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SA teacher pay scale 2026

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South Australian School and Preschool Education Staff Enterprise Agreement 2024. EA 2024 nominally expires about March 2027; final 3% paid May 2026; AEU EA27 campaign under way, no offer yet

Classroom teacher pay scale, South Australia

Step	From 8 May 2026	Take-home / fortnight*
Step 1 · Graduate / entry for registered teachers	$84,971	$2,587
Step 2 · Teacher Step 2	$89,350	$2,701
Step 3 · Teacher Step 3	$93,735	$2,816
Step 4 · Teacher Step 4	$98,113	$2,931
Step 5 · Teacher Step 5	$102,509	$3,046
Step 6 · Teacher Step 6	$106,890	$3,160
Step 7 · Teacher Step 7	$111,269	$3,275
Step 8 · Teacher Step 8 (top of automatic increments)	$117,198	$3,430
Step 9 · Top of scale (by application after 207 duty days at Step 8)	$123,236	$3,588
AST2 · Advanced Skills Teacher 2 / Key Teacher Fallback	$127,798	$3,707
HAT · Highly Accomplished Teacher	$133,736	$3,862
LT · Lead Teacher	$141,365	$4,045

*Take-home on the current rate, 2026–27 tax (after LITO) and Medicare, no HELP debt, resident.

Leadership, casual and other roles

Role	Pay	Date
Graduate teacher	$84,971	From 8 May 2026 (reported)
Temporary Relieving Teacher (TRT)	$407.21 a day	From 8 May 2026
Highly Accomplished and Lead Teacher	$133,736 – $141,365	From 8 May 2026
Coordinator / Senior Leader (Band B)	$128,390 – $172,842	From 8 May 2026
Assistant Principal	$128,390 – $172,842	From 8 May 2026
Deputy Principal	$133,736 – $172,842	From 8 May 2026
Principal / Preschool Director	$146,492 – $222,484	From 8 May 2026
Catholic school teacher	$82,659 – $116,160	From 27 March 2026 (reported)

Super and leave

Item	Detail
Employer super	12% (Super SA (default fund for SA public sector employees); choice of fund available since 30 Nov 2022)
Long service leave	Long service leave applies and prior service can be recognised (Education and Children's Services Act 2019 s 113), but the amount and qualifying period were not verified. Check with the Department for Education or the AEU SA.

Sources: South Australian School and Preschool Education Staff Enterprise Agreement 2024 (https://www.saet.sa.gov.au/app/uploads/2024/03/ET-24-00640-Enterprise-agreement-approval-South-Australian-School-and-Preschool-Education-Staff-Enterprise-Agreement-2024.pdf)

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