



## David Littleproud MP

Federal Member for Maranoa

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# Media Statement

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### Goondiwindi receives \$1.62 million injection for regional students

Students in Goondiwindi who travel vast distances to study will be able to use a new regional study hub, Member for Maranoa David Littleproud announced today.

Mr Littleproud said the Goondiwindi SILO Gateway to Training community organisation will receive \$1.62 million for a study hub with high speed digital connectivity, links to tertiary institutions, video conferencing, mentoring programmes, academic support and pastoral care.

“Everyone should be able to access higher education, no matter where they live,” he said.

“We’re bridging the divide between city and country by bringing higher education to where our kids are and improving access.

“By providing more opportunities locally, I hope we can keep our bright young kids in the country.

“We are investing an additional \$7.5 million into Regional Study Hubs across Australia.

“These new hubs will make it easier for rural and regional students to take up study without having to completely shift their lives to the city.”

More funding for Regional Study Hubs was part of the Coalition Government’s additional \$134.8 million commitment to regional and rural higher education, bringing the total additional new funding for regional higher education to \$400 million over five years.

### **FAST FACTS**

- **\$92.5 million** to support more students at five regionally focused universities over four years. In Queensland, this includes:
  - **\$30.2 million** for the Caboolture and Fraser Coast campuses of the University of the Sunshine Coast (QLD);
  - **\$9.1 million** for Central Queensland University (QLD); and
  - **\$9.1 million** for James Cook University (QLD).
- **\$34.1 million** for an additional **1955** scholarships for regional and remote students over four years, more than doubling the **1200** scholarships currently available;

For more information, including on how to apply, visit: <https://www.education.gov.au/rural-and-regional-enterprise-scholarships> or <https://www.qtac.edu.au/scholarships>.

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