

ASG's Education Costs Estimates

How much could you expect to pay for your child's schooling?

Metropolitan Australian Capital Territory Estimated schooling costs in 2017

School Stage:	Preschool* <small>(Based on 15 hours per week at Kindergarten/Early Childhood Centre)</small>	Primary*	Secondary#
Government Schools	Up to \$	Up to \$	Up to \$
Fees	not applicable	\$276	\$566
Extracurricular ¹	\$692	\$1,198	\$1,580
Clothing ²	\$117	\$305	\$329
Necessities ³	\$101	\$241	\$297
Travel ⁴	\$278	\$389	\$364
Computers ⁵	not applicable	\$335	\$722
TOTAL	\$1,188	\$2,744	\$3,858
Systemic Schools <small>(eg Catholic)</small>	Up to \$	Up to \$	Up to \$
Fees	\$3,256	\$3,747	\$9,874
Extracurricular ¹	\$707	\$1,609	\$1,496
Clothing ²	\$136	\$356	\$547
Necessities ³	\$172	\$137	\$309
Travel ⁴	\$468	\$523	\$433
Computers ⁵	not applicable	\$485	\$723
TOTAL	\$4,739	\$6,857	\$13,382
Private Schools	Up to \$	Up to \$	Up to \$
Fees	\$5,897	\$13,930	\$16,156
Extracurricular ¹	\$620	\$1,987	\$2,116
Clothing ²	\$174	\$654	\$641
Necessities ³	\$134	\$325	\$386
Travel ⁴	\$329	\$603	\$526
Computers ⁵	not applicable	\$515	\$659
TOTAL	\$7,154	\$18,014	\$20,484

NOTES: ASG has endeavoured to provide a reasonable basis for planning, however no allowance has been made for the possibility that GST may be applied to education fees. These figures are the average estimated costs and represent the highest amount parents and families could expect to pay. Figures have been rounded and are provided as a guide only. ASG cannot guarantee that they will represent the actual costs of education for a particular child.

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How ASG's Education Costs Estimates were calculated

Assumptions:	These figures assume that a child will attend preschool at four years of age and attend school at five years. As the school year structure in South Australia differs to the rest of the country, please refer to asg.com.au/edcosts for individual state and territory breakdowns.
Source:	ASG conducted an online education costs survey among its members during September 2015. The surveys covered preschool, primary and secondary school. In all, ASG received more than 5,600 survey responses. The survey asked parents to estimate the costs associated with tuition fees and levies (including voluntary contributions), extracurricular activities, clothing, necessities such as books and stationery, travel expenses and computer costs (including internet) that they paid for their children in preschool, primary, or secondary schooling at government, systemic (eg Catholic), and private centres and schools. Estimates of expenditure, being based on a sample rather than a census, are subject to sampling error. As such there is a level of uncertainty about actual expenditure, which depends on the sample size and inherent variability of expenditure. In order to reduce this uncertainty, cost estimates for 2016 were derived using a combination of 2013 survey data, adjusted for inflation reported by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS), and survey data from 2015. A survey was not conducted in 2016. Therefore the annual CPI change for the relevant categories reported by the ABS has been applied to costs obtained last year to derive base costs for analysis this year.
Location:	ASG's Education Costs survey collected metropolitan and regional costs data based on information supplied by its members.
Education Costs Data:	National, state and territory education costs estimates are available from ASG's website – www.asg.com.au . ASG encourages parents to estimate the future costs of their children's education using ASG's Education Costs Calculators – www.asg.com.au/education-calculator ASG provides the media with the estimated 2017 school costs and the total costs of schooling for a child born or beginning preschool in 2017. This information is available at: www.asg.com.au/edcosts
Summary Amounts:	Summary amounts include tuition fees and levies (including voluntary contributions), extracurricular activities, clothing, necessities, travel expenses and computer costs (including internet).
Fees:	Includes total tuition and/or annual fees, charges, levies (including voluntary levies), and fundraising contributions before government assistance.
Extracurricular:	Includes items such as outings, camps, private tuition/coaching, music lessons, instruments and sports equipment, sport/gym/drama/art/dance classes, or any other extracurricular activity costs appropriate to the stage of schooling for each child.
Clothing:	Includes school-related special clothing requirements, basic school uniform – summer and winter, blazer, shoes, sports kit appropriate to the stage of schooling for each child.
Necessities:	Includes items such as stationery, textbooks, school bags, art and craft materials, and other necessities appropriate to the stage of schooling for each child.
Travel:	Includes items such as car travelling expenses (calculated on the basis of travel for one child), public transport tickets and school buses.
Computer:	Includes computer hardware and software (eg purchase or rental of desktop computer and/or laptop computer, software applications and programs, computer levies, etc) and internet access costs at home and/or at school. Computer and internet costs were not included in the preschool estimates.
Indexation:	To provide these estimates, derived 2017 costs are increased at an average growth rate, based on the past 10 years of the relevant Consumer Price Index (CPI). Projecting future economic performance is not ASG's area of expertise and it makes no claims to this effect. Nevertheless, an allowance for inflation must be made in order to provide meaningful estimates of future education costs. The projected costs are all in current dollar terms, as this is the basis which most consumers understand. There has been no adjustment for the time value of money. Future price movements will be subject to factors such as the dollar exchange rate, government policy, and other factors which ASG makes no attempt to predict. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Preschool education is projected to increase at an average annual rate of 5.08% over the next 20 years. * Primary education is projected to increase at an average annual rate of 5.08% over the next 20 years. # Secondary education is projected to increase at an average annual rate of 6.23% over the next 20 years. • Extracurricular activities are projected to increase at an average annual rate of 2.10% over the next 20 years. • Children's clothing and footwear costs have actually dropped over the past 10 years, and are projected to continue decreasing at an average annual rate of 0.56% over the next 20 years. • Necessities are indexed by the Books CPI Sub-Index which is projected to increase at an average annual rate of 0.57% over the next 20 years. • Transport costs are projected to increase at an average annual rate of 0.55% over the next 20 years. • Computers and computer-related costs have actually dropped over the past 10 years, and are projected to continue decreasing at an average annual rate of 3.90% over the next 20 years, as technology improves and is more widely adopted according to the computing and telecommunications sub-index. • All education is projected to increase at an average annual rate of 5.18% over the next 20 years • The All Groups CPI index is projected to increase at an average annual rate of 2.35% over the next 20 years. This is consistent with the Reserve Bank of Australia's target of keeping inflation within the band 2% to 3% per year, on average.
Weighting:	Note: Preschool costs are presented as national averages based on participation. For primary and secondary school costs, the national average has been calculated from the state data. Because ASG has more members in some states, the national average was weighted to reflect the Australian population of people aged five to 18 years.
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