

Public Schools Ripped off by NSW State Government Roll-over

P&C Federation is heavily disheartened by the roll-over and embarrassing submission NSW Premier Gladys Berejiklian and NSW Education Minister Rob Stokes made to the Federal Government when agreeing to the \$4.6 Billion handout for private education.

The values of fair and sector blind funding held by the NSW State Government until this capitulated action, have been dashed against rocks when the steps were taken to agree with further funding of private institutes, while the Government schools struggle to gain their required funds to support those with the greatest disadvantage.

P&C Federation welcomes the \$712 Million Equity Fund that has been provided by the State Government for public schools, P&C Federation fails to see how that amount can justify NSW State Governments agreement to the \$4.6 Billion Federal deal that has consequently been made with catholic and independent schools.

NSW public schools are expected to be grateful for \$712 Million State Government money, while private education celebrates their \$4.6 Billion funding from the Federal Government and who knows what windfall they will receive from the Berejiklian Ministry.

The public education system provides for at least:

- 65% of all school students in NSW
- 84% Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students;
- 69% of disabled children requiring a school adjustment to meet their specific needs

Public education also provides schooling to the majority of disadvantaged children in NSW, why should these children accept less so that private institutions can be given more?

We call on the Berejiklian Ministry to commit and stay true to providing funding to those who need it most, not those who pull at the strings hardest.

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