A Flying Start for Queensland Children
Boosting performance for all schools

High expectations, even better teaching and improved discipline are essential to boosting the performance of our schools and the success of our students.

Major education reforms in Queensland, as outlined below, are designed to raise standards.

The Queensland Government established the Queensland Education Leadership Institute in 2010 as the platform to provide school leaders with the skills and training they need to help drive major educational reforms.

It is essential teachers have a sound knowledge of reading, writing, mathematics and science, and how to teach these areas. The Masters Review in 2009 reinforced the importance of strong core teaching skills, which is why pre-registration tests for new primary school teachers are being developed.

The government commissioned the Caldwell Review in 2010 to examine teacher preparation programs and is taking action on the key findings.

Shared standards for both state and non-state schools will raise performance in all Queensland schools. Having one education standards authority will connect school accreditation standards with curriculum, assessment and reporting standards.

What we will do:

- Legislate for all Queensland schools to be accredited under shared standards for the first time. The standards will cover key issues for school quality, such as educational programs, student welfare, including behaviour management and school resources.

- Legislate to establish a new independent education standards authority to monitor the standards in all schools from 2013. The authority will merge and expand the functions of the Queensland Studies Authority and the Non-State Schools Accreditation Board.

- Provide on-the-job training for preservice teachers in state schools and professional development for practising teachers at five Teacher Education Centres of Excellence. Independent schools will also set up centres of excellence, while Catholic schools will boost mentoring for new teachers.

- Ensure all teacher education programs prepare teachers to assess student learning and give personalised support to students with diverse needs. All programs will also be strengthened with a renewed focus on behaviour management.

- Establish a Ministerial Taskforce to work through further reforms to teacher education, based on the recommendations of the Caldwell Review.

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