



# The Hon Ray Williams MP

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**Member for Castle Hill**  
**Minister for Multiculturalism and**  
**Minister for Disability Services**

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### **FUNDING INCREASE TO MEET THE NEEDS OF SCHOOLS IN CASTLE HILL**

Government schools in Castle Hill will be able to improve education resources and support for students with \$6.5M in needs-based funding for 2018.

The funding will be available to address the specific needs of schools. Schools may choose to implement initiatives such as targeted literacy and numeracy support, teacher training and speech pathologists.

Member for Castle Hill Ray Williams welcomed the funding for local schools.

“This funding will give schools the freedom to meet the specific needs of students and our local community,” Mr Williams said.

“I’m pleased the NSW Government is delivering the extra resources our local schools need to provide the high-quality education our children need and deserve.”

Providing school funding on a needs basis was vital to getting the best possible educational outcomes. The combination of funding increases and changes will enable schools to sharpen their focus even more on catering for the specific academic and wellbeing needs of their individual students.

Schools across NSW will receive a record \$1.09 billion in needs-based funding in 2018. This includes \$80 million in additional funding, which is an 8 per cent increase from 2017.

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