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program

BUILDING KEY FINANCIAL SKILLS

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Empowering financial futures



In June, I had the privilege of taking leadership of Local Impact's Money Mentor program, which equips young people with essential financial skills—vital when around 45% of Australians are considered financially illiterate (HILDA 2016, UNSW 2020).

Building on our strong foundation in inner west secondary schools, we've expanded across Victoria—from Bacchus Marsh to

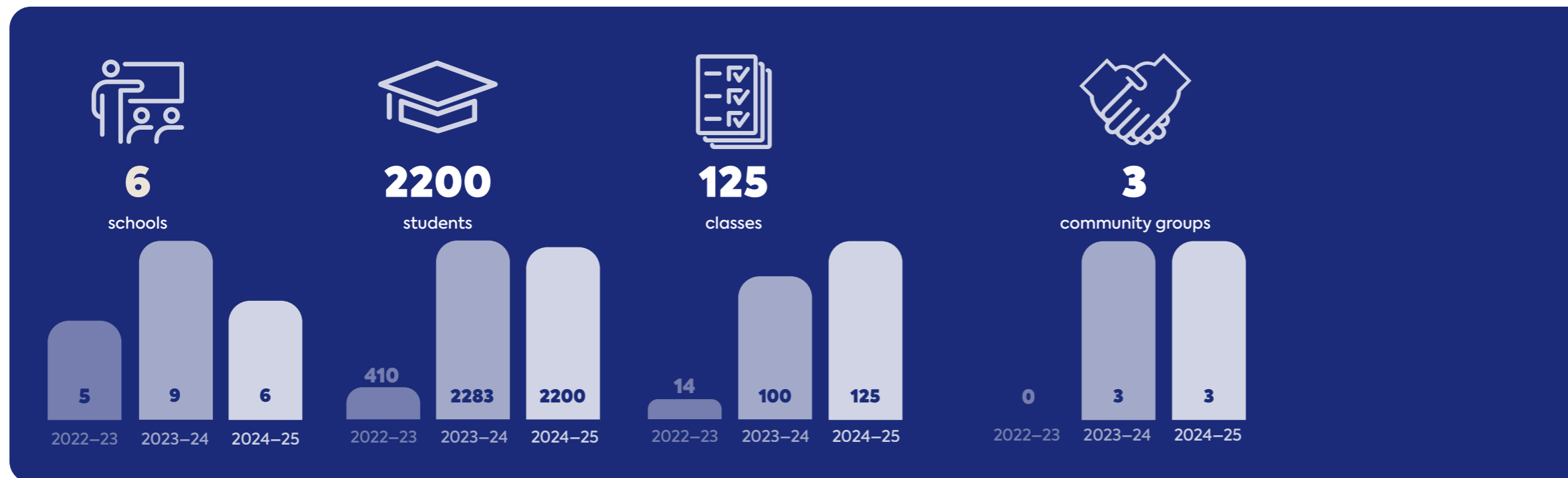
Maffra—while strengthening our place-based approach, Train the Trainer model and partnerships to extend Money Mentor's reach into regional communities.

Looking ahead, growing interstate interest will drive investment in our Train the Trainer model to build capacity and ensure program sustainability. We're also expanding partnerships with social enterprises, businesses and NFPs to reach those experiencing financial vulnerability in the wider community.

This evolution reflects our commitment to creating meaningful, lasting impact where it's needed most. 🇺🇸

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The Money Mentor program

Money Mentor is building a more confident, financially capable community — empowering youth, women, new migrants, refugees, job starters and entrepreneurs to make informed financial decisions.



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 **Local Impact**

Local Impact's purpose is to grow community ideas through participation, support and connection in Melbourne's inner west.

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