

Terms of Reference

The Senate Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Committee will conduct an inquiry into the current level of academic standards of school education, with particular reference to:

1. Whether school education prepares students adequately for further education, training and employment, including, but not limited to:
 - a. the extent to which each stage of schooling (early primary; middle schooling; senior secondary) equips students with the required knowledge and skills to progress successfully through to the next stage; and
 - b. the extent to which schools provide students with the core knowledge and skills they need to participate in further education and training, and as members of the community.
2. The standards of academic achievement expected of students qualifying for the senior secondary school certificate in each state and territory.
3. How such academic standards compare between states and territories and with those of other countries.

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