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## Celebrating our nations Public Schools

Today, May 26, Public Education Day is celebrated in public school communities across Australia. "This day provides an additional opportunity to highlight the wonderful achievements of public education and its place as a cornerstone of Australian society," announced Sharron Healy, President of the Australian Council of State School Organisations (ACSSO).

"Many schools normally take this opportunity to plan and celebrate with a variety of activities, and as COVID restrictions are lifting it still may look very different this year,"

"Public Education Day also provides an ideal opportunity to reflect on and acknowledge the excellent work undertaken by school staff, families and students in these times of fires, floods and a pandemic. Celebrate their resilience and acknowledge the importance of family and community engagement"

"Our local politicians still need to 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 past 9 years make it clear that public education requires optimum 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 The first choice for the majority of families and should rightly be the number one investment priority for all government levels." Mrs Healy concluded.

Happy Public Education Day!

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