

Federal Election 2019 Report Card Snapshot

How the key parties measure up on their commitments to young people from refugee and migrant backgrounds

	Liberal/National Coalition	Australian Labor Party	Australian Greens	MYAN key asks
Youth Affairs	No commitments	Minister for Young Australians \$5.4 million for the national youth peak	Federal Minister for Youth National Youth Affairs Peak Body	Federal Minister for Youth Funded national voice/peak body National Youth Plan
Employment	22-24 year olds will be eligible for the <i>Transition to Work</i> program A referral to <i>jobactive</i> will occur after 12 months (not the current 6 months)	Restoring penalty rates, fair pay through labour hire companies, stopping sham contracting Review <i>jobactive</i>	Tailored support for young people from refugee/ migrant backgrounds In principle support for the expansion of the Youth Transition Support Services	Specialist <i>jobactive</i> services Multicultural youth employment programs
Education & Training	Budget commitment for 80,000 new apprenticeships	Rebuilding TAFE - \$200 million for campus upgrades, waive upfront fees for some students, investment in pre-apprenticeships and apprenticeships	Multicultural youth workers in schools Unlimited free TAFE and undergraduate university	Multicultural youth workers in schools Accessible programs to keep young people in education
Settlement	Humanitarian intake frozen at a maximum of 18,750 places New round of <i>Fostering Integration Grants</i>	Annual Humanitarian intake will increase annually up to 27,000 places Appoint a Special Envoy for Refugee and Asylum Seeker Issues \$3 million for community settlement support, including language classes, parent support, health services	Settlement places will increase to 50,000 places per year Commitment to adopting a National Youth Settlement Strategy	Increase the size of the Humanitarian Program Adopt a National Youth Settlement Strategy Pilot a resettlement program for unaccompanied children/young people Fund MYAN and its state/territory bodies
English Language Learning	No changes to either English language schools/ centres or AMEP	Additional \$15 million in the AMEP to increase the number of service locations, expand access for more migrants and improve training quality.	A national youth strategy for AMEP, review into AMEP National framework for EAL Dedicated unit in the Department of Education and Training to oversee/ coordinate language in education and training	National frameworks to monitor funding of English as an Additional Language (EAL) in schools and in AMEP

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Health & Wellbeing	<p>Additional \$503m, for youth mental health, including an expansion to the <i>headspace</i> network</p> <p>\$3.9 million for tailored mental health support for Australians from multicultural backgrounds</p>	<p>Investment in headspace, including more centre and \$197 million for '<i>headspace Plus</i>'</p>	<p>Specialist youth health and mental health services</p> <p>\$25 million for a trial of group therapy sessions and 1,000 places for peer to peer workers in TAFE</p>	<p>Specialist staff in youth mental health services</p> <p>Early intervention services for multicultural youth</p>
Housing & Homelessness	<p>The Reconnect Program will continue unchanged</p>	<p>\$8 million commitment to tackling youth homelessness, including for Common Ground and Youth Foyers</p>	<p>Continue funding the Reconnect Specialist program</p> <p>Strong support for better data collection for homeless services</p>	<p>Continue the Reconnect Specialist program beyond 2021 and expand into high settlement areas</p> <p>Reinstate data collection in homelessness services to capture age and cultural diversity</p>
Civic & Social Participation	<p>\$71 million for; expanding the <i>National Community Hubs</i>, including Youth Hubs, and grassroots initiatives that foster belonging, address barriers to social and economic participation and strengthen interfaith/intercultural understanding (including helping young people counter online hate, and sporting initiatives)</p> <p>Continue visa cancellation regime</p>	<p>\$4.5 million for <i>Building Multicultural Communities Program</i></p> <p>Community Connections Grants, including for new and emerging communities</p> <p>Citizenship Commissioners to promote social cohesion and multiculturalism</p> <p>Dedicated body, Multicultural Australia, to drive integration of culturally diverse communities and improve cultural responsiveness of institutions</p>	<p>\$12 million annually to community organisations for anti-racism programs</p> <p>Oppose visa cancellation laws</p>	<p>Reinvest in a National Anti-Racism Strategy</p> <p>National Youth Leadership initiative to build social cohesion</p> <p>Cease the visa cancellation regime</p>
Asylum Seekers & TPVs	<p>No change to mandatory or offshore detention or TPVs</p>	<p>No change to mandatory or offshore detention</p> <p>Abolish TPVs</p>	<p>End offshore detention</p> <p>Abolish TPVs</p> <p>Restore access to SRSS</p>	<p>End mandatory detention</p> <p>Restore access to the SRSS</p>