



## David Littleproud MP

Federal Member for Maranoa

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### Media statement

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#### **Bold Quality Schools reform package set to benefit rural education: Maranoa MP**

SCHOOLS in the bush would receive more federal funding with the Coalition Government set to introduce the Quality Schools education reform package, Maranoa MP David Littleproud said today.

“Funding for schools in Maranoa is set to increase with the government committing to grow funding from \$17.5 billion in 2017 to \$30.6 billion in 2027, which will provide recurrent funding of \$242.3 billion,” Mr Littleproud said.

“Of this funding, schools in regional, rural and remote areas will receive an estimated \$57.5 billion, delivering on our commitment to distribute funding according to a model that’s fair, needs-based and transparent.”

To ensure schools receive funding in line with a genuine needs-basis and in a consistent way across Australia, David Gonski AC will lead a new inquiry into improving the results of Australian students.

“The Review to Achieve Educational Excellence in Australian Schools will provide advice on how this extra Federal Government funding should be used by schools to improve student achievement and school performance,” Mr Littleproud said.

“The review will make recommendations on the most effective teaching and learning strategies to reverse declining results, and seek to raise the performance of schools and students.

“Each child in Australia deserves the support and the opportunity to succeed. They deserve schools that are well and fairly funded and encourage the highest academic standards.

“This Coalition Government will deliver the real ‘Gonski’ needs-based funding model that Labor didn’t. We’ll end Labor’s 27 special deals with states and territories, unions and non-government school leaders. Labor traded away the principles of the ‘Gonski’ report for political expediency.

“Our bold plan will transform Australian schools. It will set our students on the path to academic excellence and achieve real needs-based funding, especially for students in regional, rural and remote classrooms across Maranoa.”

Mr Gonski will provide his final report to the government no later than December 2017, ahead of the negotiation of new school reform agreements with states and territories in the first half of 2018.

For more information on the Quality Schools reform package, check out: [www.education.gov.au/qualityschools](http://www.education.gov.au/qualityschools)

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### ***Number of schools and students in Maranoa***

Sector	Schools	Students
Government	137	19,704
Catholic	23	4,612
Independent	7	1,580
Total	167	25,896

These are estimates only and are based on latest enrolment data reported to the Department of Education and Training. Estimates assume the same student population applies each year from 2017 to allow for meaningful comparison. Conversely, Budget estimates assume a level of enrolment growth for each school.

### ***Estimated Commonwealth funding***

Sector	Funding growth		Average funding per student (\$)		
	2017 to 2018	2017 to 2027	2017	2018	2027
Government	5.1%	60.4%	3,523	3,703	5,651
Catholic	3.7%	41.3%	12,392	12,851	17,511
Independent	4.9%	56.8%	10,339	10,841	16,216
All sectors (average)	4.5%	52.4%	5,518	5,768	8,407

### ***Commonwealth funding from 2017 to 2021***

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Government (\$m)	69.4	73.0	76.7	80.6	84.4
Catholic (\$m)	57.2	59.3	61.5	63.7	65.9
Independent (\$m)	16.3	17.1	18.0	18.8	19.7
<b>All Sectors (\$ m)</b>	<b>142.9</b>	<b>149.4</b>	<b>156.1</b>	<b>163.1</b>	<b>170.0</b>
Year on year growth (\$m)		6.5	6.7	7.0	6.9
Year on year growth (%)		4.5%	4.5%	4.5%	4.2%

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