Investing for Success

Under this agreement for 2018
Cairns School of Distance Education will receive $481,518*

This funding will be used to:

- create a system for data review and feedback on the school’s signature pedagogies
- create and implement an interdisciplinary case management system for supporting students to engage in successful learning
- ensure every student will achieve a minimum of ‘C’ standard in English, Mathematics and Science, at the approved curriculum level.

Our initiatives include:

- developing a shared understanding of ‘data literacy’ for support teachers and leadership teams to effectively use data to inform targeted teaching
- developing a shared understanding of the school pedagogical framework, building teacher capability to apply the Cairns School of Distance Education (CSDE) signature pedagogy of Visible Teaching, Visible Learning to:
  - use technology to differentiate and improve learning
  - embed feedback in the teaching and learning cycle
  - deliver surface, deep and transferable learning.
- developing teachers’ capability to design and deliver highly individualised programs to students using the general capabilities of the Australian Curriculum
- developing an interdisciplinary case management approach to supporting students to engage in successful learning
- employing teacher aides to support identified students.

Our school will improve student outcomes by:

- upskilling teachers in the use of OneSchool so that all teachers are using the Student Profile Support Section, differentiation placemat, and dashboard functionality $5,000
- providing TRS to enable teams of teachers/leaders to engage in collaborative data inquiry, action learning, lesson observations and feedback, and collaborative planning $50,000
- developing, resourcing and implementing
  - professional development and
  - an instructional leadership coaching and feedback cycle to support teachers in data gathering, collation, analysis and use $17,500
- releasing curriculum and care case managers to facilitate the strategic review of student data and to generate individualised support plans for identified students $50,000
- engaging the services of a Youth Support Co-ordinator to work with the school community (students, teachers, parents, elders) to increase student attendance and engage parents in their students’ learning $75,000
- employing teacher aides to provide focussed literacy and individual support for identified students $284,018

TOTAL $481,518

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