

## New Federal Minister for Education

P&C Federation would like to congratulate and welcome The Hon. Dan Tehan on his appointment as the Federal Minister for Education.

As a priority P&C Federation would like to see Minister Tehan address the inequity of funding that is current in NSW public schools. Despite the evidence that government schools are far less resourced than non-government schools, it is non-government schools that will get the most funding increases under the Federal Government's new funding agreement.

Under the current funding plan, government schools in New South Wales will STILL be under resourced in 10 years (2027). While non-government schools will enjoy the privilege of being funded above the Schooling Resource Standard (SRS).

Ms Boyd commented "Why are children in public schools being funded at a lesser rate by this government? We all expect fair and equal treatment and have been waiting for a government to prioritise our children's educational opportunities at the highest level in building Australia's future. So why are children being pitted against each other? We should be nurturing them all and we would hope the Minister's life experience in catholic education does not cloud his vision regarding a quality public education for all."

Fair Funding Now stated, "Our children only get one chance at an education and the political leaders need to hear how important the funding of public schools is to the community."

P&C Federation encourages the Minister to have the review of NAPLAN as a priority; it needs to be returned to its original purpose. Enough money and resources have been wasted on what proved to be quite a debacle and could have been better spent on education.

P&C Federation represents the largest parent body and is the voice for over 791,000 students across New South Wales in public schools and is keen to meet with Minister Tehan to discuss education and its future in NSW public schools.

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