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TEACHERS AND PRINCIPALS PRAISE THE SCHOOL FUNDING LEGACY OF THE BAIRD GOVERNMENT

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Teachers and Principals across NSW today acknowledge the fine work and legacy of Mr Baird and his Government in enabling opportunity and high standards for all school students and communities in the state stemming from their full policy commitment to Gonski funding.

Indeed, the Baird and O'Farrell Governments led the nation in establishing and supporting this system of needs-based funding.

Mr Baird is quite correct in expressing his pride in what successive Coalition governments have achieved in relation to schools funding that gives schools the capacity to meet the needs of their students.

Mr Baird was right in manifesting pride in the extra resources that his Government directed towards the neediest students in the state.

The finest way to recognise and acknowledge Mr Baird will be for the successor leadership, whatever its configuration, to conserve the heritage of these policies and achievements and to continue the NSW Coalition Government's commitment and full, long-term funding support for Gonski.

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