Under the agreement for 2015
Mackay West State School will receive

*$276,760*

*Estimated on 2014 data. Actual funding will be determined after 2015 enrolment data is finalised.

This funding will be used to

- 100% of students (Prep-Year 6) have achieved phonological awareness by end 2015
- 90% of Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 students will perform at or above their oral chronological reading age by the end of 2015 (Achieved 82%, Oral Reading Accuracy and 87%, Oral Reading Comprehension)
- 85% of Year 3 to 6 students will perform at or above their oral chronological reading age by the end of 2015 (Achieved 85%, Oral Reading Accuracy and 89.5%, Oral Reading Comprehension)
- Increased percentage of Year 2 to Year 6 students achieving Pat-Reading Stainine Level 3 and above from 2014 to 2015 (Achieved similar to 2014, 12%); with an increased percentage of students achieving Stainine Levels 7 to 9 from 2014 to 2015 in Year 2 to 6 (Achieved percentage increase, 19.25% of students achieving well above average range.

Our strategy will be to

- Measure each student’s current knowledge and skills in each area of the developmental sequence for Reading
- Locate each student on the developmental sequence
- Design and implement teaching programs which are based on efficacy in the research literature
- Monitor student’s progress in 5 weekly intervals

Our school will improve student outcomes by

- Collaborating with an academic researcher and literacy expert Dr Carol Christensen to deepen professional knowledge of evidenced based literacy practices and embed a distinctive and explicit teaching of reading approach across the school
- Releasing teaching/non-teaching staff to receive expert coaching and professional development with Dr Christensen
- Providing literacy resources to complement our distinctive teaching approach and the provision of differentiated student reading texts
- Aligning effective school practices with home task expectations
- Providing of online resources for students to access at home and school
- Training parent helpers to provide additional targeted support for individual students

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Great state. Great opportunity.
And a plan for the future.