

Question on Notice

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Asked on 6 March 2014

Mr Minnikin asked the Minister for Education, Training and Employment (Mr Langbroek) –

QUESTION:

Will the Minister outline the benefits of the Great Results Guarantee for schools in the Chatsworth Electorate?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for his question.

I have been advised by my Department that all seven state schools within the Chatsworth Electorate will share \$1.199 million of the additional \$131 million in Great Results Guarantee funding this year by the following estimated amounts:

School name	Funding
Belmont State School	\$258,032
Camp Hill State Infants and Primary School	\$216,572
Carina State School	\$99,540
Gumdale State School	\$257,536
Mayfield State School	\$107,240
Tingalpa State School	\$116,668
Whites Hill State College	\$143,907

To receive this additional funding, schools must complete an agreement that commits them to guarantee that every student will either:

- achieve the National Minimum Standard for literacy and numeracy for their year level; or
- have an evidence-based plan, developed by the school, in place to address their specific learning needs.

The Queensland Government has targeted this additional money at primary schools as we know foundations of literacy and numeracy are established in the early years of schooling. While primary schools will receive the bulk of the additional funding, secondary schools and special schools will also share in the funding available under the Great Results Guarantee.

How each school uses their Great Results Guarantee funding to improve student outcomes will be outlined in their agreement. Each school will publish its approved Guarantee on their website and report their achievements to the community at the end of the year.

Under this agreement, schools have the flexibility and autonomy to decide how the funding should be spent to improve student performance. For example, schools may hire specialist educators to provide additional support, use targeted professional development for teachers, or buy additional learning tools such as specialised literacy or numeracy programs.

The Great Results Guarantee is an exciting initiative for Queensland state schooling as it enables schools to make key resourcing decisions and encourages them and their communities to engage around how this extra funding should be spent to achieve the best results for their students.