Dear Parent,

We are writing to you about the recently released Gonski Review of school funding which found Australia is seriously under-investing in education, particularly in state schools. It recommends a complete overhaul of the way funding is delivered and a significant increase for state schools across the country.

All children at Wavell State High school would benefit greatly from the implementation of the Gonski Review’s recommendations.

The exact amount of additional funding we would receive is still to be finalised. However, even if the school received the average increase of $1,500 per student per year it would provide an additional amount of $2 million for the education of the students at our school.

Benefits of Extra Funding

With additional funding we could:

✔ Cut class sizes by employing up to an additional twenty (20) classroom teachers
✔ Provide more teacher aide assistance in the classroom for students with special needs and disabilities
✔ Employ specialist teachers, particularly for literacy and numeracy
✔ Provide additional training and support for teachers
✔ Provide teachers and resources for our specialist and extension programs
✔ Enhance facilities and resources for students.

I’m sure you will agree that these resources would have a really positive impact on teaching and learning at our school. It would help us improve the education of every single child.

Why We Need Your Help

The Gonski Review found that this additional funding is urgently required, but unfortunately neither major party has made a commitment to providing it. We really need to make the politicians understand that they should be putting the interests of our children first. This is too good an opportunity to miss. There needs to be a commitment made to the funding and new laws passed through parliament this year.

There are some simple things you can do to help:

• Complete the attached letter to our local federal MP [name] and return it the school front office. We will hand deliver them to his office
• Or send your own urgent email at [email address]. Better still call his/her office on [phone] and let him your child is worth investing more in.
• Register your support for better funding at the website www.igiveagonski.com.au
• Spread the word among other parents about why we need to get the politicians to act.

If you would like to get more involved in local activities to get the resources our children deserve, please email me at the school at the.principal@wavellshs.eq.edu.au.

Thank you,
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