

The P&C Executive feel it is essential we discuss with parents the School Funding Amendment Bill before the Australian Parliament at the present time.

The **Federal government** is currently proposing to step away from the existing agreement and avoid paying the final two years according to the signed agreement. This will result in a significant reduction in the promised funding to our school.

The School Funding Amendment Bill current before the Senate (already passed through the government-controlled Lower House):

- Will see only 40% of the funding of the original agreement honoured, bringing about a small increase of \$50 per child per year for the next ten years
- Will cap Federal government funding of public schools to 20% of the school resource standard (SRS) and private schools to 80% of the standard
- Means that schooling for children will not be funded according to need
- Abandons the increased role for the Federal government in the funding of disadvantaged students, over 80% of whom attend public schools
- Will abolish the requirement of the Federal government to increase, by 4.7% annually, funding to a school until it reaches the school resource standard
- Will lock in different funding roles for the Federal and State governments instead of developing an integrated model as originally proposed by Gonski

### **Just looking at the figures for our schools**

	<b>Federal cuts for 2018</b>	<b>Federal cuts for 2019</b>	<b>Total 2018-19</b>
<b>Kiama Public</b>	<b>\$82,354</b>	<b>\$202,512</b>	<b>\$284,866</b>
<b>Kiama High</b>	<b>\$156,556</b>	<b>\$427,377</b>	<b>\$583,933</b>

### **What can we do**

We need parents to contact Senators, members of the cross bench requesting the amendment be defeated.

**Contact Gilmore Federal Member Ann Sudmalis on (02) 4423 1782**

**Fax: (02) 4423 1785 or Email Address: [ann.sudmalis.mp@aph.gov.au](mailto:ann.sudmalis.mp@aph.gov.au)**

Show your support for defeating the bill by calling Senator Xenophon's office today on 02 6277 3713 to talk about how Gonski funding has made a difference in your school and how important it is that they vote against these cuts.

If you are unable to call you can let them know what your views are through Facebook and Twitter. Details [Here](#).

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