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Submission to the Senate Select Committee on School Funding

We are a rural school located in Goulburn NSW. We are a low SES with a current student population of approximately 165.

- Supporting out low SES students who start school language deprived
- Supporting students to engage in and experience enrichment activities such as music, art, excursions etc
- Expanding and enhancing our access to ICT to enhance student outcomes
- Employment of specialist teachers to run programs such as dance, gymnastics, computers and language enrichment
- Programs to support our G&T students (eg when we did Murder Under the Microscope, Webquests etc)
- Sporting opportunities
- Improved resourcing (eg Lesson Zone)

- Funding additional staff to run specific learning programs for indigenous students as we have done in the past (Digital stories, learning support, skill enhancement programs, DigiEd)
- Supporting out low SES students who start school language deprived
- Additional learning support teacher time to work with students
- Learning support staff to work one on one with students in their classrooms
- Additional ESL teacher time to work with students from a non- English speaking background
- ICT resources such as iPad™s and sensory technology for students with

disabilities

- ICT resources such as interactive whiteboards to enhance student learning outcomes

-Excursions to enrich student learning experiences and relate them to real life situations, these experiences are very important to students particularly those from a low SES background

- Fund PD days so that teachers and staff to participate in professional learning days (these are mandatory for staff development)

- Allow the school to fund release staff so that teachers are able to attend professional development

-Allow specialist teachers to work with colleagues to develop learning programs

- To allow us to continue to provide our students with optimal learning experiences

- To enable us to employ the specialist that allow our students to excel in areas of interest

- To employ support staff who are essential in ensuring students with specific needs are supported in their learning

- To allow us to resource our school with ICT technologies that support student learning

- To allow us to purchase necessary resources such as phonics program, text books and reading materials.

- To allow us to continue to provide and maintain sporting and music resources

- To allow us to ensure we are able to continue to provide the best learning environment for all students

Submitted on behalf of Goulburn

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