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MEDIA RELEASE

Parents call to endorse “Through Growth to Achievement: Report of the Review to Achieve Educational Excellence in Australian Schools”

The Australian Council of State School Organisations calls on the Education Council to endorse, in principle, the report of the independent review led by David Gonski AC, “Through Growth to Achievement: Report of the Review to Achieve Educational Excellence in Australian Schools” as handed down last Monday

“We call on the individual members of the Education Council to work together, in the spirit of co-operation for the benefit of our nation’s young people and provide in principle endorsement for the report’s recommendations” said Phillip Spratt, President, Australian Council of State School Organisations.

The Education Council will review the report and its 23 recommendations tomorrow at a special meeting called specifically to hear from David Gonski AC

“Whilst ambitious in nature, the report recognises the value of collaborative and supportive partnerships at all levels, offering a broad and sustainable foundation for future improvement” adds Mr Spratt

The report notes the importance of engaging with families from the early years and acknowledges the importance of personalised learning and the need to equip every student to be a creative, connected and engaged learner in a rapidly changing world - with tangible support for teachers to be the best that they can be.

“We were particularly pleased to see a number of our recommendations reflected in the report and look forward to working in conjunction with the stakeholders in education to determine how they are implemented.”

“The report provides an opportunity for significant education reform, and with collaborative resourcing from all jurisdictions to deliver its true potential it will be of great benefit to our children’s future, and for the future of our proud nation” Mr Spratt said



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“We urge the Council to take a holistic approach and work together in the spirit of co-operation and collaboration to provide a freedom of opportunity for all – especially for those in our public schools who have the most to gain from improving learning outcomes.”

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The Australian Council of State School Organisations is the national voice for parents and communities supporting public schools in Australia. This represents some 2.53 million students, and their 1,400,000 parents who are the initial and ongoing educators of their children. This is a family cohort of close to 4 million people.



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