



EDUCATION

Summary

Budget 2010 helps make sure people can get the skills and qualifications they need to succeed. National is boosting education spending by \$1.4 billion over four years – for better schooling and early childhood education, and a record number of tertiary places.

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A BIG BOOST FOR EDUCATION SPENDING

Education spending will increase by \$1.4 billion over the next four years. Budget 2010 provides an extra \$417 million this year to increase spending to \$12 billion in 2010/11.

AT A GLANCE

\$1.4 BILLION	extra for better schooling and early childhood education. Includes \$417m extra for 2010/11.
\$107 MILLION	extra for Early Childhood Education and continued funding for 20 hours ECE – to a total of \$1.3b in 2010/11.
\$155.9 MILLION	new Operational Funding for Schools .
\$349.3 MILLION	in new operating and capital funding for School Property – includes \$82m in 2010/11 to fix leaky school buildings.
\$48.1 MILLION	for the Youth Guarantee , increasing the number of places available from 2000 to 2500 next year.
\$48.3 MILLION	to build Ultra-fast Broadband Support for schools.
765	more places at Universities .
455	extra core places at Technology Institutes and Polytechs to respond to demand.



SUPPORTING SCHOOLS AND STUDENTS

National is working to give our children the best possible start to life. We're increasing operational funding to schools by \$155.9 million over four years, and boosting property funding by \$349.3 million. As well as helping existing schools, this funding will go towards purchasing two new school sites, and opening three new schools in 2013.

Our Youth Guarantee scheme helps 16- and 17-year-olds who are ready to move beyond school, but who still want to study and learn practical skills. We are increasing available places from 2000 to 2500 with \$48.1 million over four years.

*All figures are over four years to 2013/14 unless stated otherwise.



BETTER BROADBAND IN SCHOOLS

Broadband internet is vital to ensure that students receive a 21st century education in an innovative and dynamic economy.

We are investing \$48.3 million to build ultra-fast broadband support for schools through the School Network Upgrade Project and extending the National Education Network trial.

The focus is on upgrading schools' internal cabling infrastructure in preparation for the use of ultra-fast broadband in their teaching and learning programmes.



INCREASED FUNDING FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

National is investing an extra \$107 million on Early Childhood Education (ECE) in 2010/11, bringing total investment to \$1.3 billion this year.

Annual ECE spending has nearly trebled in the past five years, from \$428 million to \$1.17 billion, and we've had to take into account these escalating costs.

As a result, we will fund ECE services to provide 80% of registered teachers - in line with government targets. This means that those centres which are currently funded for between 80% and 100% registered teachers will receive funding at 80%. Changes will take effect from February 2011.

National will also make sure that ECE services are available to families most in need. We will fund five participation projects in high-priority areas at \$91.8 million over four years.



MORE FUNDING FOR TERTIARY PLACES

Budget 2010 continues moves towards a more accountable, higher-performing tertiary education sector which will deliver better results for New Zealand.

Measures to reform the student support system will deliver better value for money for taxpayers and see more money freed up for reinvestment in student places.

This will allow us to purchase a record number of core places at Universities and Polytechs.