



# Media Release

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### **COALITION PROMISE TO ALL LOCAL SCHOOLS: WE WILL MATCH FUNDING**

A Coalition government will provide all local schools with funding certainty and honour all commitments for the next four years.

There are more than 50 schools in the Flinders electorate, ranging from Sorrento Primary on the southern Mornington Peninsula to Cowes Primary on Phillip Island.

All of the electorate's schools will have the certainty of knowing that the Coalition will match the dollar-for-dollar commitments already made by the government to schools over the next four years.

While the Rudd-Gillard Government has made a mess of school funding arrangements with seven different Gonski deals in place, we know that schools and parents need certainty.

The announcement by Tony Abbott means that if elected, a Coalition government will:

- ensure Commonwealth schools funding committed by Labor for school year 2014 will flow to all states and territories irrespective of whether they have signed a deal with the Gillard or Rudd Government;
- amend the Australian Education Act to ensure the states, territories and non-government sectors keep authority for their schools; and
- match the Commonwealth funding for schools committed by Labor over the forward estimates.

Most importantly of all, local schools will have funding certainty but without a national takeover of schools.

A Coalition Government will work co-operatively with the States and Territories to deliver a better education system.

I want all of our local schools to deliver better quality education through better teaching, better teachers, more community engagement, and more principal autonomy as well as through fair funding.

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