

## NSW Government Must Stick to Its Guns on Gonski

In the wake of the 2017-18 budget, P&C Federation is dismayed that the Gonski agreement the New South Wales government signed in 2013 will not be honoured by the Commonwealth government.

Instead, the Schooling Resource Standard (SRS) will increase at an annual fixed rate of 3.56% between 2018 and 2020 for all states and territories.

This is consistent with the announcement that the Government is overriding the 2013 Gonski agreement with a Gonski 2.0 agreement.

P&C Federation President Susie Boyd commented "If the 2013 agreement can be so easily rescinded by the Commonwealth, why should we trust them to honour any new agreement?"

The Federal Government's overhaul of education funding is particularly disappointing considering the majority of funding promised by the 2013 deal was due to be released in 2018 and 2019.

"All evidence, from studies to personal testimonies, shows that where Gonski funding is provided, the outcomes have been overwhelmingly positive. With such a strong track record, the full Gonski funding would obviously be of enormous benefit."

Ms Boyd added "We strongly urge the New South Wales government to stick to its guns and insist that the six year agreement signed in 2013 be honoured unconditionally."

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