Investing for Success

Under this agreement for 2019
The Gap State High School will receive

$373,621*

This funding will be used to

- Improve the writing achievement of junior secondary students in the all subject areas in 2019; semester 2, 35% As for LOA all year levels, 40% students in U2B for NAPLAN writing in year 7 and year 9, 100% above NMS for all strands
- Improve the writing achievement of senior secondary students, particularly in the QCS writing task in 2019, above state mean for QCS writing task by 5%
- Increase teacher capacity to deliver the Australian Curriculum with fidelity for 7-10 and the new SATE in year 11 and year 12, 35% As for LOA for all year levels, 100% students above NMS, 100% QCE/QCIA

Our initiatives include

- Professional learning community for writing to engage with Write That Essay program to design, implement high yield approaches to writing that will include developing teacher capacity to improve writing across the school. As evidenced by Fullan & Sharratt, 2012, Putting Faces on the Data, Write That Essay, 2012, Dr Ian Hunter.
- Professional learning community to improve teacher ability to identify the writing demands of the Australian Curriculum learning and subjects. Accelerating Improvement: DET School Improvement Model, DET School Improvement Hierarchy Reflection Tool, LOA & NAPLAN data comparison
- Develop teacher knowledge and understanding of P-10 Australian Curriculum content descriptions and achievement standards by designing and supporting processes for robust intra-school and inter-school moderations partnering with cluster primary schools and academically similar high schools.
- Develop teacher knowledge and understanding of new Yr 11 and Yr 12 Australian Curriculum content descriptions and achievement standards by designing and supporting processes for robust intra-school and inter-school moderations with academically similar high schools.

Our school will improve student outcomes by

- Professional learning communities engage with in-house and Write That Essay professional learning opportunities to improve writing from year 7 to year 12. Resources: $65,000
- Literacy coaches to support teachers to improve their capacity to use high yield teaching strategies that support the whole school literacy support program. 0.4 FTE HR $65,000
- JS Curriculum Heads of Department. 1 FTE HR $96,000
- Teacher aide allocation to provide intervention and support for students below NMS. HR $84,000
- Build whole staff expertise to deliver researched programs that improve adolescents’ wellbeing resilience and motivation. HR $63,621

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* Funding amount estimated on 2018 data. Actual funding will be determined after 2019 enrolment data are finalised. Actual expenditure may be varied due to changes in finalised 2019 enrolment data and student learning needs.