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PRIORITY FUNDING FOR LOCAL SCHOOLS

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Member for Tamworth Peter Draper has welcomed a \$193,000 boost for priority funded schools in the electorate of Tamworth. Eight schools in the electorate have received their first instalment for the year from the Priority Schools Funding Program.

The funding is targeted at students from less affluent parts of the state, and is designed to boost literacy and numeracy for all students, regardless of location or background.

“Across the state some 540 schools will benefit enormously from \$59 million in additional funding resources. Additional teachers and teacher training, as well as extra books and teaching aids will all assist in improving literacy and numeracy in these schools,” Mr Draper said.

“The primary aim of this funding is to reduce the performance gap between affluent areas, and areas that are not as well off financially, so it is a scheme designed to deliver results,” Mr Draper said.

Schools to benefit from the program in the Electorate of Tamworth are:

Limbri Public School:	\$9,037
Carroll Public School:	\$9,537
Currabubula Public School:	\$10,237
GS Kidd Memorial School:	\$12,282
Bullimbal School for Special Purposes:	\$14,523
Gunnedah Public School:	\$33,249
Hillview Public School:	\$47,049
Peel High School:	\$57,264

Total Funding: \$193,181

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