



School Funding

'The How-To Guide'



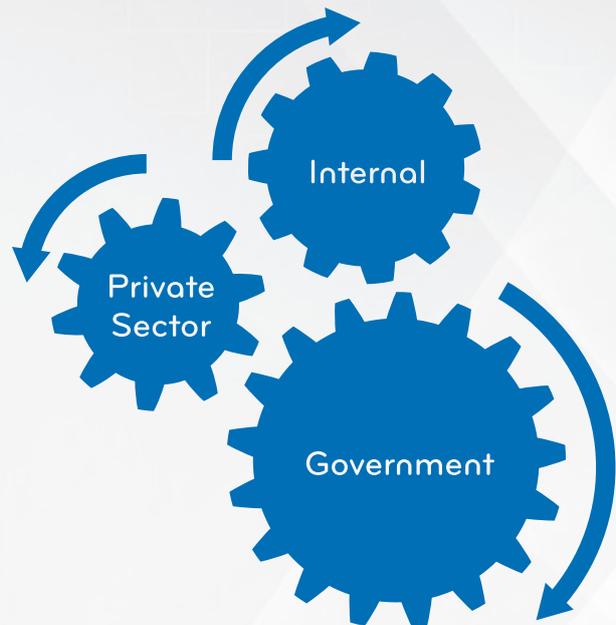
3P Learning



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We know learning resources can be expensive and raising school funds isn't easy. But we also know how valuable education is.

So here are some ways to top up your school budget and ensure your students are equipped with the best learning resources.



Hundreds of millions of dollars in education-related grants are available to schools each year from governments, charities and the private sector.

Taking advantage of funding opportunities can make a huge difference to your school and more importantly to the education of your students. Knowing what support options are available to your school, students and parents will help you to optimize the coverage of your school budget.



What does your government have to offer?



NATIONAL

Intellectual National Science Week Grants: celebrating science through offering grants between \$2,000 & \$25,000; with a total value of \$500,000.

Apply here: <http://bit.ly/1mC6tPi>

Australian Government Capital Grants Program: providing funding to non-government primary & secondary schools to improve capital school infrastructure.

Apply here: <http://bit.ly/1mC6O4K>



QLD

Literacy and Numeracy – getting the basics right: providing schools and principals with greater flexibility to design and deliver intervention targeted to the specific needs of their students.

Apply here: <http://bit.ly/1mC6umD>



NSW

Resource Allocation Model: providing government schools with substantial resources in the form of staffing, physical facilities and technological infrastructure. Funding is also provided for targeted programs in areas such as technology, literacy and numeracy, vocational education and services that address equity considerations.

Apply here: <http://bit.ly/1dmOEub>



VIC

Education Maintenance Allowance: providing families with financial assistance to help cover the costs related to student education (up to age 16).

Apply here: <http://bit.ly/1mC6sei>



SA

The School Card Scheme: providing financial assistance to assist families at government schools in meeting their child's educational expenses.

Apply here: <http://bit.ly/1dmONxG>



NT

NT Early Childhood Services Subsidy: assisting operators of approved education and care services contain the cost of care for parents/guardians and maintain fee charges at an acceptable level.

Apply here: <http://bit.ly/1dmORxm>



WA

Per Capita Grants: assisting non-government schools and independent pre-schools through providing recurrent grants and/or one off loans to provide their students with access to quality education.

Apply here: <http://bit.ly/1mC6vH7>



TAS

Student Assistance Scheme: providing financial assistance to assist with the cost of school levies. It is available to students attending Government or registered Non-Government schools or colleges.

Apply here: <http://bit.ly/1dmOX8n>



What about your local council?

The range of services provided by your local council is dictated by the needs and priorities of your community. Whilst all local councils have different priorities and different funding models, it is worthwhile to speak to your local representative to identify any opportunities for assistance.

Communities can work with their council to influence what happens in their area and to develop programs – something which could make a big difference to your school.

Other Options?

Internal Fundraising

1. Forming a cluster.

Many schools decide to form a group with other schools in their area who are also interested in purchasing our programs. If you are able to bring together a group of five or more schools, we maybe able to offer additional discounts for subscriptions.

2. A few dollars go a long way.

Throughout the year schools celebrate various momentous days and weeks... why not turn one of these events into a fundraiser to support mathematics, literacy and science resources for your students. You could do this through a gold coin drive or even host an internal competition in celebration of education.

✓ Align your fundraiser with an existing education celebration.

- National Youth Week (April);
- National Numeracy and Literacy Week (August);
- National Science Week (August);
- International Literacy Day (September);

✓ Dress as a Mathletics Avatar Day.

- National Youth Week (April); Your students can come dressed as their favourite Mathletics avatar and bring a Gold Coin Donation. See how students around the world have done this:

<http://bit.ly/1mDHprc>



✓ Points Competitions.

- Students can be sponsored by their friends and family based on the number of points they achieve on a daily or weekly basis.

✓ Mathletics Athletics Day.

- A sponsored fun run.

3. Parent Contribution.

Some of our schools are confident that their parents would support the purchase and renewal of 3P Learning subscriptions – especially when they see the results in their own children. To assist in requesting parent funding we have developed [parent fliers](#) for your use.

Private Sector Funding

Businesses and organizations are eager to contribute to valuable societal causes, and often gaining support is a matter of informing them of your motivations. There are established grants that exist to support education efforts, however there is always the option of approaching an interested organization to seek assistance. Education is all about developing the leaders of tomorrow – not a bad initiative to support.



BP Education Grants: offering all Queensland and Western Australian Secondary schools the opportunity to apply for a BP grant with a value of up to \$10,000. (Projects should be based around science & technology, sustainability, alternative energy or engineering).

<http://bit.ly/1mDGOB6>

The Readings Foundation Grant: funding ground breaking projects taking place in Victoria, which support the development of literacy, community work and the arts. Funding from \$1,000 to \$20,000 is available.

<http://bit.ly/1dmORxm>





Getting Started.

Gaining insight into the various funding options available will help you to boost your school's aptitude. Through taking advantage of these opportunities, you are giving your students a chance to access learning resources that will make a difference to their education.

School Funding 101

Know your options. Knowing what funding options are available is the first step. Make a conscious effort to keep up to date with all new and existing government and private sector opportunities – and realistically consider what your school's internal funding capabilities are. Start here:

1. **GrantsLINK:** A guide to the grants available from Commonwealth Government agencies
<http://www.grantslink.gov.au/>
2. **Grant Guru:**
<http://community.grantready.com.au/>

Plan. Keep a timeline of your funding options – noting when grant deadlines open and close. Get your SRC or parent council involved in the organization of internal funding events; and plan your school budget accordingly. Application tips. Application forms can be long and confusing ... but getting them right can mean a lot to your students. Here are a few pointers:

1. Read the guidelines and other materials (for example, FAQs & sample applications).
2. Self-assess your request against the overall goals and requirements of the funding program.
3. Carefully check the eligibility criteria – don't waste your time!
4. Use plain language in your application. Get to the point. Make it easy for the assessor to understand your request.
5. Answer each criterion directly.
6. Submit a realistic budget.
7. Highlight other contributions to your project.
8. Submit the application well ahead of the deadline.



Case Studies

Students at [Old Guildford Public School](#) have secured more than \$100,000 in grants over two years.

“ It’s a matter of investigating what’s available, what kind of criteria they have and whether it fits with our school, ”

- Assistant Principal, [Pirkko Hamalainen](#)

The parents association at [Merrylands High School](#) took an innovative approach to accessing external funding. After winning a \$1,600 government grant, the parents association used the funds to purchase the expertise of a professional grant writer who assists public and private schools in topping up their budgets with grant and tender applications.

“ We heard there’s all this money out there to get but we just needed someone to tell us how to find them and how to apply for them, ”

- P&C President, [Susie Boyd](#)

“They (schools) need to see themselves not just as an education entity. They (schools) need to see themselves as a business entity. ”

- Professional Grant Writer, [Mr Whelan](#)