

Question on Notice
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Asked on 12 February 2014

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

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise the funding allocation of the Great Results Guarantee for Lytton schools in 2014 and what the government hopes to achieve from this policy?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for his question.

I have been advised by my Department that all nine state schools within the Lytton Electorate will share \$1.187 million of the additional \$131 million in Great Results Guarantee funding this year by the following estimated amounts:

School name	Funding
Brisbane Bayside State College	\$123,458
Darling Point Special School	\$47,500
Lota State School	\$64,382
Manly State School	\$183,335
Manly West State School	\$122,587
Wondall Heights State School	\$207,198
Wynnum State High School	\$70,940
Wynnum State School	\$223,975
Wynnum West State School	\$143,656

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 that the 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 additional 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 will have the flexibility and autonomy to decide how the funding should be spent to improve student performance, for example, hiring specialist educators to provide additional support, using targeted professional development for teachers, or buying additional learning tools such as specialised literacy or numeracy programs.

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