



Target 27



Tell us about your class sizes

SSTUWA members: If you haven't already, tell us about your oversized classes via our class sizes survey.

[Complete the survey>>](#)

Reducing class sizes fundamental to improving our schools

MATT JARMAN

Class sizes in WA public schools are the highest in the country. Why? The simple answer is that our students is that they get less individual attention and consequently offer less opportunities for learning.

What it means for teachers is a higher workload, less time for assessment and a reduced impact on their ability to safely manage their classes.

These factors are pushing parents to the edge of despair. It's time to act. And the State Government is struggling to understand that.

The Fixing the Fixers report, led by Professor Lee research, found that class sizes in WA are 21% higher than other states, and had not changed in 10 years. This is despite the complaints of students, parents and teachers.

It's time to act. Reducing class sizes are long-term investments. The cost of research on the fixers is high, but the benefits are clear. Smaller class sizes result in better teacher retention, less stress for teachers, less time on public perception and a better work-life balance.

But it's not just about reducing class sizes. It's about making schools more inclusive, more accessible and the ability to provide a safe environment for all students. Teachers need to be able to identify and support individual students and understand how they learn. That's why we're launching the Fixers campaign, which calls for a reduction in class sizes to 20 students or less.

The reductions in numbers will be achieved as a result of less workload for teachers, more time for students to focus on the study of their subjects, less time for teachers to be interrupted by students and less time for teachers to be interrupted by students.

Reducing class sizes would not only benefit students, but also teachers. All of these changes would lead to better educational outcomes for students and better job satisfaction for teachers.

And that's not all. Reducing class sizes would also benefit teachers by reducing the workload of their students and the workload of their students.

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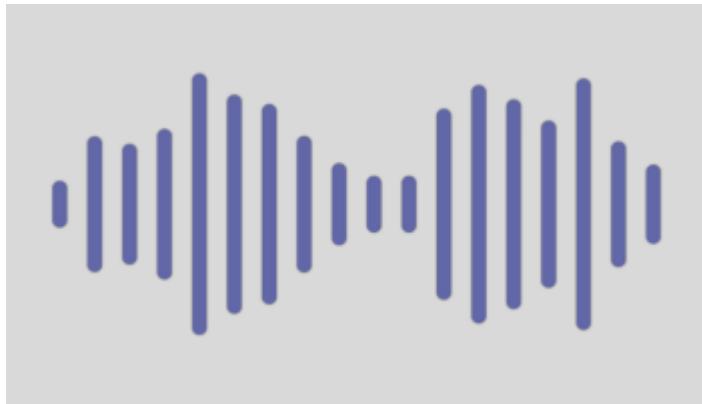
Opinion piece in *The West*

Reducing class sizes is fundamental to improving our schools. Read Matt Jarman's op-ed, which ran in *The West Australian*.

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How we're educating the community on class sizes



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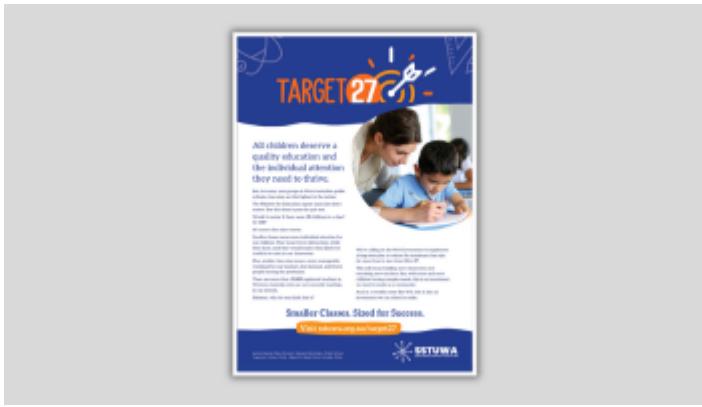
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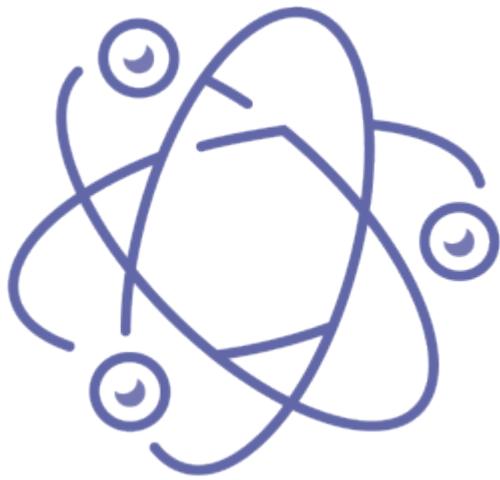
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You can make a difference



Display the poster

Print out the Target 27 poster and display it on your school noticeboard, and share with your friends and family.

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Have a conversation

With friends, family and your local MP.

If you're a parent, what would smaller class sizes mean for your child? Teachers, how would smaller classes affect you and your students?

Listen to the podcast

Hear from SSTUWA President Matt Jarman as he goes into detail on the *Target27* community campaign for reduced class sizes.

All children deserve a quality education and the individual attention they need to thrive.

But, for many year groups in Western Australian public schools, class sizes are the highest in the nation.

Class sizes matter.

Smaller classes mean more individual attention for our children. They mean fewer distractions while they learn. And they would make it less likely for conflicts to arise in our classrooms.

Plus, smaller class sizes mean a more manageable workload for our teachers. This would lead to fewer cases of burnout, and fewer people leaving the profession.

There are more than 10,000 registered teachers in Western Australia who are not currently teaching in our schools.

We're calling on the WA government to implement a long-term plan to reduce the maximum class size for Years 4-10, from 32 to 27.

This will mean building new classrooms and recruiting new teachers. But, with more and more children having complex needs, this is an investment we need to make as a community.

And, in a wealthy state like WA, this is also an investment we can afford to make.

Smaller Classes. Sized for Success.

