

Approved System Authority (ASA)

Australian Government needs-based Funding Allocation Model

Australian Baptist Education Inc. (ABE) was established in 2009 to facilitate the extension of Baptist ministry to the Australian community through education.

Current and former members of the ABE Board of Directors have been extensively involved in private, not-for-profit education for the last 30 years.

The Colleges that ABE are an approved authority for are;

Alkimos Baptist College Inc.

Austin Cove Baptist College Inc.

Bunbury Baptist College Inc.

Quinns Baptist College Inc.

Distribution of Australian Government Recurrent Funding

ABE receives recurrent Australian Government Funding on behalf of the four above named Colleges as the approved system authority for those Colleges. Recurrent Funding is to be used to provide school education at a College, and is predominantly used for;

- teacher and other staff salaries
- teaching materials and resources
- building repairs and maintenance, and
- other general operating expenses (ie, insurance, printing and utilities)

The following outlines how Australian Government recurrent funding is distributed across the Colleges;

- Australian Government Funding is received for distribution centrally in a single pool by ABE. ABE administers the funding and allocates to Colleges on a needs-only basis.
- Australian Government Funding received by ABE that is distributed to the Colleges uses the appropriate Commonwealth Government's base funding and loading practices. ABE will also take into consideration the relevant Commonwealth Share percentage based on the Schooling Resource Standard (SRS).
- ABE will maintain a management fee for administrative purposes. This is calculated on a pro-rated basis, based on the student enrolments. ABE provides Administrative, Financial, Human Resources, Payroll, Professional Development, IT, Grounds & Maintenance services.

ABE ensures, on an annual basis, that all Australian Government Funding received is distributed according to section 77 and 78 of the Act and Part 5, Division 2 of the *Education Act 2013*, and meets student and College needs.

The redistribution of Australian Government Funding will apply from 2026.