Victorian schools (approximately a quarter of funding) will continue in 2018.

The Commonwealth Parliament has passed the *Australian Education Amendment Act 2017* which introduces new Commonwealth school funding. The Commonwealth is expected to seek formal agreement from Victoria by the end of this year to effect new arrangements in 2018.

## Resources for schools

### 2018 SRP Guide and SRP Budget Planner

The SRP Guide, which outlines the framework, formulae and business processes underpinning the majority of the SRP, is available to schools online and has been updated to reflect the changes. To access the guide, see: [2018 SRP Guide](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/finance/Pages/srp.aspx)

The SRP Budget planner and Guide will be available upon release of the 2018 Indicative SRP.

## Support for schools

Requests for additional SRP assistance can be logged via the [Department's Service Gateway](https://servicegateway.eduweb.vic.gov.au/MSMSelfService/ServiceCatalogueEx.aspx?g=12)

The SRP schools support team can be contacted on 1 800 641 943.

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