

# Student perspectives: Making school a better place

As part of second Things That Matter report, prepared by South Australia's Commissioner for Children and Young People, over 8300 children aged between 8 and 12 answered the question, 'what would make things better for kids in South Australia?' Here, we share some of their responses\* related to school.

'I WOULD GIVE MORE FUNDS TO SCHOOLS SO THEY CAN GET MORE \$\$\$ [STUDENT SUPPORT OFFICERS] TEACHERS TO HELP STRESSED OUT KIDS'  
11-YEAR-OLD MALE

'TRY TO TREAT STUDENTS FAIR AND THE SAME. WHEN SOMEONE NEEDS TO GO TO THE TOILET LET THEM'  
9-YEAR-OLD FEMALE

'MAKE SCHOOL TASKS USE MORE IMAGINATION SO KIDS CAN DO WHAT THEY DO BEST'  
11-YEAR-OLD FEMALE

'I WOULD HAVE A FITNESS SUBJECT AT THE END OF THE DAY. I WOULD UPGRADE ALL SCHOOL'S INTERNET AND BUILDING'S'  
11-YEAR-OLD MALE

'LIKE TO HAVE MORE OUTSIDE LEARNING TIME FOR KIDS IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA'  
12-YEAR-OLD MALE

'GIVE THEM BETTER WAY TO DEAL WITH BULLYING. I WANT ADULTS TO STOP LIVING IN A FANTASY WORLD WHERE YOU SAY "STOP I DON'T LIKE IT" AND PEOPLE WILL STOP. IF YOU WALK AWAY THEY FOLLOW, IF YOU IGNORE THEM THEY KEEP GOING UNTIL YOU SNAP'  
10-YEAR-OLD FEMALE

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