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## NSW TEACHERS FEDERATION MEDIA RELEASE

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# DATA SHOWS TURNBULL GOVERNMENT'S FUNDING CUTS TO EACH NSW PUBLIC SCHOOL

Thursday 11 May 2017.

The NSW Teachers Federation revealed today the extent of the Turnbull Government's savage funding cuts to almost every NSW public school over the next two years.

Using confidential information received under a GIPA (formerly FOI) request, the union has school by school analysis which shows the Federal Budget has slashed more than \$846 million from NSW public schools.

This money was due to be provided in 2018 and 2019 under the Gonski funding agreement signed by the Commonwealth and NSW governments.

Even Deputy Prime Minister Barnaby Joyce's electorate, New England, will get 70% less funding for its public schools in 2018 and 2019, with a staggering \$26.38 million stripped from the area.

Acting NSW Teachers Federation President Gary Zadkovich said students in all but 10 NSW public schools will lose out under the Turnbull Government's plan.

"This school by school data shows the reality behind the deceit of the Turnbull plan. Teachers, principals and parents can see how much funding and support their students will miss out on if the Turnbull Government abandons the NSW Gonski agreement," Mr Zadkovich said.

"The Commonwealth signed up to provide \$1.1 billion for 2018 and 2019 to help our NSW public school students achieve their educational potential. This funding provides crucial extra support for students with additional learning needs.

"The callousness of the Turnbull plan is evident in the scrapping of the pledge to provide additional Commonwealth funding for students with disability.

"No matter how much Prime Minister Turnbull and Education Minister Birmingham use deceit and political spin, these figures show how much every public school in NSW will lose under their funding plan."



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North Strathfield Public School, where just last week the Prime Minister and Education Minister promoted their funding plan, will actually lose \$513,300 over the next two years.

The Federal Government's own documents show over 10 years, Australian schools will be \$22.3 billion worse off than they would be if the Gonski agreements were honoured in full.

Examples of the funding cuts for NSW public schools in 2018 and 2019:

- \* PENRITH - Cranebrook High School -\$1,225,357, Braddock Public School -\$542,319,
- \* SOUTH-WEST SYDNEY - Campbelltown Performing Arts High School -\$1,276,547, Narellan Vale Public School -\$652,249
- \* NORTH SHORE – Willoughby Girls High -\$624,350
- \* NEWCASTLE – Merewether High School -\$540,451
- \* LISMORE – Lismore Public School -\$457,662
- \* NEW ENGLAND – Hillvue Public School -\$1,473,839, Armidale High School -\$538,715,

**The cuts to funding projections for each NSW public school under the Turnbull Government can be found on the Teachers Federation website at**

**<https://www.nswtf.org.au/files/media-briefing-nsw-data.pdf>**

Notes for funding data:

\* NSW Department of Education - *"Hypothetical data set showing the estimated financial impact for each public school in NSW if the Commonwealth honours the final two years of the National Education Reform Agreement (NERA) funding."*

# Australian Government's "School Funding Estimator"

[www.education.gov.au/sites/education/files/sch/calc/index.html](http://www.education.gov.au/sites/education/files/sch/calc/index.html)

## Annual growth rate set out in the Coalition's briefing paper. 4.8% indexation for NSW. (4.1% national average.)