Great Results Guarantee

Under this agreement for 2014
Mackay West State School will receive $239,792*

This funding will be used to

- Increase the percentage of students meeting 2014 National Minimum Standard (NMS) in Writing (Vocabulary/Sentence Structure/Spelling) from: Year 3 - 90% to 95%; Year 5 - 86% to 92%; Year 7 - 88% to 90%; with at least 40% of Year 3, 15% of Year 5 and 16% of Year 7 students achieving in the top two bands of Writing (National Assessment Plan Literacy and Numeracy) 2014.
- Develop a learning guarantee for students who are below NMS.
- Increase the percentage of students scoring in the middle Stanine (Stanine 4 to 6) and upper Stanine (Stanine 7 to 9) ranges on Progressive Achievement Tests in Reading: from Year 2 (2014) 61% to 70% to Year 2 (2015) increasing to 77%.
- Ensure 100% of Year 2 students score a minimum of 10 points out of possible 25 points (Writing criteria - NAPLAN) by the end of Term 3, 2014 with 40% of Year 2 students scoring from 17 to 25 points.
- Improve the delivery of Literacy teaching in the Early Years (P-3) through high quality Explicit Instruction.
- Enhance Literacy learning through parent and community engagement.

Our strategy will be to

- Implement a coaching and feedback model for P-3 teachers.
- Collect and monitor effective student performance data to inform planning and pedagogical practice.
- Implement, in 2014, the school's Pedagogical Framework that was prepared in 2013.
- Tailor intervention in 2014 (targeted teaching and resourcing) to achieve learning targets.
- Provide opportunities to enhance parent/carers knowledge through parent workshops, online vignettes and enhance student understanding through outside school hours tutoring.

Evidence:
Archer, A and Hughes, C. A - Explicit Instruction, Guilford Press, 2011
Exely, B and Kervin, L - Playing with Grammar in the Early Years, ALEA, 2013

Our school will improve student outcomes by

- Building teaching capacity in explicit teaching practices in Literacy, by subsiding a literacy expert/pedagogical coach. $26000
- Engaging teacher aides and specialists (e.g. Speech Language Pathologist) to support the development of literacy learning in small groups and/or individuals for Prep, Years 1, 2 and 3. $41600
- Creating a professional development program around data analysis that supports individualised planning and pedagogical practice to meet the needs of all students. $75000
- Purchasing quality resources to enhance teaching capacity and student learning (teaching and quality reading and comprehension resources). $17192
- Engaging the parent community to identify resources and facilitate programs to enhance literacy learning. $40000
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*Based on 2013 data. To be updated when 2014 enrolment data is finalised

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Great state. Great opportunity.