



AIM HIGHER: LEARNING, TRAINING AND BETTER JOBS FOR MORE AUSTRALIANS

20,000 new university places under Labor

Education and skills are our young people's ticket to a brighter future.

Labor wants more Australians to aim higher to get the education and skills they need for a decent job.

Labor will create 21,660 new, (full and part-time) commencing university places each year by 2008 to be distributed throughout Australia.

Better job opportunities for 20,000 more Australians

Australians without a TAFE or university qualification are twice as likely to become unemployed than Australians with further training.

Labor will provide \$327.7 million to give 20,000 more Australians the skills and education they need to get a decent job.

20,000 fewer disappointed people

Every year, around 20,000 qualified Australians miss out on studying at university.

These are people who are capable, qualified and motivated to undertake TAFE or university education but the Howard Government just says there's no room for them.

The Howard Government is only providing 5,500 new full and part-time university places by 2008. That won't even keep pace with population growth or expected increases in secondary school retention.

Labor and Coalition new, (full and part-time) commencing university places 2004–2008*

| Year | Labor Total | Coalition Total |
|------|-------------|-----------------|
| 2004 | 3,091 | 534 |
| 2005 | 8,805 | 923 |
| 2006 | 13,091 | 923 |
| 2007 | 17,377 | 2923 |
| 2008 | 21,663 | 5,494 |

* 1 student = 0.7 EFTSU

'20,000 more university places' is an initiative of **Aim Higher: Learning, training and better jobs**—Labor's plan to re-build, reform and expand Australia's universities and TAFEs.

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