

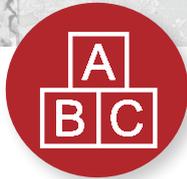
BENDIGO EDUCATION PLAN

What we need to deliver

All children and young people in Bendigo will become successful learners and resilient individuals who strive for excellence and who have the skills, knowledge and capabilities they need to lead active, satisfying and productive lives.



Develop shared specialist programs across secondary schools



Implement early childhood training partnerships



Create a culture of innovative STEM learning in schools



Strengthen collaboration with local industry and businesses



Strengthen and expand opportunities for teachers and educators to develop and enhance shared knowledge

Recommendations from the education plan

To achieve the above aims, the plan recommends:

- Ensuring equitable access to quality programs, pathways and facilities
- Building teacher and educator capacity to support and extend all students
- Creating a culture of excellence for all
- Enriching approaches to curriculum, pedagogy and assessment
- Strengthening supports for children and young people through key transition points in their learning
- Partnering with families and carers as first-educators
- Collaborating with community, business and industry to lift engagement, learning and developmental outcomes

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What is the case for change?

In the City of Greater Bendigo achievement and retention outcomes are falling below expected levels and the challenges to achieving equity and excellence are particularly complex. The Bendigo community wants us to 'lift the bar' and to make sure that we are creating opportunities for all children and young people to thrive and excel. The Bendigo Education Plan 2018 will bring our community together to work towards achieving this common goal.

What is the education plan?

The Bendigo Education Plan 2018 is a unique, local plan that aims to connect the different education sectors in Bendigo, creating clear pathways and access to high-quality educational services from birth, through schooling and into higher education, training and employment.

The plan harnesses our collective responsibility for transforming education and ensuring that our services and community work together in the best interests of Bendigo's children and young people to address local challenges and improve outcomes for children and young people.

How was the Bendigo Education Plan 2018 developed?

A broad steering committee (made up of key stakeholders from the community, including school Principals and representatives from local organisations) have worked with the Department of Education and Training to develop this plan. We met with community members including students, teachers, parents, business and industry representatives and social service representatives to build a complete picture of the education and community needs so that we could fully understand the challenges and gather options for change.

Based on what we heard from the community, along with analysis of local data and educational expertise, the steering committee then developed the plan to meet the needs of the community now and into the next ten years.

Next steps

MID-2018 The Department of Education and Training will work with key local organisations and representatives from the steering committee to begin implementation of the actions in the plan.

THE EDUCATION STATE OBJECTIVES

LEARNING FOR LIFE



More students develop strong critical thinking skills



More students excel in reading



More students excel in maths



More students excel in the arts



More students excel in science

BREAKING THE LINK



More students stay in education



Reduce the impact of disadvantage

HAPPY, HEALTHY AND RESILIENT KIDS



More students will be resilient



More students are physically active



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