

Investing for Success

**Under this agreement for 2017
Cairns State High School will receive**

\$671,473*

This funding will be used to

- Target the teaching of writing in every class across the school. (Y9 85% National Minimum Standard (NMS), Y7 92% NMS)
- Increase the number of students performing in Upper Two Bands (U2B) NMS. (Y9 Writing 25% U2B, Y7 Writing 30% U2B)
- Strengthen the habit of reading and performance across the curriculum.
- Support achievement of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander pupils.
- Better engage young people at risk of disengagement through social or behaviour skilling.
- Initiate a school-wide approach to wellbeing. (School Opinion Survey 90%)

Our initiatives include

- Extensive Professional Development in leading the teaching of writing for Heads of Department.
- Structured Teaching PD for all teaching staff.
- Indigenous Improvement strategy led by a dedicated Head of Department.
- Writer's club & Wider reading program.
- Engagement Program: Social Skilling
- Wellbeing program for students and staff based on the Learning Curve

Our school will improve student outcomes by

- Training Heads of Department in the latest educational research in the practice of teaching and specifically the teaching of writing. They will then work with teacher teams to implement a range of school-wide practices.
- Health Checks and regular internal reviews of progress will assist the school in determining progress in the teaching agenda.
- The Head of Department Indigenous achievement will coordinate a comprehensive plan to accelerate student learning outcomes.
- Resource Centre and English staff will work together to implement a wider reading program in Junior Secondary.
- A case management approach will be implemented across the school to monitor, plan and improve student engagement and achievement. Support services will proactively address trend issues and dedicated resources to behaviour and engagement programs will be implemented.
- A comprehensive pastoral care program based on the Learning Curve will support student wellbeing as outlined in the reviewed Responsible Behaviour and Wellbeing plan for 2017. Staff will engage in a range of work wellbeing strategies aimed at improving student outcomes.



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