

## Methodology Statement

### 3093 School Funding Polling

#### Short Methodology Statement

Item	Response
Research company	Lonergan Research Pty Ltd
Client commissioning the research	Office of Sen P. Allman-Payne
End client	Office of Sen P. Allman-Payne
Fieldwork Dates	18 August – 4 September 2023
Mode of data collection	Online recruited from a research panel (100%)
Target population	Parents of school children
Sample size	1,003
Australian Polling Council Compliant	Yes
URL of Long Methodology Statement	<a href="https://lonerganresearch.com.au/australian-polling-council">https://lonerganresearch.com.au/australian-polling-council</a>
Is voting intention published	No

#### Long Methodology Statement

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Effective sample size after weighting applied	897
Margin of error associated with effective sample size	3.3%
Variables used in weighting	Age, gender, location, parental status, age of children
Weighting method used	Cell weighting of general population sample, rim weighting to parents of school children
Full question text, responses categories and randomisation	See below
Proportion of landline/mobile completed interviews	N/A
Source of online sample	From a commercial permission-based panel
Positioning of voting intention questions in questionnaire?	N/A
How were undecided voters handled?	N/A
2PP calculation method	N/A

## Full question text of published questions

ASK ALL						
A1.	How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements about the Australian school system?					
	<i>Please select one response per statement</i>	RANDOMISE STATEMENTS				RSR
		Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know / N/A
_1	The Australian school system is designed to benefit wealthier families	01	02	03	04	97
_2	...	01	02	03	04	97
_3	Students from poor and disadvantaged backgrounds should receive more government funding than more advantaged students	01	02	03	04	97
_4	...	01	02	03	04	97
_5	Teachers are not given enough respect by the community	01	02	03	04	97
_6	...	01	02	03	04	97

ASK ALL						
A4.	Thinking just about <b>public schools</b> (or government schools). How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?					
	<i>Please select one response per statement</i>	RANDOMISE STATEMENTS				RSR
		Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know / N/A
_1	...	01	02	03	04	97
_2	Public school teachers are overworked	01	02	03	04	97
_3	Pay and conditions should be improved to attract and retain public school teachers	01	02	03	04	97

ASK ALL				
A5.	Which one of the following statements best describes your current views about <b>public school</b> funding levels?			
	<i>Please select one response only</i>	DO NOT RANDOMISE		SR
	Public schools are underfunded			01
	Public schools receive appropriate funding			02
	Public schools are overfunded			03
	Don't know / not sure			97

ASK ALL						
A6.	Thinking just about <b>private schools</b> (independent/ Catholic schools).					
	How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?					
	<i>Please select one response per statement</i>	RANDOMISE STATEMENTS				RSR
		Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know / N/A
_1	Private schools have too much money	01	02	03	04	97
_2	Private schools should <b>not</b> receive <b>any</b> government funding at all	01	02	03	04	97
_3	Private schools should <b>not</b> receive any government money while public schools remain underfunded	01	02	03	04	97
_4	Private schools that receive government funding should <b>not</b> be able to pick and choose which students they accept	01	02	03	04	97
_5	Private schools that receive government money should <b>not</b> be able to charge fees	01	02	03	04	97
_6	...	01	02	03	04	97

ASK PARENTS OF CHILDREN IN PUBLIC SCHOOL IE CODES 02-06 IN B1						
B5.	Thinking just about <<PIPE FROM B2 / your child in a public school>> and their experience with their current school.					
	How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?					
	<i>Please select one response per statement</i>	RANDOMISE STATEMENTS				RSR
		Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know / N/A
_1	...	01	02	03	04	97
_2	...	01	02	03	04	97
_3	...	01	02	03	04	97
_4	...	01	02	03	04	97
_5	...	01	02	03	04	97
_6	...	01	02	03	04	97
_7	...	01	02	03	04	97
_8	My child has experienced "school can't" (school refusal caused by anxiety and stress) in the past year	01	02	03	04	97
_9	...	01	02	03	04	97

ASK IF HAVE CHILDREN IN PRIVATE SCHOOL IE CODES 02-06 IN B7						
B11.	Thinking just about <<PIPE FROM B8 / your child in a private school>> and their experience with their current school.					
	How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?					
	<i>Please select one response per statement</i>	RANDOMISE STATEMENTS				RSR
		Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know / N/A
_1	...	01	02	03	04	97
_2	...	01	02	03	04	97
_3	...	01	02	03	04	97

_4	I would consider moving my child[ren] to a public school if public schools were better resourced	01	02	03	04	97
_5	...	01	02	03	04	97
_6	...	01	02	03	04	97
_7	...	01	02	03	04	97
_8	...	01	02	03	04	97
_9	My child has experienced “school can’t” (school refusal caused by anxiety and stress) in the past year	01	02	03	04	97
_10	...	01	02	03	04	97