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Coalition's Better Teaching Reward Fund Welcome

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The Coalition's expanded and enhanced education policy announced today is welcome, particularly as it contains a commitment to provide financial recognition for quality teachers.

It is pleasing that the Coalition's \$200 million Better Teacher Reward Fund will be open to every school in Australia, particularly those that are disadvantaged, or have a high proportion of special needs students, and schools that are located in regional areas.

The focus on education in the election campaign reflects the growing political and public acceptance that education is vital for the future of Australia. Modern buildings, facilities and the latest equipment are essential, but the teacher and the quality of teaching is the most significant variable in student learning.

Good teaching outcomes are gained through teamwork and teachers are not motivated by money alone; however, they do deserve financial recognition for personal achievement. This will contribute to attracting, developing and retaining high quality teachers who can help the profession to improve teaching outcomes.

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