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VPA Position

Gonski Funding to Victorian Government Schools

Purpose

The Victorian Principals Association (VPA) calls on the State Government to ensure the promised Gonski funding is transparent and passed onto Victorian schools as a matter of urgency.

Background to the VPA Position

The VPA position has been determined in the following context.

- The Victorian Government signed a “heads of agreement” with the Federal Government for six years of Gonski funding to provide significant additional funding to Schools.
- The previous Secretary guaranteed Government schools would receive a further 4 per cent of funds in 2014 and onwards.
- Other states have already started to receive their portion of the funding. New South Wales and Queensland Principals have received specific statements about Gonski funding and how it will be allocated – this is not evident in Victoria.
- No transparent Gonski funding has been seen in Victorian Government schools.
- Victorian Principals have found the 2014 and 2015 Student Resources Package (SRP) Allocation to be inadequate with no evidence of additional funding.
- On average, Victorian students receive \$2000 less funding per child than other jurisdictions.
- The Victorian Auditor General Office’s (VAGO) Report has identified that DET does not understand the true cost of education nor how much resourcing schools need.
- Gonski research and VAGO have both identified that additional funding is critical to the success of the educational experience in schools.

VPA Position

The VPA advocates for:

- Additional funding to be delivered to Victorian schools under Gonski.
- Funds to be backdated and passed on to schools immediately for 2014 and 2015 years.
- Immediate transparency surrounding the entitlement of each school under each year of the funding agreement.
- Funds to be clearly identifiable on a separate line in the SRP.
- Increased pressure on the Federal Government to honour years 5 and 6 of the Gonski funding agreement.