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Every young South Australian counts!

Respect & listening

New national blueprint: Ending gender-based violence in schools

Respectful relationships education focuses on addressing gender-based violence through age-appropriate lessons about healthy relationships, gender and respect alongside changes to school policies, structures and environments. [More >](#)

Why men and boys need to be part of the period conversation

Educating men and boys about periods isn't just about biology. It's about shifting mindsets, teaching empathy, breaking harmful stereotypes, and creating a culture of respect. [More >](#)

KidsRights Index 2025

Over 14 percent of children and adolescents aged 10-19 years globally are experiencing mental health concerns, with the global average suicide rate standing at 6 per 100,000 among adolescents aged 15-19 years. [More >](#)

Enjoying & achieving

Equity: Now's the time to tackle child poverty

Ending poverty is not just about increasing family incomes, although that is crucial. It also involves a raft of changes across state and federal jurisdictions in health, housing, employment, welfare, transport and regional development. Education, particularly schooling, is part of the problem but it is also part of the solution. [More >](#)

Children and Generative Artificial Intelligence (GenAI) in Australia

This report highlights nine of the most urgent challenges and issues, including agentic language, bias, copyright and ownership, environmental cost, and privacy, in terms of everyday use of GenAI tools by children. [More >](#)

Participation

How's life for children in the digital age?

Digital services offer opportunities for learning, entertainment, discovering information and connecting with peers and community, but also pose risks, including problematic or excessive digital media use and online safety concerns. [More >](#)

Prepared for adult life

Extending career pathways to primary schools

Almost 50 South Australian primary schools will take part in a new industry supported vocational education program this year, helping to develop career pathways for a new generation of children. [More >](#)

'Outdated and irrelevant': what do young Australians think of their schooling?

For many young people, the disconnect between the education on offer and the education they wanted contributed to disengagement from school. They also felt their education did not adequately set them up for life after school. [More >](#)

Health & wellbeing

How Air Quality Affects Early Childhood Development and Health

This webinar explores the impacts of air quality during pregnancy and early childhood, with a particular focus on indoor air, given that we typically spend more than 90% of our time inside. [More >](#)

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New research finds 1 in 28 Australian children may have FASD

The most common preventable cause of acquired brain injury in Australia, FASD is associated with learning difficulties, emotional regulation challenges, behavioural issues and other conditions, including ADHD and autism. [More >](#)

Australian kids BYO lunches to school. There is a healthier way to feed students

Australia is one of the few high-income countries that does not provide children with a daily nutritious meal at school. As families increasingly face food insecurity and a cost-of-living crisis, here's how school lunches could help. [More >](#)

Safe & nurtured

Calls to shift NSW child protection focus to family preservation, but how effective is it?

Uniting's family preservation service, which provides support to parents of children the Department of Communities and Justice considers at risk of significant harm, has a 98 per cent success rate in keeping children with their parents instead of in the out-of-home-care system. [More >](#)

'No one knew what was happening': new research on how domestic violence harms young people's schooling

As the place where children spend the bulk of their time outside home, schools could be an important source of help and support. But are they equipped to do this? [More >](#)