

WOMEN & EDUCATION

GLOBALLY

EACH YEAR OF PRIMARY SCHOOL BOOSTS GIRLS' EVENTUAL WAGES BY **10-20%**

AN EXTRA YEAR OF SECONDARY SCHOOL WILL BOOST THEM BY **15-20%**¹

"Investment in girls' education may well be the highest-return investment available in the developing world,"
Larry Summers, former Chief Economist of the World Bank.

WOMEN
make up two thirds of the world's **ILLITERATE**²

Girls face many barriers to getting an education that boys do not. Some of these include:

- Forced child marriage / Pregnancy
- Domestic / Carer responsibilities
- The commute to school may be too dangerous
- Perceptions that women should not have an education
- Poor families will send their sons to school before they send their daughters

For more facts see: [The Australian Women Donors Network Fast Facts Page](#).

¹ United Nations International Year of Youth Fact Sheet: Girls and Young Women <http://social.un.org/youthyear/launch.html#facton>

² http://www.womensagenda.com.au/talking-about/opinions/the-preschool-gender-gap-hurting-australian-girls/201407024264?utm_source=Women%27s+Agenda+List&utm_campaign=382555676c-Women_s_Agenda_daily_01_07_2014&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_f3750bae8d-382555676c-30659725#U7TEcRaWduY

³ Foundation for Young Australians How Young People are Faring – Report 2013 <http://www.fya.org.au/research/hypaf2013/> accessed on 12 March 2014

⁴ <http://www.theaustralian.com.au/higher-education/opinion/gender-gap/story-e6frgcko-1226685084114> accessed on 13/10/15

⁵ http://www.aigroup.com.au/portal/binary/com.epicentric.contentmanagement.servlet.ContentDeliveryServlet/LIVE_CONTENT/Publications/Reports/2013/Ai_Group_Skills_Survey_2012-STEM_FINAL_PRINTED.pdf

IN AUSTRALIA

IN AUSTRALIA IN **2013** **WOMEN ACCOUNTED** for only **28%** of academic appointments above senior lecturer generally; and in the natural and physical sciences, they accounted for only **17%**⁴

YOUNG AUSTRALIAN FEMALES CONTINUE TO PARTICIPATE IN FULL-TIME EDUCATION AT HIGHER RATES THAN MALES AND ARE MORE LIKELY THAN MALES TO REMAIN AT SCHOOL UNTIL YEAR 12.

DESPITE THIS, THEY ARE MORE LIKELY TO BE UNDEREMPLOYED THAN YOUNG AUSTRALIAN MALES.³

THE GENDER DISPARITY
in maths and science participation at a high school level is now **GREATER THAN** it was in the **1980s**⁵