OVER 50 NSW SCHOOLS TO BENEFIT FROM SUPER TEACHERS

The Minister for Education and Training, Verity Firth has today announced an additional $19 million will be allocated to employ 47 new Highly Accomplished Teachers in NSW schools.

“The aim of Highly Accomplished Teachers is to provide excellence through quality teaching and learning in the state’s most disadvantaged communities.

“They are chosen not only for their teaching experience but because they have demonstrated an ability to broaden and strengthen the teaching skills of their colleagues.

“This is about deploying the state’s best and brightest teachers to schools where they are needed the most which is one of the reasons why we reward Highly Accomplished Teachers with increased pay.

“Teacher quality is widely recognised as the single greatest in-school influence on student engagement and outcomes and we’re dedicating these resources to the schools where they’re needed the most.”

The additional 53 schools selected to join the National Partnership for Low Socio-Economic Status Communities were chosen based partly on their 2010 NAPLAN results.

The funding will boost the number of NSW government schools on the list to 609.

“Highly Accomplished Teachers will coordinate professional learning, forge links with universities and support their colleagues to improve student learning outcomes in numeracy and literacy,” Ms Firth said.

“We want to ensure that every student in NSW has the best possible chance of a quality education.

“It is no secret that students from low SES communities sometimes perform below their peers and we know the most important factor in reversing disadvantage in the classroom is the quality of the teacher.”
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| **Hunter Central Coast**      | • Northlakes Public School  
• Waratah West Public School  
• Gateshead Public School and Gateshead West Public School (to share a Highly Accomplished Teacher appointed to Gateshead PS)  
• Tenambit Public School  |
| **Illawarra and South East**  | • Albion Park Rail Public School  
• Bradfordville Public School  
• Queanbeyan West Public School  
• Culburra Public School and Greenwell Point Public School (to share a Highly Accomplished Teacher appointed to Culburra PS)  |
| **New England**               | • Gilgai Public School  
• Quirindi Public School  
• Kootingal Public School  
• Narrabri Public School  
• Newling Public School  |
| **North Coast**               | • Woolgoolga Public School  
• Centaur Public School  
• Banora Point High School  
• Evans River Community School  
• Coutts Crossing Public School, Glenreagh Public School, Lawrence Public School (to share 2 Highly Accomplished Teachers appointed to Coutts Crossing and Glenreagh PS)  |
| **Riverina**                  | • Albury West Public School  |
| **South Western Sydney**      | • Granville Public School  
• Austral Public School  
• Holroyd High School  
• Leppington Public School, Badgerys Creek Public School, Horsley Park Public School (to share a HAT appointed to Leppington PS)  
• Smithfield West Public School  
• Wattawa Heights Public School  
• Belmore South Public School  
• Condell Park Public School  
• Buxton Public School  
• Minto Public School  
• Tahmoor Public School, Cawdor Public School (to share a HAT appointed to Tahmoor PS)  
• Merrylands Public School  
• Sarah Redfern Public School  
• Campbelltown Public School  
• Thomas Reddall High School  |
| **Sydney**                    | • Canterbury Public School  |
| **Western NSW**               | • Orana Heights Public School  
• Oberon Public School  
• Cobar Public School  
• Blayney Public School  
• Parkes East Public School  
• Cobar High School  
• Dubbo College South Campus  |
| **Western Sydney**            | • Crawford Public School  
• Glossodia Public School  
• Bert Oldfield Public School  
• Blacktown Boys High School  |
| **Total**                     | 47 Highly Accomplished Teachers – 53 Schools  |