ACRONYMS

AACUHO Australasian Association of Colleges & University Housing Officers, Inc.

AADES Australasian Association of Distance Education Schools
ABARE Australian Bureau of Agriculture and Resource Economics

ABN Australian Business Number
ABS Australian Bureau of Statistics

ABSA Australian Boarding Schools' Association

ACARA Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority
ACCAN Australian Communications Consumer Action Network
ACCC Australian Competition and Consumer Commission
ACECQA Australian Children's Education & Care Quality Authority

ACER Australian Council for Educational Research
ACMA Australian Communications and Media Authority
ACSSO Australian Council of State School Organisations

ADSL Asymmetric Digital Subscriber Line

AHVISE Aussie Helpers Volunteers for Isolated Students' Education (Qld, NT & NSW)

AIC Assistance for Isolated Children
APC Australian Parents Council

AHPPC Australian Health Protection Principal Committee
ARIA Accessibility/Remoteness Index of Australia
ASGC Australian Standard Geographical Classification

ATAR Australian Tertiary Admission Rank

ATO Australian Taxation Office

B4BA Broadband for the Bush Alliance

BA Boarding Australia
BBF Budget Based Funding

BIRRR Better Internet for Rural, Regional and Remote Australia

CCS Child Care Subsidy

CEF Country Education Foundation of Australia

COAG Council of Australian Governments

CM Corporate Membership
CPI Consumer Price Index
CTC Capacity to Contribute
CSG Customer Service Guarantee

CWAA Country Women's Association of Australia

DE Distance Education

DESE Department of Education, Skills and Employment

DETA Distance Education Teaching Allowance

DHS Department of Human Services – now Services Australia

DMI Direct Measure of Income
DSS Department of Social Services
ECA Early Childhood Australia

ECEC Early Childhood Education and Care

ECT Early Childhood Teacher

EYLF Early Years Learning Framework FAMT Family Actual Means Test

FBT Fringe Benefits Tax

FRRR Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal

FTB Family Tax Benefit FTTN Fibre to the Node FUP Fair Use Policy

GST Goods and Services Tax

HCRC High Capacity Radio Concentrator
HECS Higher Education Contribution Scheme

HELP Higher Education Loan Program
HEP Higher Education Provider

HEPPP Higher Education Participation and Partnerships Program

HREOC Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission ICSEA Index of Community Socio-Educational Advantage

ICPA Isolated Children's Parents' Association

ICT Information and Communications Technology

IDC Inter-Departmental Committee

IEU Independent Education Union of Australia

IHC In Home Care

IRRRRE Independent Review into Regional, Rural and Remote Education

ISCA Independent Schools Council of Australia

ISDN Integrated Service Digital Network

ISS Interim Satellite Service

LAFHA Living Away From Home Allowance

LDC Long Day Care

LOTE Languages Other Than English
LTSS Long Term Satellite Service
MBS Medicare Benefits Schedule
MBSP Mobile Black Spot Program
MOCR Model of Critical Reflection
MSD Mass Service Disruption

NAPLAN National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy

nbn National Broadband Network

NCVER National Centre for Vocational Education Research

NFF National Farmers' Federation
NRHA National Rural Health Alliance
NSCP National School Chaplaincy Program
NSS **nbn** Satellite Support Scheme
NTD Network Termination Device

NGWL Next G Wireless Link
OAC Open Access College

PACER Parliament and Civics Education Rebate QTAC Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre

RAFS Remote Area Families Service

RAMUS Rural Australia Medical Undergraduate Scholarship

RASSS Remote Air Service Subsidy Scheme

REVISE Retired Educator Volunteers for Isolated Students Education (WA & SA)

RFDS Royal Flying Doctor Service

RICE Remote and Isolated Children's Exercise Inc.
RREAP Rural and Remote Education Access Program (Qld)
RRESP Rural and Regional Enterprise Scholarships Program
RRRCC Regional, Rural and Remote Communications Coalition

RSA Rural Skills Australia

RTIRC Regional Telecommunications Independent Review Committee

SCM School Corporate Membership SDE School of Distance Education

SES Socio-Economic Status

SIDE School of Isolated and Distance Education (WA)

SOTA School of the Air

SPERA Society for the Provision of Education in Rural Australia STEM Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics

STS Standard Telephone Service
TAA Tertiary Access Allowance
TAFE Technical and Further Education

TIO Telecommunications Industry Ombudsman

TUSMA Telecommunications Universal Service Management Agency

UCA University Colleges Australia
USG Universal Service Guarantee
VET Vocational Education and Training

VETIS Vocational Education and Training in School

WWCC Working with Children Check

YA Youth Allowance