

Great Results Guarantee

Under the agreement for 2015

Cairns School of Distance Education will receive

\$131,181*

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

This funding will be used to

1. Develop, resource and implement a professional development and coaching program that consolidates a wellbeing plan for students, parents and staff
2. Increase the percentage of students at or above the NAPLAN National Minimum Standard or have an individual support plan in place to address specific learning needs of those students who do not meet the standard
3. Increase the number of students receiving a QCE, or equivalent, from 84% in 2014 to 89% in 2015.

Our strategy will be to

1. Establish professional learning communities for staff to share and evaluate strategies and their impact on student learning
2. Provide focused and intensive teaching for students requiring additional support to demonstrate achievement against year level achievement standards
3. Deliver programs that better prepare and support teaching staff and home tutors to consolidate student learning in numeracy and literacy

Our school will improve student outcomes by

- Employing coaches and teacher aides to provide professional development and support to increase teachers and home tutors' repertoire of effective strategies for the
 - Teaching of writing via 'Seven Steps to Writing Success'
 - Teaching of reading and comprehension across learning areas
- Employing administration officers to track QCE/QCIA individual student case-management
- Providing professional development in coaching and mentoring to all staff
- Designing and implementing a social and emotional wellbeing program that involves delivering professional development for staff, utilising appropriate resources and providing timetabled wellbeing lessons for students



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