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Forth Primary School is located in a rural area, adjacent to a small beachside population. Student enrolments are just over 190 and there is an active and supportive school community.

The school is attended by families living in the Forth, Leith and Turners Beach areas.

High quality teaching and best practice improves student learning outcomes. Additional resources will be used to employ specialist staffing at FPS in the areas of Reading Recovery, Literacy/Numeracy Support, Science and The Arts. Upgrading of IT hardware and classroom IT infrastructure will support improved access to multiliteracies.

Skilled teachers develop Individual Learning Plans constructed with clearly articulated learning goals supporting students with special and additional needs to access appropriate learning opportunities and reach their potential. Professional learning to build teacher capacity in areas such as differentiated learning and communication strategies.

Building links with families through Birth-4 Programs (Launching into Learning) and ESL connections assists equity of access to education.

A strategically planned, spaced delivery model of professional learning, working in teams and developing a culture incorporating planning conversations and reflective feedback requires financial resources to significantly build teacher capacity.

The full six years of Gonski funding is a pre-requisite for ensuring schools receive concurrent funding to sustain the professional learning structures and resourcing of specialist teachers to maximise improved student learning outcomes

Submitted on behalf of Forth Primary School

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