



Australian Early Development Index

What is the Australian Early Development Index?

The Australian Early Development Index (AEDI) is a collection of data from every child enrolled in a Pre-primary program across Australia. The data provides an overview of the wellbeing of children in a community. It looks at communities collectively rather than at individuals.

All Pre-primary teachers have completed a checklist of more than 100 questions for every child in their classes. Teachers collected this information between 1 May 2009 and 31 July 2009.

The areas looked at are physical health and wellbeing; social competence; emotional maturity; language and cognitive skills; communication skills; and general knowledge.

Teachers of Pre-primary students will also gather information identified as important by the AEDI Indigenous Adaptation Study.

What will the information collected through the AEDI be used for?

The information collected will not be used to identify individual child or school performance. All information will be used by governments and communities to provide a national progress measure of early childhood development and a population measure of young children's development by the time they reach school age.

