

# Investing for Success

**Under this agreement for 2017  
Mount Isa State Special School will receive**

**\$20,505\***

## This funding will be used to

- assist nonverbal students that currently rely upon non-conventional communication behaviours to build their capacity to use a functional means of communicating their basic needs and wants.
- ensure 100% of all students achieve a senior certification in the form of Queensland Certificate of Individual Achievement on completion of Year 12.

## Our initiatives include

- provide professional development to deepen teachers' understandings of student communication needs
- develop teachers' capability to design and deliver age-appropriate individual curriculum plans to students using the general capabilities of the Australian Curriculum incorporating a focus on functional communication for all
- build teacher capability in gathering and using evidence to determine appropriate functional communication approaches for nonverbal students
- develop a whole school approach to functional communication for nonverbal students
- develop an interdisciplinary case management approach involving parents, school and community to support Indigenous students on a QCIA pathway

## Our school will improve student outcomes by

- develop and implement a whole school approach to communication
- release staff to access professional development supporting functional communication for nonverbal students
- arrange for teacher aides to engage with MSSWD online modules (for example, understanding autism spectrum disorder, dyslexia and significant learning difficulties, motor coordination, hearing loss, speech and language and communication needs)
- purchase assistive technology to support and enhance student learning
- release senior teacher to case manage students on QCIA pathways, and to liaise with wider community to support successful transition
- release teachers to collaboratively build capacity to support whole school communication development



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