



# Robyn Preston MP

## Member for Hawkesbury

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### **HAWKESBURY STUDENTS BACK ON TOP FROM TUTORING PROGRAM**

Students in Hawkesbury are being helped to catch up on their education post pandemic by 62 dedicated tutors, thanks to the NSW Liberals & Nationals Government's history-making \$337 million COVID catch-up tuition program for NSW schools.

Member for Hawkesbury, Robyn Preston MP, said it's great to see students benefiting from the tutoring program in the area.

"This is a great opportunity for students to catch up after the disruptions last year," Ms Preston said.

"Schools are using the flexibility to deliver programs in a way that helps their students," Ms Preston said.

Minister for Education Sarah Mitchell confirmed today that 5417 tutors have been employed in NSW public schools, with almost 99 per cent of schools already offering tutoring support to their students.

"Helping NSW students bridge the gaps in their learning caused by COVID is part of our Government's efforts to build a safer and stronger NSW," Ms Mitchell said.

The additional support is tailored by schools using both the data from last year's Check-in Assessments and the knowledge of classroom teachers.

"This means no matter where a school is in NSW or how many students they have, they can provide a tutoring program which works for their students," Ms Mitchell said.

"The program has had fantastic take-up by our country schools, and more than 3200 of the tutors delivering the program are in regional, rural and remote schools."

Registrations are still open for educators interested in taking part at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/curriculum/covid-learning-support-program>

Existing Department of Education staff should register their interest through ClassCover.