



YOUR VOICE FOR NT PUBLIC EDUCATION

PUBLIC EDUCATION DESERVES to be CELEBRATED and SUPPORTED

NT COGSO is honouring Public Education Day, a time to celebrate the values and achievements of public education and to acknowledge the purpose of public education in our society.

“Public education was established in the 1880’s on the principles of access to a free, compulsory and secular education for all Australian children. As a nation in the 1900’s we added and embraced the principle of excellence, so that public education would offer students the highest standard of education,” Mrs Fudge said.

“A large part of the success story of Australia as a modern nation can be traced to the establishment of public schools across our country, based on these principles.”

“Today we highlight the critical role public schools play in our society and their work to prepare students to be successful, contributing members of their local, national and global communities.”

“Sadly, on Public Education Day this year, schools and parents are staring down the barrel of a Turnbull Government funding model that will slash \$150M from government schools over the next decade.”

“Our public schools must be well-resourced and appropriately funded to provide access to a high-quality education for all students, regardless of where they live across the Territory.”

“David Gonski and his review team conducted their review of school funding and recommended to the Turnbull government that all students in Australia have their education funded according to individual need.”

“In the Territory we have some of the most disadvantaged and vulnerable young people and every child, no matter where they live, has a right to a high-quality education and to achieve their full potential”

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On this Public Education Day, Northern Territory parents call on the Turnbull government to reverse their funding cuts and to provide and sustain equitable funding for our students.

“Through equitable funding, we know that our public schools will have a better opportunity to address disadvantage through education and build a stronger Northern Territory for the future.”

“NT COGSO believes that public education deserves to not only be celebrated but to be supported, NT students deserve the best opportunity to succeed.”

“We will proudly continue to advocate for better education outcomes for our children,” Tabby Fudge concluded.

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