

Time for Parents to Say: Stick to Full Gonski

P&C Federation is highly disappointed at the Commonwealth government's decision to upend the Gonski agreement signed in 2013 in full. P&C Federation is urging parents to write to their local MP and pressure the [Federal Government to not renege on its 2013 commitments](#).

P&C Federation President Susie Boyd commented, "How does the government want us to believe that the new funding model will be beneficial for students and schools when according to data from the NSW Department of Education, NSW schools stand to lose \$846 million of Gonski 1.0 funding in the years 2018-2019. Under the Gonski 2.0 it is confusing how Mr. Turnbull claims to offer a brighter future for our kids by denying the majority of funding promised in the 2013 deal due to be released in 2018 and 2019.

"Changing the foundation of the funding, prior to the delivery of the bulk of the funding being released, is like moving the finishing line another 10km, during a marathon race".

To take just a few Gonski success stories out of many, the number of graduating students at Merrylands High School more than doubled between 2011 and 2014. At Canley Vale High School, from 2010 to 2015, the percentage of students eligible for university entry has risen from 82% to 92% these are real achievements being delivered with Gonski 1.0.

Ms Boyd stated "What deeply concerns me is that our Education Minister Simon Birmingham admitted this month that there is no guarantee schools will reach the Schooling Resource Standard under the Turnbull Government's new funding model.

"Mr. Turnbull needs to understand that the schools [require the full six years of funding](#) to be able to reach the minimum Schooling Resource Standard as recommended under the Gonski agreement," Ms. Boyd added. Statistics reveal that "Where schools will receive an extra \$18.6 billion by 2027 under 'Gonski 2.0', this is \$22.3 billion less than Gonski 1.0 which was agreed with between the Federal and States and Territories". Ms. Boyd added. "We are backing our Premier and our Education Minister, who are supporting our state by insisting that the Federal Government honour the full agreement signed in 2013."

"The political expediency will only disadvantage our children and it is appalling that the government is knowingly underfunding education of a generation of students. It's not as if the Government is lacking funds. Some figures suggest that Federal bureaucrats cost up to \$58 billion a year. Reducing only that by just 2% could provide funding for Gonski."

Data from the Federal Government's documents show that [Australian schools will be \\$22.3 billion worse off over 10 years](#) than they would be if the Gonski 1.0 agreement were honoured in full, as reported in the NSW Teachers Federation media release.

"We have no intention of letting the Turnbull Government off the hook and we are adamant that what was promised in 2013 under the Gonski 1.0 agreement must be honoured in full. We firmly support our state government in insisting that the deal signed in good faith in 2013 is honoured."

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