Under the agreement for 2015
Blackwater State High School will receive

$109,877*

*Estimated on 2014 data. Actual funding will be determined after 2015 enrolment data is finalised.

This funding will be used to

- Every student accessing a different year level curriculum (that is, with an individual curriculum plan) will achieve a ‘C’ standard or better against the relevant year-level achievement standard.
- Increase the percentage of Year 12 OP eligible students attaining an OP 1-15 from 66% (2014) – 75% (2015).
- Sustain 100% of Year 12 students attaining a Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) or Queensland Certificate of Individual Achievement (QCIA) at in in 2015.
- NMS for Writing Yr 9 (2015) >82% & Upper 2 Bands - >15%, Yr 9 >90% & Upper 2 Bands >15%
- Ensure 95% of students in Year 7 & 9 are achieving National Minimum Standards in Reading, Language Conventions and Numeracy.
- Develop a learning plan for students who are below the National Minimum Standards Years 7 to 9.

Our strategy will be to

- Provide targeted, explicit teaching of writing skills based on NAPLAN assessment and data analysis (John Hattie)
- Embed the culture, climate, processes and protocols of classroom observation and feedback to support professional development and encourage reflective practice/action learning.
- Provide professional development and coaching to ensure teachers are able to deconstruct Australian Curriculum in Mathematics, English & Science.
- Establish a professional learning community of teachers from the Blackwater implement, share and evaluate writing strategies in their classrooms.
- Engage in Yumi Deadly Math (QUT) techniques to engage and provide targeted instruction to secure highly effective teaching of mathematical concepts and skills in every classroom.

Our school will improve student outcomes by

- Employ a HOD Literacy (across the cluster) to develop and implement a whole cluster approach to teaching writing - $20 000
- Employ .5 Master Teacher to engage in coaching and mentoring in the teaching of Literacy and Numeracy in Year 7-10 classrooms – focusing on Reading and Numeracy - $60 000
- Professional Development for staff to aid in the ‘unpacking’ of the Australian Curriculum - $5 000.
- Engage with QUT to train key staff in the implementation of Yumi Deadly math - $3 000
- Support the Senior Schooling HOD through employment of .4 Youth Transitions officer to work with Year 11 and 12 students, the teachers and their parents to help them make decisions that enable them to achieve their highest possible level of attainment - $14 000

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