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## Public Education Day – Let's Celebrate

Today, May 27, marks Public Education Day. Initiated by the nation's public-school teachers, this day is celebrated in public school communities across Australia.

"Public Education Day provides an opportunity to highlight the wonderful achievements of public education and its place as a cornerstone of Australian society," said Sharron Healy, President of the Australian Council of State School Organisations (ACSSO).

"Schools across Australia take this opportunity to plan and celebrate. It may still look a little different this year, but with the lifting of many COVID 19 restrictions and the efforts being made to resume many activities the reason to celebrate is significant."

"New classroom structures, such as online learning, have enabled our young people to stay connected to their schools, their teachers and their friends in times of lockdown. It's also been a powerful example of the importance of family and community engagement"

"Our local politicians must gain a greater understanding of how important a well-funded public education system is to their local communities and our nation. Government acknowledgement, both state and federal, of the true value of public education is critical to the future of a democratic Australia."

Lessons learned from the COVID-19 experience make it clear that public education requires additional resourcing to ensure a sound economic future for our nation.

"Education funding in Australia must be fair, simple and transparent to allow all young people, of all backgrounds, the freedom to succeed in their local schools. As a smart country we must place the future of our young people of our nation, particularly those who face challenges, first."

"Our public schools are increasingly the first choice for families and should rightly be the number one investment priority for all levels of government." Mrs Healy concluded.  
Happy Public Education Day!

For further comment

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