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## Scholarship to teach about money

A \$15,000 NSW Premier's First State Super Financial Capability and Literacy Scholarship is open to educators currently teaching in NSW Primary schools and those specialising in mathematics, commerce, business studies, economics, business and public administration, or related fields, in NSW secondary schools and TAFE NSW campuses.

First State Super Chief Executive Officer, Deanne Stewart said: "Teaching children and students about how to manage their money is vitally important in knowing how to make the most of their finances as adults. As a fund with over 180,000 members working in the education sector, we are passionate about supporting the professional development of teachers in teaching financial capability and literacy.

"We know advice and education changes lives and transforms communities; and we are extremely proud to partner with the NSW Department of Education to support better outcomes for teachers and students."

Europe, the USA, and Canada are just some of the locations recipients of the scholarship, have visited as part of their professional development in teaching financial literacy.

Recipient of the 2018 scholarship, Cassie Portelli, Head Teacher of Maths at the Hunter School of Performing Arts, described the experience of being able to travel; to speak with other teachers and to attend global international events as being transformative.

"I feel like I can make a difference around financial capability because of this amazing chance to learn and grow.

"The Scholarship enabled me to visit schools, conferences and major financial events to learn what has been successful in helping children achieve financial literacy and capability. In returning to the classroom I have been able to put these ideas into practice and as well have been able to share my experience with other teachers and professional associations".

Nicola Chaffey, Assistant Principal at Narranga Public School, recipient of the scholarship in 2017, said: "It was wonderful to be able to visit classrooms around the world where financial literacy is being taught. I learnt so much from other educators and was able to bring the ideas back to share in Australia. The scholarship has given me opportunities that I would only have dreamt of.

"I highly encourage teachers, from all sectors, to apply for the scholarship."

Applications for the scholarship in 2020 close at midnight on 28 April and full details of the scholarship, including eligibility, selection criteria and application form are available [here](#).

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We believe that everyone deserves a dignified retirement. Through our financial planning company, StatePlus we provide high quality, affordable advice for members and all Australians. While we're big, we see our members as individuals. We understand the role we play in safeguarding their savings and working with them to plan for the future they want.

#### Key facts:

- We manage \$91bn in retirement savings, including \$72bn in superannuation and \$19bn in retirement savings under advice.
- We provide superannuation and advice to more than 160,000 teachers and education professionals and over 800,000 members and clients nationwide
- Through our financial planning company StatePlus our members and clients have access to over 220 financial planners across a broad network of regional offices.
- About the Premier's First State Super Financial Literacy and Capability Scholarship:
  - The scholarship is for a study in any aspect of effective teaching and learning that links to successful student outcomes through the development of financial literacy and capability, including the teaching of financial literacy and the application of its related skills and knowledge in real world situations.
  - The successful applicant will undertake a short course at a respected overseas or Australian tertiary institution or undertake a study tour up to five weeks in Australia and/or overseas to educational institutions and/or consult with experts; with travel to be completed by 30 June 2020.
  - Research may focus on: best practice examples of the design, implementation and evaluation of effective strategies to strengthen the embedding of financial capabilities in and across the curriculum; and the teaching of financial literacy to improve students' lifelong wellbeing and outcomes.
  - One scholarship of \$15,000 will be offered for travel during 2020.
- **NB** The current holder of the 2019 scholarship, Keith Barnett, is currently undertaking his tour to the USA, Britain and Europe.