



Schools Unique Student Identifier (USI)

About

The Schools Unique Student Identifier (USI) is one of eight national policy initiatives in the [National School Reform Agreement](#), which will enhance the national evidence base.

This major reform will see a unique student identifier given to every Australian student from kindergarten to vocational education and training (VET) and higher education.

Purpose

The Schools USI could be used to:

- support teaching, learning and student wellbeing;
- inform policy development; and
- streamline administrative processes in education.

It has the potential to identify students who are at risk of being lost to the school system, as well as to support the transfer of students between schools.

Further, the Schools USI initiative could lead to better student outcomes through evidence-led policies and programs.

Delivery

The Australian Government is leading the implementation of Schools USI, in collaboration with States and Territory Governments and the non-government sector.

Privacy and Data

The security and privacy of student data is the highest priority for the program, which will adhere to the *Student Identifiers Act 2014* and *Privacy Act 1988*. Privacy impact assessments will also be undertaken on Schools USI to identify and mitigate any potential issues.

Project status

In December 2022, Education Ministers agreed on a model to roll-out the USI nationally to all school students. Ministers agreed that a baseline use of the schools USI will be to contribute to an existing information exchange scheme operating across Australian jurisdictions related to the safety and wellbeing of children. This constitutes a key pillar in the response from Australian Governments to recommendations made by the 2017 Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse.

The Australian Government is working closely with the States and Territory Governments and the non-government sectors on the implementation of the Schools USI.

Consultation

The initiative is being informed through consultation with a range of stakeholders.

More information

<https://www.education.gov.au/quality-schools-package/national-school-reform-agreement>