Dear Parent,

I am writing to you about the future funding of our school and the education of your child.

The recently released Gonski Review of school funding found Australia is seriously under-investing in education, particularly in public schools.

It recommends a complete overhaul of the way funding is delivered and a significant increase for public schools across the country.

**All children at North Sydney Boys High School would benefit greatly from the implementation of the Gonski Review’s recommendations.**

The exact amount of additional funding we would receive is still to be finalised. However, even if the school received the average increase of $1,500 per student per year it would provide an additional amount of $1.37million for the education of the students at our school.

**Benefits of Extra Funding**

*With additional funding we could:*

- Cut class sizes by employing additional classroom teachers
- Provide more assistance in the classroom for students with special needs and disabilities
- Employ specialist teachers, particularly for literacy and numeracy
- Provide additional training and support for teachers

I’m sure you will agree that these resources would have a really positive impact on teaching and learning at our school. It would help us improve the education of every single child.

**Why We Need Your Help**

The Gonski Review found that this additional funding is urgently required, but unfortunately neither major party has made a commitment to providing it.

We really need to make the politicians understand that they should be putting the interests of our children first. This is too good an opportunity to miss. **There needs to be a commitment made to the funding and new laws passed through parliament this year.**

There are some simple things you can do to help:

- **Complete** the attached letter to our local federal MP Mr Joe Hockey, and return it the school front office. We will hand deliver them to his office
- **Or send your own urgent email** at J.Hockey.MP@aph.gov.au. Better still, call his office on 02 9929 9822 and let him your child is worth investing more in.
- **Register your support** for better funding at the website www.igiveagonski.com.au
- **Spread the word** among other parents about why we need to get the pollies to act

**If you would like to get more involved in local activities to get the resources our students deserve please email the school at office@nsbhs.nsw.edu.au**

Thank you,

Robyn Hughes
Principal
June 2012

The Hon. Joe Hockey MP  
Member for North Sydney  
PO Box 1107  
North Sydney NSW 2059

Dear Mr Hockey

As a parent I believe there is nothing more important for our kids than giving them a great education.

That is why I urge you to act now on the Gonski Review and the funding of local schools.

Additional funding would make a real difference for our children and for the future of families in our local community.

It’s the best investment we could make for our future.

Thank you in advance,

Signature………………………………………………………………

Name…………………………………………………………………

Address………………………………………………………………


