

Great News that Labor will Honour Gonski – now Turnbull Must Do the Same say Parents.

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Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull should reconsider his decision to dump the Gonski reforms and match Labor's promise today to fully fund the final two years of the schools funding package, parents said.

NSW Federation of P&Cs President Jason Vials said public school parents welcome Federal Opposition Leader Bill Shorten's announcement today that Labor will commit to fully funding the Gonski reforms.

"This is great news for every student in Australia and for everyone concerned about the future of our country," Mr Vials said in a media release.

"If you believe in 'a fair go' you have to support the Gonski reforms.

"Now Mr Turnbull needs to reconsider his decision to walk away from the Coalition's commitment to Gonski pledged at the last election.

"If he wants an innovative Australia, he needs a well-educated Australia and the Gonski reforms will make that happen."

Mr Vials said all parties and politicians should be pledging full implementation of the Gonski reforms for the next election, given they are based on a review which received 10,000 submissions from teachers, parents and researchers.

"Education is too important to be some sort of political football," he said.

"Our students deserve Gonski and the voters of Australia were promised full implementation by this government.

"We call on PM Turnbull and his Education Minister Simon Birmingham to rethink their Christmas decision to be Mr Scrooge on education."

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