

Public Schools are in for a massive shake-up as Prime Minister backs Gonski review report

The report of the “Review to Achieve Educational Excellence in Australian Schools”, led by Mr David Gonski released today recommends wide-ranging educational reforms. This report has been welcomed by Prime Minister, Malcolm Turnbull and NSW Education Minister, Rob Stokes.

The report highlights five areas of reform to step-up the level of Australian education and provide an educational system that fosters individual learning needs of every child.

P&C Federation President, Susie Boyd commented, “Whilst it’s great that the government is committing to this radical overhaul that will mean better learning opportunities for our children, the government will also need to ensure that it is backed by equitable funding.”

She went on to say, “Funding our schools to the Schooling Resources Standard will be the key to sustaining this massive shake-up and ensuring our children are not falling through the gaps. It is of vital importance that teachers in our education system are highly-skilled and resources available to our children aid in quality learning.”

“While we welcome the personalised approach to learning that focusses on the individual needs of each student and aims to equip students with the tools to think and learn autonomously, there needs to be more clarity around the recommended online and on demand student learning assessment.”

“The purpose of any assessment is to validate the teaching and learning outcomes and we hope this assessment is not backed by commercial interests of private business and/or is just dumped on our children to create league tables.”

Ms. Boyd went on to say, “Prime Minister, Turnbull has said, ‘A quality education is the bedrock for success throughout life’, and we truly hope that the government commits itself to a well-resourced world-class education system for our children that enables them to become contributing members of the society.”

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