1. The Education Legislation Amendment Bill 2013 will:
	1. support implementation of the move of Year 7 to secondary school from 2015;
	2. include the Preparatory year (Prep) in a state school student’s basic allocation to recognise Prep as the first year of schooling; and
	3. allow for the cancellation of the enrolment of international students at state schools for non-payment of fees.
2. The Bill makes technical amendments to education portfolio legislation to support the transition of Year 7 to secondary education from 2015. The Bill amends the *Education (Accreditation of Non-State Schools) Act 2001* to insert transitional arrangements to assist non-state schools to change their current accreditation status to recognise the delivery of Year 7 as secondary education from 2015.
3. All students attending Queensland state schools are entitled to an allocation of State education – a basic allocation. Currently, students have a basic allocation of 24 semesters, commencing in Year 1. The Bill amends the *Education (General Provisions) Act 2006* (the EGPA) to ensure that the basic allocation includes the 26 semesters necessary for a student commencing schooling in Prep and completing schooling at the end of Year 12. Enrolment in Prep will continue to be non-compulsory.
4. A student who is not an Australian citizen or permanent resident, or a child of an Australian citizen or permanent resident, is required under the EGPA to pay fees for state school education. The Bill amends the EGPA to make the enrolment of international students conditional upon payment of fees by enabling the Director-General to cancel enrolment for non-payment of fees. The Department of Education, Training and Employment will continue to have the statutory power to exempt or waive fees in appropriate circumstances, and to enter into payment plans for payment of outstanding fees.
5. Cabinet approved the introduction of the Education Legislation Amendment Bill 2013 into the Legislative Assembly.
6. *Attachments*
* [Education Legislation Amendment Bill 2013](Attachments/Bill.pdf)
* [Explanatory Notes](Attachments/ExNotes.pdf)