

# Investing for Success

**Under this agreement for 2017**

**Mountain Creek State School will receive**

**\$266,215\***

## This funding will be used to

- Attain 40% or more of students achieving a 'High' or above in English by the end of Year 1 (2017) in the Prep to Year 1 sector.
- Increase the percentage of middle school students whose English results are a 'B' rating or higher as they move across the middle school sector. 38% in Year 2 (2015) to 40% or more in Year 4 (2017) in the Year 2 to 4 sector.
- Increase the percentage of upper school students whose English results are a 'B' rating or higher as they move across the upper school sector. 47% in Year 5 (2016) to 50% or more in Year 6 (2017) in the Year 5 to 6 sector.

## Our initiatives include

- Supporting a Professional Learning Community that refines the Art and Science of Teaching (ASoT) pedagogical framework to embed a shared language of teaching and learning, and collaborative practices.
- Developing links to local early childhood centres and kindergartens to enhance knowledge of on-entry to Prep expectations and to assist in a smooth transition of children into Prep and Year 1.
- Providing professional development for teachers and school leaders to support innovative practices in English including the introduction of Speech Sound Pics (SSP) as a schoolwide resource.
- Providing additional staff, training and coaching to deepen knowledge of data and its use for targeted intervention.

## Our school will improve student outcomes by

- Employing additional teacher aides through year level teams to reinforce spelling and writing initiatives as well as whole school practices such as year level intervention. (\$80,000)
- Employing additional teacher aides for targeted intervention (eg MiniLit) using a direct instruction model. (\$105,000)
- Employing staff to target specialist areas such as speech pathology and Prep transition. This will build common networks and consistent expectations. (\$30,000)
- Engaging the services of a community liaison officer to work with the school community and case manage student attendance for students at risk. (\$10,000)
- Providing resources and licenses for online learning and assessment software. (\$25,000)
- Releasing staff for targeted training in English priority areas. (\$16,215)

Evidence is based on Marzano R. works relating to the Art and Science of Teaching (Marzano Research Laboratory) and DuFour R. and R. works relating to Professional Learning Communities (Hawker Brownlow Aust).

**Rob Van den Heuvel**  
Principal  
Mountain Creek State School

**Dr Jim Watterston**  
Director-General  
Department of Education and Training