



L: Tory Toogood with Luca, 11, and Milla, 9. Picture: SARAH REED.

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therapist, now 40 and with three young children, heads for Caracas in Venezuela this week to complete her sixth marathon on six continents.

She will back up next month in Antarctica to join an elite club who have completed seven marathons on seven continents.

Even before she completed her first marathon, in New York in 2011, she had paid a deposit for the Antarctic run.

"I didn't ever think I was a runner, then when I was training for New York I got a bit of a taste for it," Tory said.

After New York, she completed a marathon in China in May 2012, a home run in Adelaide in August 2012, Kilimanjaro in March 2012 then Amsterdam in October 2013.

Her run on King George Island on the Antarctic Peninsula on March 9 will be on a loop between Uruguayan, Chilean and Chinese bases, with fewer than 100 fellow runners due to restrictions on tourists to Antarctica.

Tory's running has raised about \$13,000 for bowel cancer research so far. See www.tory-toogood.com.au/sponsor-me

SA private schools to reap \$200 million

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TOP private schools will receive millions of dollars each in taxpayer funding and a total of almost \$200 million in South Australia this year.

Prestigious Pembroke School will get about \$5.6 million, and Westminster about \$5.7 million. Prince Alfred College and St Peter's College will receive more than \$4 million each.

But the top recipient is Tyndale Christian School in Salisbury East, which will reap almost \$11 million.

The amount of federal funding each school receives depends on calculations that include student numbers and student need, but critics say the funding is increasing the divide between rich and poor.

South Australian Association of State School Organisations director David Knuckey said it was an "ongoing concern".

"It's been an issue for decades in this country. Two-thirds of students go to public schools and they only get one-third of Federal Government funding," he said.

"It certainly encourages the ongoing drift that we're seeing from public schools to private schools. Australia has one of the highest levels of students in private schools in the world."

Australian Greens education spokeswoman, South Australian Senator Penny Wright, said she was looking forward to seeing more funding for public education but that she expected that over the next four years, the amount would

fall short of what was needed to provide a good education for every child.

She said the Gonski reforms, which the Coalition had scrapped while maintaining the same amount of funding, would have ensured a fairer outcome.

"We have to look at the big picture here and what's good for the nation and we can see that Australia's education performance has been sliding internationally and Gonski showed that investing more in students and the schools that have been struggling is the most efficient way to turn this around," she said.

Mr Knuckey said he didn't think the Gonski reforms - which were designed to fund individual students based on need - would help because it didn't properly take into account a school's facilities, and the richer schools already have top-notch facilities.

State Education Minister Jennifer Rankine said all students were funded at the same rate regardless of where they lived or went to school.

She said the Coalition should honour the six-year deal struck with the previous government.

Federal Education Minister Christopher Pyne said the Coalition was "focusing on increasing school autonomy and parental engagement while ensuring we have a robust curriculum and excellent teachers to teach it".

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