

# Australian Early Development Census

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Dear leader

## RE: Commitment to the 2024 Australian Early Development Census (AEDC)

The South Australian government has accepted the Royal Commission into Early Childhood Education and Care's recommendation to reduce the proportion of children assessed as developmentally vulnerable by the AEDC from 23.8% to 15% within 20 years.

As part of our ongoing partnership with the Australian Government, all South Australian schools with Reception enrolments can complete the AEDC data collection between **1 May 2024 to 5 July 2024**.

Data collected from all schools provides important insight into whether children are on track in their development and learning as they start school.

After the data has been collected, you will be able to download your School Profile of results. Schools can use their profile to help understand students' development, learning and wellbeing. Additionally, this evidence supports planning for effective transitions to school in partnership with early childhood services, families and the community.

We encourage you to:

- read the school leader pack posted to your school including: fact sheets, resources and calendar of key dates
- act now to set your school up for the data collection.

The Australian Government will reimburse schools for teacher relief time.

### For more information:

Information about AEDC data collection:

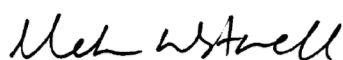
Contact National Helpdesk on [helpdesk@aedc.gov.au](mailto:helpdesk@aedc.gov.au) 1800 092 548

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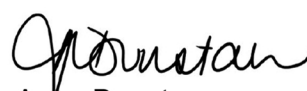
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