

# GONSKI FACT SHEET



## THREE THINGS YOU MUST KNOW ABOUT GONSKI AND THE ELECTION

### THE CHOICE ON ELECTION DAY

The future funding of all schools will be decided on July 2.

**Labor and the Greens** have promised to deliver the final two years of Gonski funding in 2018 and 2019. **80%** of that \$4.5 billion in needs-based funding will be delivered to public schools.

Under Labor, the 5 Gonski agreements will be honoured (NSW, TAS, ACT, VIC and SA) and negotiations will take place with the NT, WA and QLD over what matching funds they will contribute.

The additional funding will help all schools move towards the national resource standards recommended by the Gonski Review and set down in the Australian Education Act.

**The Coalition** will scrap the Gonski funding model and not deliver the funding set down in state agreements in 2018 and 2019.

Malcolm Turnbull has committed to increase funding for public and private schools by only 3.6% each year. The Turnbull Government has not released any information on how the funding would be distributed between states and school sectors.

But according to the Budget papers, private schools will receive 62% of the \$600 million in additional funding in 2018 and 2019 and public schools 38%.

States and territories will not be required to invest additional money or honour the Gonski agreements. They will also be required to increase testing and reporting to parents as a condition of funding.

The Labor commitment is almost **\$4 billion higher** than the Coalition's for the 2018 and 2019 years.

### WITHOUT THE FULL GONSKI STUDENTS WILL BE LEFT BEHIND

Where Gonski funding is being delivered it is getting results. 95% of public school principals who have received over \$200,000 say it has made a significant difference.

But less than one third of the total funding has been distributed and some schools have received little or no Gonski funding so far.

The full funding is urgently required to help students who require additional support and to lift overall achievement levels.

Right now many schools do not have the full resources necessary to help students with additional needs such as those from disadvantaged backgrounds and those with disabilities.

In a national survey in March this year, almost half of all public school principals (45%) described their school as under-resourced or significantly under-resourced.

### YOUR VOTE MATTERS

Gonski is all about bringing every school up to the level where it has the resources to meet the needs of every child.

We cannot as a nation accept a situation where some students are educated in schools which are properly resourced while others are held back by a lack of resources.

**This is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to ensure all schools are appropriately resourced.**

**Use your vote on July 2 to help deliver the full Gonski funding and ensure that no child misses out on the education that they need.**

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