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CASTLE HILL INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS GET A HELPING HAND

Non-government schools in the Castle Hill area have received \$160,000 in additional funding to put into resources where they are most needed, Member for Castle Hill, Ray Williams, announced today.

“Schools such as The Hills Grammar School, Hills Adventist College and Lorien Novalis School for Rudolf Steiner Education will benefit from this additional Gonski funding, which is calculated on a needs basis,” Mr Williams said.

“Schools know best what these needs are and how to direct these funds – for teacher’s aides to support students with disability, for teacher training or for literacy and numeracy intervention programs.”

The NSW Government is providing more than \$45 million to Catholic and Independent schools in 2017; which has increased from the \$25 million in 2016.

The funding comes from the NSW Government under the National Education Reform Agreement, also known as the “Gonski” reforms.

Under the 2013 agreement between the federal and state governments, Government, Catholic and Independent schools would all be funded to the same standard. Investment is provided on the basis of student need, such as low socio-economic status, Aboriginality and students with disability.

“The existing Gonski agreement is supported by the NSW Government because of the benefits this funding brings to our students” said Mr Williams.

“Our agreement with the federal government was to provide funds to support students in both government and non-government schools. All of our schools are important community assets, and we will continue to campaign for the federal government to honour this agreement”.

The payment, to schools below the School Resource Standard, is the first of two to be made this year.

In 2017, the NSW government will provide \$1.1 billion in funding for the non-government school sector, of which \$60 million is additional funding. Government school funding figures will be announced later this year.

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