## NSW Public Schools to Receive Extra Funding for Academic and Well-Being Needs

P&C Federation is encouraged that public schools in NSW will receive an increase of about \$80 million, or 8 percent, from last year's needs based funding allocation for public schools.

The needs-based funding for 2018 was announced yesterday, by Premier Gladys Berejiklian, Education Minister Rob Stokes and Minister for Western Sydney Stuart Ayres at Samuel Terry Public School, in Cranebrook.

According to this recently announced needs-based funding for 2018, public schools in NSW will each receive "a share of \$1.09 billion next year for educational resources and student support, including targeted literacy and numeracy programs, teacher training, and additional speech pathologists."

Premier Gladys Berejiklian said, "This funding allows schools to develop programs that address academic and well-being needs identified in their schools."

P&C Federation President Susie Boyd commented, "The State Government would have provided an extra \$405 million to public schools in 2018 under Gonski 1.0 and it is disappointing that they denied funding to schools and students who need it most."

"Funding our public schools is a vital investment in the future of our country and providing an equitable public education system for all students should always be the utmost priority for the Federal and State Government."

Ms Boyd went on to say, "Meeting individual student needs is extremely important, and needsbased funding is necessary to achieve this. The allocation of extra funds is an encouraging sign that the State Government recognises this as well."

P&C Federation expects that the government remains committed to the needs-based funding model. Click <u>here</u> to see how much need-based funding your schools will get in 2018.

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