

The 2024 Australian Early Development Census

Every school counts

The Australian Early Development Census (AEDC) is a national census that builds a picture of how children have developed by the time they start their first year of full-time school.

Every school has a vital role to play in helping our nation collect the information it needs to better understand and respond to the needs of children and their families.

Since 2009, communities, schools and governments across Australia have used AEDC results to help provide services, resources and supports that give our kids the best start in life.

From May 2024, teachers will complete the census for children in their first year of full-time school.

AEDC results for individual children are not reported and individual children cannot be identified.

With the support of parents/carers and schools, we can build a more complete picture of early childhood development in Australia. If parents/carers consent to the collection of their child's information they do not need to do anything. Parents/carers only need to contact the school if they do not consent to the collection of their child's information.

To find out more about the AEDC and how schools, communities and governments are using the data to help children and families, visit **www.aedc.gov.au**.

