

Student Family Occupation Fact Sheet

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In Victoria, funding is allocated to government schools through the Student Resource Package (SRP).

Research conducted by the University of Melbourne to inform the development of the SRP demonstrated a significant correlation between the socio-economic status of students (as measured by Student Family Occupation) and their educational success.

The equity funding component of the SRP aims to break the patterns of inequality in student outcomes by targeting funds at schools with a higher density of students from low socio-economic backgrounds, who are most at risk of not achieving satisfactory outcomes in literacy and numeracy.

The measurement used to assess student need is based upon parental occupation.

Collection of Nationally Consistent Student Background Information

In 2006, the Australian and State Governments asked all schools to collect and report on information regarding each student's background.

Student Family Occupation, derived from parental occupation

data is an increasingly important component of funding.

Purpose for data collection and reporting of Parental Occupation

Schools will receive a portion of their government funding based on this information.

This classification affects how schools are funded, so it is important that the information provided is accurate.

Important points for parents to note

No individual student or school will be identifiable through published information.

All information which could identify, or would reasonably identify, students to whom particular background characteristics belong, is removed from national reports so that no personal information is reported publicly. Data will be collected, stored and reported in accordance with privacy legislation requirements.

Further information

More information regarding the Student Resource Package can be found on the following website:

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/management/srp/default.htm>



Occupational Categories

The nationally defined occupations are classified according to five categories:

Group A

Senior Management in large business organisations, government administration and defence, and qualified professionals.

Group B

Other business managers, arts/media/ sportspersons and associate professionals

Group C

Tradesmen/women, clerks and skilled office, sales and service staff

Group D

Machine operators, hospitality staff, assistants, labourers and related workers

Group N

Not been in paid work in the past 12 months

