

Committee Secretary
Senate Select Committee on School Funding
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Submission to the Senate Select Committee on School Funding

Dear Committee,

As the father of two children who are just entering the school system, I am faced with the prospect of public school funding being redirected towards the 'independent' school system, instead of where it is needed most.

I passionately believe that every child deserves the best education Australia can provide, and would like to take this opportunity to present my case for implementing the 'Gonski' measures in full, as they were taken to the 2013 Federal election.

The reforms will provide fairer funding across the board addressing current funding imbalances between independent, State and non-secular schools while providing extra help for the students who need it most.

There should be absolutely no difference in our expectations for the kind of education our children receive, regardless of the school they attend. Every child should enjoy the opportunity to meet their potential and excel in their studies. Gonski funding will allow schools to move beyond meeting basic literacy and numeracy standards toward developing creative, innovative thinkers and motivated, productive people.

Submitted by Justin Halliday, Parent regarding St Kilda Primary School

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