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## Welcome to the July 2024 SchoolsHUB newsletter

This edition provides a mid-year update on the initiatives and remaining SchoolsHUB collections for 2024. The SchoolsHUB key dates calendar is also included to help you plan for upcoming activities you need to complete for your school.

## Replacing SchoolsHUB with a modern, stable platform

We've started building a new platform that will progressively replace the SchoolsHUB website.

As an ageing system, SchoolsHUB is reaching its limits – some users are experiencing ongoing technical issues. The new modern and stable platform will make it easy for you to find information and submit your school's data.

### Have your say on the new platform

We are consulting with users and stakeholders to ensure the new platform meets your needs.

Nominations were sought from schools interested in participating in user research in August 2023. If you did not nominate, but would like to be invited to participate in future research, you can still [register your interest](#).

We'll keep you updated as we progressively build and release the new platform.

Visit our website to [find out more](#).

## Complete overdue SchoolsHUB activities

The following data collections are now past their due date of 30 June 2024. If you have not completed these yet, please do so immediately:

- the Financial Questionnaire
- Financial Accountability activities (Acquittal Certificate and Block Allocation Summary).

If you have any questions, call 1800 677 027 (select option 4, then option 1).

## Check your SchoolsHUB user access is up to date

To use SchoolsHUB, you must be a registered user. You may have had staffing changes so it's important to check who has access to your school's data. Approved authorities should check the correct people have the right level of access to submit your data – this includes your independent qualified accountant.

To check which users have current access to your school, approved authorities (or access managers) can view active user access on [SchoolsHUB's Manage Users](#) section.

For help with updating your SchoolsHUB information, call 1800 677 027 (select option 1).

## Remaining data collections and activities for 2024

The key dates for remaining SchoolsHUB data collections and activities – which schools are required to provide to support funding calculations, and meet reporting and assurance requirements – are outlined below:

### 2024 Student Attendance (STATS) Semester 1 and Term 3

STATS Semester 1 data collection opened Wednesday 19 June and closes Friday 2 August 2024.

STATS Term 3 data collection commences Wednesday 11 September and closes Friday 25 October 2024.

We encourage all approved authorities to read the updated reporting guidance on the [SchoolsHUB](#) STATS page.

If you have STATS questions, call 1800 677 027 (select option 2, then option 3).

### Non-government schools census day is Friday 2 August 2024

The 2024 Non-government schools census collection opens Monday 29 July 2024 and closes Friday 9 August 2024.

Census special circumstances applications are due by Friday 16 August 2024.

Further information is available on the [SchoolsHUB](#) census page.

If you have census questions, call 1800 677 027 (select option 2, then option 1).

### 2024 Compliance Certificate (CC)

The CC collection opens on 12 August 2024. The collection provides a level of assurance that approved authorities continued to satisfy their ongoing policy requirements in the 2023 school year.

The CC process has 2 stages: the CC collection and the CC Verification Exercise. We will contact selected approved authorities for the CC collection and Verification Exercise. Approved authorities' representatives may also receive a survey from the Department of Education at the end of the process.

### Payment information and estimating school funding

#### Indexation rate 2024

Australian Government recurrent funding for schools is needs-based and calculated with reference to the Schooling Resource Standard. The base amount and all the loadings are indexed each year to reflect price changes and, therefore, costs faced by schools.

The final 2024 indexation rate (which we use to calculate your school's recurrent funding) will be published on the Department of Education website after 13 August 2024. Download the [How is school funding indexed](#) fact sheet for more information.

#### Remaining payments for 2024

The July 2024 payment has now been processed, with the next major payment in October 2024. Schools on varied payment plans will receive payments in accordance with their plan.

We use information from the 2024 Non-government schools census and Student Background Data collection to determine the actual funding entitlement for the 2024 school funding year. The October payment will include any outstanding entitlement amounts of annual funding and incorporate the final 2024 indexation rate.

If you've had changes to your student population since last census, use the [SchoolsHUB](#) Online Estimator to check how the changes may affect your funding.

**All school funding received in 2024 by approved authorities for school purposes is to be spent or committed to be spent by the end of the 2024 calendar year.** For more funding information, download the [Use of recurrent funding guide](#), email [schoolsassurance@education.gov.au](mailto:schoolsassurance@education.gov.au) or call 1800 677 027 (select option 3).

## Mid-year intake foundation and census

Legislation defines ‘foundation’ as ‘the year of schooling immediately before year 1’. For Australian Government recurrent funding purposes, foundation is a ‘year’ or 12 months of schooling. This means that students who participate in a foundation program that goes beyond 12 months can only attract recurrent funding for a single year (which is the year immediately before year 1).

Students who repeat a foundation year of schooling due to lack of educational attainment or development can attract recurrent funding for the repeated year of schooling. Further information is available in a [factsheet](#) on SchoolsHUB.

## Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD) Guidelines

Schools are advised to use the [2023 NCCD Guidelines](#) when completing their 2024 Non-government schools census. (Census opens 29 July 2024 and closes 9 August 2024.)

The NCCD Guidelines are the authoritative guide to the NCCD and should be referred to when technical information and advice are required. They provide comprehensive information about the NCCD, including how to submit NCCD information, which students must be counted and what information must be provided on each student.

The NCCD Quick Guide provides the essential information schools and approved authorities need to know in an abbreviated version of the Guidelines.

Visit the NCCD Portal to download the [2023 NCCD Guidelines](#) and the [NCCD Quick Guide](#).

## New family engagement resources for parents and school staff

Catholic School Parents Australia (CSPA) [recently announced](#) their new suite of resources, freely available on the [Gearing Up for Parent Engagement website](#). Australian Government funding assisted a dedicated CSPA project team to develop 6 video workshops and facilitator guides – 3 for primary and 3 for secondary schools. All schools can access these [new family engagement resources](#) today!

## Choosing safe online education products for your school

With the many online education products available on the market, it can be difficult knowing which resources are safe and secure to use. The Safer Technologies 4 Schools (ST4S) initiative helps schools choose digital products and services that have been assessed against a consistent security and privacy control framework.

ST4S is administered by Education Services Australia (ESA) through its National Schools Interoperability Program (NSIP). The initiative was developed in collaboration with the Australian Government, state and territory governments, New Zealand Ministry of Education and the Catholic and independent school sectors to provide:

- an assessment approach with transparent requirements and standards
- summary reports aimed at reducing risks to schools when choosing digital products and services.

### ST4S National Catalogue

In August 2024, ESA will be launching the ST4S National Catalogue which will allow you to search for products, resources and suppliers that have been assessed through the ST4S framework.

You’ll be able to access the catalogue, and can find more information about ST4S, from the [ST4S website](#). If you would like to express interest in the ST4S Catalogue, please email [info@nsip.edu.au](mailto:info@nsip.edu.au).

# SchoolsHUB key dates for 2024

This calendar helps you plan for all the activities you need to complete for your school in 2024.



Term 1	January	Payment	50% of the school's estimated annual entitlement
	February	Note	My School updated 2023 NAPLAN results and 2022 school financial data uploaded
	February	Note	Start preparing for your submission of the audited 2023 financial statements
	Wed 14 Feb	Open	Student Residential Address and Other Information collection
	Thu 29 Feb	Open	Student Background Data Collection on ACARA's portal
	Wed 13	Close	Student Residential Address and Other Information collection
	13–25 Mar	Test	NAPLAN assessments
	Mon 8 Apr	Open	Financial Acquittal Certificate and Block Allocation Report
	Mon 8 Apr	Open	Financial Questionnaire for 2023
Term 2	Thu 2 May	Close	Student Background Data Collection on ACARA's portal
	Wed 19 Jun	Open	Student Attendance (STATS) collection Semester 1
	Sun 30 Jun	Close	Financial Acquittal Certificate and Block Allocation Report
	Sun 30 Jun	Close	Financial Questionnaire for 2023
Term 3	July	Payment	75% of the school's estimated annual entitlement
	Mon 29 Jul	Open	Non-government schools census collection – including NCCD
	Fri 2 Aug	Close	Student Attendance (STATS) collection Semester 1
	Fri 2 Aug	Note	Non-government schools census day
	Fri 2 Aug	Open	Census special circumstances applications
	Fri 9 Aug	Close	Non-government schools census collection – including NCCD
	Mon 12 Aug	Open	Compliance Certificate collection
	Fri 16 Aug	Close	Census special circumstances applications
	Wed 11 Sep	Open	Student Attendance (STATS) collection Term 3
	Fri 20 Sep	Close	Compliance Certificate collection
Term 4	Fri 25 Oct	Close	Student Attendance (STATS) collection Term 3
	October	Payment	100% of the school's actual annual entitlement
	November	Published	Semester 1 2024 attendance data, and 2022 VETiS and Senior Secondary Outcomes data on My School
	November	Published	2025 capacity to contribute (CTC) scores on Department of Education website
	December	Published	Term 3 2024 attendance data on My School, Principal's portal open