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Australian Council of State School Organisations Limited

## Celebrating Public Education

Today, May 25, Public Education Day is celebrated in government school communities across Australia.

“This day provides an opportunity to highlight the outstanding achievements of public education and its place as the foundation of Australian society,” announced Sharron Healy, President of the Australian Council of State School Organisations (ACSSO).

“We hope your school community takes the opportunity to celebrate the work of the school staff, the achievements of the students and the ongoing partnerships with families and community”.

Celebrate the resilience of the last few years of ongoing challenges and acknowledge the importance of family and community engagement”

“Our local members of Parliament still need to gain a greater understanding of how important a well-funded public education system is to their local communities and our nation. Government acknowledgement, both state and federal, of the true value of public education is critical to the future of a democratic Australia. We hope you have invited them to an event”

Lessons learned from the past 10 years make it clear that public education requires optimum resourcing to ensure a sound economic future for our nation.

“Education funding in Australia must be fair, simple and transparent to allow all young people, of all backgrounds, the freedom to succeed in their local schools. As a smart country we must place the future of our young people of our nation, particularly those who face challenges, first.”

This year, whilst reviewing the National School Reform agreement we need to focus on what will support our young people to be the best they can be.

“Our public schools are THE first choice for the majority of families and should rightly be the number one investment priority for all government levels.” Mrs Healy concluded.

Happy Public Education Day!

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