



# **Education (General Provisions) (Extension of Primary Schools in Remote Areas) Amendment Bill 2023**







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**A Bill**

for

**An Act to amend the *Education (General Provisions) Act 2006*  
for particular purposes**

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<b>The Parliament of Queensland enacts—</b>	1		
<b>Clause 1</b>	<b>Short title</b>	2	
	This Act may be cited as the <i>Education (General Provisions)</i>	3	
	<i>(Extension of Primary Schools in Remote Areas) Amendment</i>	4	
	<i>Act 2023.</i>	5	
<b>Clause 2</b>	<b>Commencement</b>	6	
	This Act commences on 1 January 2025.	7	
<b>Clause 3</b>	<b>Act amended</b>	8	
	This Act amends the <i>Education (General Provisions) Act</i>	9	
	<i>2006.</i>	10	
<b>Clause 4</b>	<b>Insertion of new ch 2, pt 3A</b>	11	
	Chapter 2—	12	
	<i>insert—</i>	13	
	<b>Part 3A</b>	<b>Extension of remote</b>	14
		<b>State schools providing</b>	15
		<b>primary education</b>	16
	<b>20A Definitions for part</b>	17	
	In this part—	18	
	<i>remote area of the State</i> means an area of the	19	
	State identified as remote Australia or very	20	
	remote Australia in the document called	21	
	‘Australian Statistical Geography Standard	22	
	(ASGS) Edition 3 Remoteness Structure’,	23	
	published by the Australian Bureau of Statistics	24	
	on its website.	25	

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- remote primary school*** means a State school— 1
- (a) that provides primary education; and 2
  - (b) that is in a town— 3
    - (i) in a remote area of the State; and 4
    - (ii) in which no school is established at 5  
which the State provides secondary 6  
education. 7

**20B Minister may extend education provided at 8  
remote primary schools 9**

The Minister may extend the education provided 10  
at a remote primary school to include years 7 to 11  
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**20C Minister must extend education provided at 13  
remote primary schools in particular 14  
circumstances 15**

- (1) A local government may apply to the Minister for 16  
the Minister to extend the education provided at a 17  
remote primary school to include years 7 to 10, if 18  
the school is in the local government’s local 19  
government area. 20
- (2) A local government may apply to the Minister 21  
under subsection (1) only in response to a request 22  
to do so by 1 or more residents in the local 23  
government’s local government area. 24
- (3) If an application is made to the Minister under 25  
subsection (1), the Minister must extend the 26  
education provided at the remote primary school 27  
to include years 7 to 10 if at least 5 students in 28  
total intend to attend the school in those years. 29
- (4) If the Minister declines to extend the education 30  
provided at the remote primary school, the 31  
Minister must advise the local government of the 32  
decision and the reasons for the decision. 33

<b>20D Chief executive and local government to establish remote secondary learning facility</b>	1
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(1) This section applies if a local government makes an application to the Minister under section 20C in relation to a remote primary school and the Minister declines to extend the education provided at the school.	3 4 5 6 7
(2) The chief executive and the local government must establish a remote secondary learning facility for years 7 to 10 in the town in which the remote primary school is located.	8 9 10 11
(3) The purpose of a remote secondary learning facility is to support students enrolled in a program of distance education for years 7 to 10 through tutoring by teacher aides.	12 13 14 15

<b>Clause 5</b>	<b>Amendment of sch 4 (Dictionary)</b>	16
	Schedule 4—	17
	<i>insert—</i>	18
	<i>remote area of the State</i> , for chapter 2, part 3A, see section 20A.	19 20
	<i>remote primary school</i> , for chapter 2, part 3A, see section 20A.	21 22