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## NSW Teachers Federation Media Release

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### **TURNBULL BUDGET FAILS TO SUPPORT ADDITIONAL GONSKI NEEDS-BASED FUNDING.**

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NSW Teachers Federation President, Maurie Mulheron, said the federal budget was damaging for NSW schools and had failed to extend needs-based funding, effectively prioritising tax cuts for the wealthy over education.

"It is clear that the Turnbull Government will not honour the NSW Gonski funding agreement," Mr Mulheron said.

"In response, teachers, parents and principals will be making sure that every Coalition MP understands how damaging this budget is for local schools in their electorates," he said.

"This budget has revealed that the Turnbull Government has no plan for schools other than destroying the needs-based Gonski model."

Mr Mulheron said education was shaping up as a major issue in the forthcoming election and polling by the Teachers Federation had shown there was widespread support for the Gonski funding model in marginal electorates across NSW.

"By ignoring education and the extension of Gonski funding over the final two years, Mr Turnbull has shown education is not a priority for his



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“This stands in stark contrast to the Federal ALP which has already pledged to fully fund the final years of the Gonski model, if elected, so as to enable schools to continue the essential programs and initiatives developed with the Gonski funds.”

Mr Mulheron said parents around the state were very concerned about education as an election issue even if the Prime Minister was not and teachers and parents would be campaigning to highlight the Coalition’s \$3 billion shortfall in education funding.

“The budget also fails on the crucial issue of support for students with disability,” he said.

He said the budget contains nothing to support TAFEs or to fix the crisis created by the flawed VET FEE-HELP scheme.

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