

Gonski 2.0 represents a broken promise by the Federal Government

P&C Federation is highly concerned over the radical overhaul that our state schools will soon face after the Gonski Review Report was released earlier this week. The recommendations will be reviewed in a special meeting of the Education Council comprising of the Federal and the State and Territory Ministers in Adelaide today.

P&C Federation President Susie Boyd commented, "Some recommendations sound positive in theory, but the devil is in the details. For example, the Gonski Review Report frequently mentions personalised learning, which we strongly support. Educational proficiency in classrooms that engages with each student is the way forward."

"Will this newly proposed 'online and on-demand student learning assessment' align with the curriculum and be assessed by the teachers as part of regular class routine? Or, will this just be another assessment that will generate more league tables and segregate our children into different boxes based on their literacy and numeracy achievements?"

"It is about ensuring that the educational outcomes of each individual student is maximised and enables them to become contributing members of our society."

Ms. Boyd went on to say, "we have seen that NAPLAN assessments have failed to help education outcomes. P&C Federation supports Minister for Education's call to ditch NAPLAN."

"Regardless of many commendable recommendations, the fact remains: Gonski 2.0 represents a broken promise by the Federal Government to public schools. NSW public schools will receive over half a billion dollars less in 2018-2019 than they would have under Gonski 1.0, and we would require this funding to implement many of the recommendations."

"Federal funding is grossly slanted to non-government schools - there is no getting around that. It is an insult to government schools and those who attend them," Ms Boyd added.

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