



# PAEC 2007-08 Budget Estimates Hearing

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## Education Services

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- Youth transition (including LLEN)
- Student wellbeing and safety
- Program for Students with Disabilities
- Information technology infrastructure
- International education
- Education Maintenance Allowance
- School Start Bonus
- Delivery of senior secondary certificates outside of school
- Victorian Qualifications Authority (except courses taught in schools)



# Key achievements

7300 additional teachers and staff employed in Victorian schools since 1999

Improved support for student health and welfare

- \$49.5m (LFS 2002 initiative) for 256 EFT Primary Welfare Officers in high-need schools

Connected every school to VicSmart

- 1075 school sites now operating on 4Mbps fibre optic connection
- 584 sites to be further upgraded by the end of 2008

Improved Year 12 or equivalent completion rates

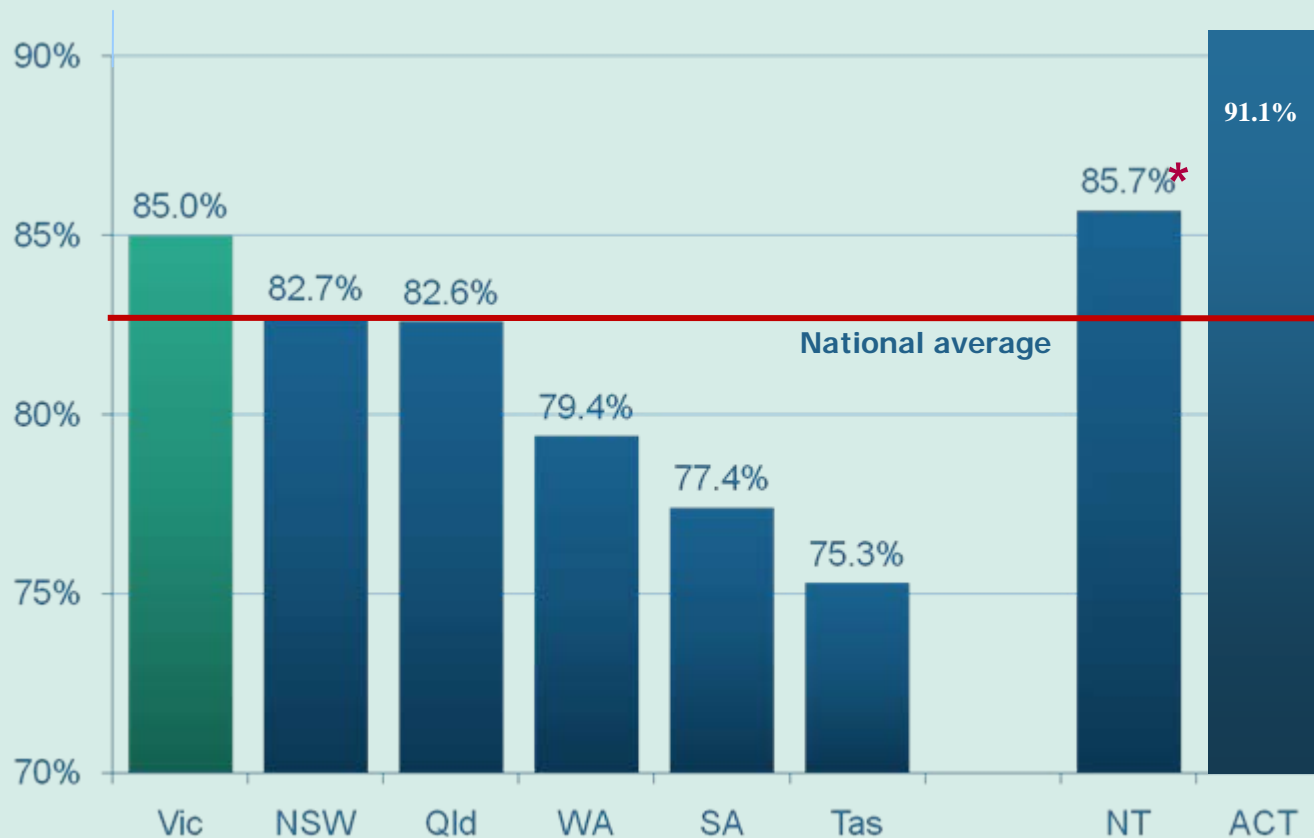
- 85% in 2005 above national average

Expanded pathways and options for students

- Over 12,000 VCAL students in 2006



# Year 12 or equivalent completions



# Budget Priorities

## Linking all schools to a virtual Ultranet

- \$60.5m over four years to provide teachers, students and parents with a single information point that they can access 24/7 to enhance learning, teaching and decision making

## Computers

- \$7m TEI to further enhance computer access in government schools

## Supporting students and families

- \$79.9m over four years to continue the Primary Welfare Officers initiative (256 EFT) and support students at risk of disengaging from school



# Budget Overview

- \$6.1 billion additional investment in schools since 1999
  - \$2.3 billion invested in schools capital
- 2007-08: an additional \$904m invested in education
  - \$555m asset package
  - \$349m output initiatives



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