1. The Government released the Education Green Paper *A Flying Start for Queensland Children* for public consultation from February to June 2010. Queenslanders were engaged in extensive consultation including 93 public forums attended by 2,601 people. Forums gave local school communities opportunities to have their say on the proposed reforms and suggest ideas for consideration. In addition, all stakeholders were invited to make written submissions as part of the consultation process. A total of 1,560 submissions were received.
2. The White Paper: *A Flying Start for Queensland Children* comprises the following actions under the three key objectives:

*Objective 1: Getting ready for school.*

* offering free reading training to parents of children in Prep to Year 3
* creating a single point of information for parents of young children
* recognising Prep as the first year of schooling
* maintaining the reading awareness campaign
* recruiting and training additional Queensland Ready Readers

*Objective 2: Getting ready for secondary school.*

* making Year 7 the first year of high school from 2015
* introducing Junior Secondary in state schools from 2013
* promoting positive behaviour and providing pastoral care for all students
* conducting a comprehensive review of the educational needs of geographically isolated families and the services offered to them

*Objective 3: Boosting performance for all schools.*

* establishing a Ministerial Taskforce to implement the recommendations of the review of teacher preservice education and school induction.
* establishing a single authority to perform curriculum, assessment and reporting functions and accredit state and non-state schools.
* continuing commitment to establish five Teacher Education Centres of Excellence.

1. The commitments outlined in the White Paper are aimed at providing a sound basis for learning in early childhood and building capacity and consistency in Queensland’s schools.
2. Cabinet approved the release of the White Paper: *A Flying Start for Queensland Children*.
3. *Attachment:*

* [White Paper: *A Flying Start for Queensland Children*](Attachments/white-paper%5b1%5d.pdf)*.*