



CHANEL COLLEGE

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"To act justly, to love tenderly and walk humbly with your God" Micah 6:8

From the Principal

On Wednesday we celebrated Chanel Day – and what a wonderful day of celebration it was! We began the day with a beautiful Mass celebrated by Fr Alike and Fr Kevin. Thank you to Ms Dyer and Mrs Hoare for all of the preparation behind the scenes and to all of the staff and students who participated in the Mass. Special thanks to Ms Frank, Mrs Tanna and the choir members for the beautiful music during Mass and to Mr King for IT support.

Special congratulations to ALL of the Year 12 students for their successful organisation of the student activities and to Mr Rose and Mrs Wales for co-ordinating the whole day.

I would like to congratulate every member of our community for participating in this day of celebration with such obvious enthusiasm.

Visit by the Bishop

Bishop Michael was in our Parish on the week-end for Confirmation. He included in his schedule, a visit to the Catholic schools in our area. We were delighted to welcome him to Chanel on Monday. While here, he visited classes, spoke with staff and students, and toured our newly refurbished areas. We thank Bishop Michael for his presence and for the great interest that he takes in our Catholic school community.

Year 7 Enrolments

A reminder to prospective students and their parents/guardians that first round applications for **Year 7 for 2018 enrolments close on Friday 26 May.**

Chanel Person of the Year

A special tradition that takes place on Chanel Day is the announcement of the 'Chanel Person of the Year'. This is a very special award that was started by a past principal, Br Roger Burke, in the late 1980s. The person who receives this award is recognised for his/her dedication and outstanding contribution, over many years, to the flourishing of our College. To receive this award is a great honour for it is a formal recognition of many years of outstanding service to Chanel College.

This year I had the privilege of announcing that Mrs Kym Williams is the 2017 Chanel Person of the Year.

Over a period of time spanning decades, Kym worked tirelessly for the Chanel College community. She was highly respected and well-loved as a parent, a volunteer, and as a member of staff. Over many years, Kym did volunteer work in the print room and the tuckshop. She was also a member of the College Board and the College Spirituality Team. In 1996, she became a member of the College staff and remained on staff until her retirement in 2016.

Kym is remembered as a confident, compassionate and loyal friend by many. She put 110% into everything that she did for Chanel and was always the first to put her hand up if something needed to be done. Kym helped everyone, did everything, never complained, and always had a welcoming or encouraging word for everyone she met.

In every way, Kym was dedicated to Chanel College and has been an outstanding ambassador for Chanel within the College, within the Gladstone community, and within the wider community of Rockhampton Catholic Education. All those who knew Kym agree that she truly embraced the College motto, "To act justly, love tenderly and walk humbly with your God." She is indeed a very worthy recipient of the award of Chanel Person of the Year.



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Sincerely

Dr Susan Bunkum PhD



Good News

Kath Hore - Mission & RE Support Officer

Red Shield Appeal

Year 11 students will be collecting donations for the Red Shield Appeal in the local Chanel area on Monday 29 May. An information letter was given to all students at a briefing session in which they were informed of the procedures and expectations for the collection. This is a great opportunity for our students to reach out and help meet the needs of people in the wider community.

RED SHIELD APPEAL



National Reconciliation Week – 27 May to 3 June

This year's theme is *Let's Take the Next Steps*.

National Reconciliation Week runs annually from 27 May – 3 June. These dates mark two milestones in Australia's reconciliation journey: the 1967 referendum and the historic Mabo decision, respectively.

This year, 2017, marks the 50th anniversary of the 1967 referendum, and 25th anniversary of the Mabo decision. As we commemorate these significant milestones, we ask all Australians to be a part of the next big steps in our nation's reconciliation journey. *For more information visit <http://www.reconciliation.org.au/nrw/>*

Second Hand Uniform Outlet

The Second Hand Uniform 'Outlet' - **now located in the Student Services Building** - is open during first break, each Wednesday. Please enquire at the front desk in Student Services.

Formal uniforms are \$10.00 per item, sports uniform and house shirts are \$5.00 per item and jackets sell for \$25.00 each. All prices are negotiable.

If you have uniforms your child no longer requires - all donations are gratefully accepted and many thanks to those who have already sent in donations.

Thursday Mass

Mrs Miles' Year 11 CMT Class – Thursday 25 May

Ms Larney's Year 8 Religion Class – Thursday 1 June

Mass is celebrated in the College Chapel at 10.40 am each Thursday. **ALL WELCOME**

Please Pray for ...

- People in our community who are unwell or recovering from illness
- Governments and organisations working towards reconciliation for all people
- People in South Sudan suffering from famine
- Year 11 students as they door-knock for the Red Shield Appeal and the work of the Salvation Army
- Refugees who are in limbo with no place to call 'home'

Praise and Thanks for ...

- All people, especially past students of Chanel, who are working in our world to ensure that justice and peace prevail
- Parents helping at retreats and the positive experience for Year 10 Students while on retreat
- The many different programs and events students participate in, enhancing their spiritual, cultural and intellectual growth

If you have any requests for either of the above prayers, please leave your request at the Office.

PARKING IN PATERSON STREET

Just a reminder to parents that if you need to park in Paterson Street while waiting to pick up your child of an afternoon, please **DO NOT** park across residents' driveways so that they are unable to access or leave their property. It is important to be patient and courteous.



Bishop Michael at Chanel

Bishop Michael visited Chanel College last week, and while he was here, inspected our new facilities that are under construction as well as our newly refurbished buildings. Bishop Michael visited classes and was wonderful in providing a Year 12 Study of Religion class with some great answers to their questions. He also visited the Biology Lab and was given a lesson in the testing of water levels.

Thank you Bishop Michael it was a pleasure to have you visit our community.



Year 10 Retreat

Our Year 10 students recently retreated to Tanyalla to reflect on and learn about relationships with each other, their families and their God. The feedback and comments from our Year 10 students were very positive and indicate that their time at Retreat was both enjoyable and rewarding.

Some of their comments included – *“This program helped me to develop deeper relationships and figure out peoples' strengths so we can incorporate them more.”* *“The session I enjoyed the most was dancing, it made me feel like no one was going to judge me for what I look like or for myself as it was fun.”* *“The session I enjoyed the most was the bridge building as it made me realise that I don't always know the outcome and to have hope always.”* *“To improve or maintain positive relationships I could be more caring and kind and in some situations more truthful and honest.”*

Thank you to the many parents who volunteered to assist with the preparation of the meals at Tanyalla, your assistance was greatly appreciated by the students, Chanel Staff and Jenny and David Wilson.



Curriculum Matters

Lorraine Johnson
Assistant Principal Curriculum

Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority

The Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority issues every student a Senior Statement at the end of Yr 12. The Senior Statement is a summary of all studies undertaken by students during Years 11 & 12. QSA also issues the Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE). The QCE is issued to those students who have reached a minimum standard set by the QCAA. All assessment that contributes to the Senior Statement is delivered through QCAA.

The College's Assessment Policy is developed from the requirements of assessment for QCAA. Attendance at examinations and submission of assessment is bound by the guidelines of the QCAA policy. Students are only given rescheduled exams or extensions for assignments for medical or compassionate reasons.

It has been noted this week by the College that Ed Sheeran has scheduled his concert in the middle of the Exam Block for Term 1 [Week 9 2018]. Unfortunately attendance at the Ed Sheeran concert does not constitute a valid reason for being absent from an exam. Thank you to the parents who have rung the College to ascertain if their child would be missing anything at that time.

Attention Parents

Students should not be bringing their Chromebook chargers to school, as their use in a classroom is a violation of health and safety guidelines. Additionally, if they are lost, a new one will have to be purchased.

Your invitation...



Dr Debbie Pushor is returning to our Queensland Dioceses to build on our Parent Engagement knowledge

EVENT DETAILS

DATE: Tuesday 23 May

LOCATION: Chanel College
11 Paterson St, West Gladstone

TIME: Principals/Staff session 3.30pm
Parent Session 7.30pm

DURATION: Approximately 1 hour

Parents, Teachers, Staff and Principals are invited to attend this **free event**. Debbie will widen her conversation about Parent Engagement in your school community. 2 sessions have been organised for you. Your investment of time will be well worth it.

RSVP

Please RSVP today to info@pandf.org.au or ph. 07 33369242
(Light refreshments will be served)



Community Representatives Needed

Chanel College is calling for persons to act as Community Representatives to assist with the administration of the 2017 Queensland Core Skills (QCS) Test. This year the test will be held on Tuesday 29 August and Wednesday 30 August. These are paid positions. If you are interested in finding out more about this opportunity please contact the Chanel College Office for more information by Friday 19 May.



Chanel Lifesavers

12 More Lives Saved!

Lauren Dredge, Georgia Haigh, Destiny Harmer and Gabrielle Adkins all joined me on May 10 to make their first blood donation to the Red Cross Blood Service. All four showed incredible maturity and were completely poised and at ease. We at Chanel are very proud of them!

Did you know there are many benefits of giving blood to the actual donor?

- Repeated blood donations may help your blood to flow better
- Every blood donor gets a "mini physical" prior to donation
- For each unit of blood donated, you lose about one-quarter of a gram of iron, which is one of the best ways to avoid the health risks associated with iron overload
- People who volunteer for altruistic reasons, i.e. to help others rather than themselves live longer

Our next group donation will be in early Term 3. Send me an email if you are interested in donating. C'mon we know you've got it in you!

Mrs Botica

Donations Needed

The Student Access Centre is in need of any Board Games or Puzzles. If you have any you no longer need, please consider donating them to help out our Access Centre. Thank you

NEW ZEALAND SKI TRIP



Could all parents of students involved with the New Zealand trip please attend a **Ski Trip Information meeting** next **Thursday 25 May**. It will be held at 6.00 pm in MC102/3.



Chanel College Choir *"Singing for Mum"*

Congratulations to the Choir who sang beautifully at the St Peter's Mothers' Morning Tea last week. Their harmony wowed the hundred - strong audience as they led a happy sing-song down memory lane. Huge thanks to Mrs Tanna for her talent and inspiration!

Career News

Leanne Crane Careers Pathways Officer

2017 GLADSTONE CAREERS EXPO

Last week Years 10, 11 and 12 students attended the 2017 Careers Expo held at CQUni. With displays from many Universities, Industries and Businesses, there was so much for them to take in. What an awesome experience for our students and we hope many of them came back with a little more knowledge of their career choice. Thank you to all involved.



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Leanne Crane Careers Pathways Officer

LOGAN SETTING UP HER FUTURE

Year 12 Student Logan Johnson has recently signed up with HOGS BREATH CAFE to complete a Certificate III in Business. With the help of Alan Kent from MRAEL GROUP, Logan was able to complete all the paperwork that was required.

As well, Thank You to HOGS BREATH CAFE for giving Logan this wonderful opportunity that will eventually see her reach her goal of Business Management. Congratulations Logan, all the best with your career.



CHLOE AHEAD IN HER CAREER



After Year 10 student Chloe Slade attended the recent Careers Expo, she was inspired enough by CQUni to pursue a Certificate II in Hairdressing. Chloe met with CQUni teacher, Louise Stakenburg, who helped her with all the information for signing up and commencing her hairdressing career. Well done Chloe, keep up the great work.



Career News

Leanne Crane Careers Pathways Officer



Clayton powering on for his future

Congratulations to Year 12 student Clayton Kennedy, who has just finished his Certificate II in Electrotechnology at CQU and has now started Work Experience one day a week at Cutuli Electrical Gladstone. Well done, Clayton. Keep up the good work!

Year 11 & 12 VET 3 Day Work Placement 19 - 21 June

Just Reminder for all Year 11 and Year 12 VET students who are participating in Work Experience on the 19 - 21 June. All work experience forms must be back to Mrs Crane no later than Friday 19 May. This is for students doing a certificate in Tourism, Engineering, Business or Hospitality.

WE ARE BACK
Friday 26 May
CAFÉ
CHANNEL

Open 9.30 am to 2.00 pm



BRING YOUR FRIENDS AND SHARE MORNING TEA OR LUNCH
Book by 22 May by emailing: susan_going@rok.catholic.edu.au

BOOK NOW DON'T MISS OUT!

Sporting News

Kylie Kickbusch Sports Program Leader

Port Curtis Cross Country Carnival

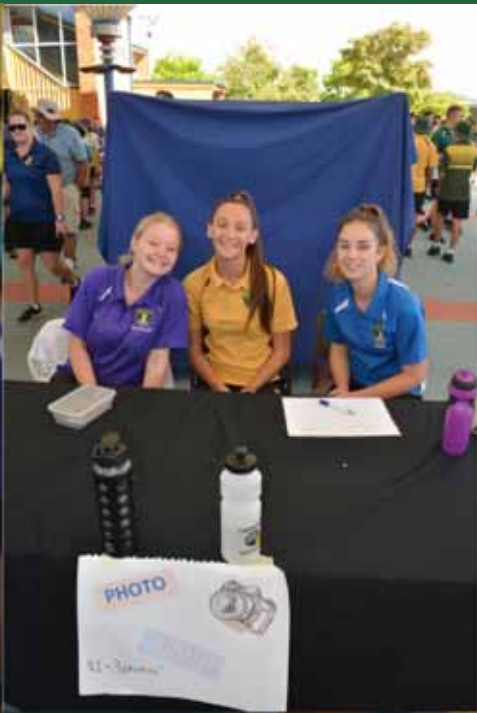
The Port Curtis trial for cross country were held on Monday 15 May at the Gladstone Golf Course. Chanel took a team of 40 runners to compete at the trials on a glorious day for running. The traditional walk over to the Course gave students a good warm up and a chance to talk race tactics with friends, who would become rivals once the race started. Students ran 3km, 4km or 6km circuits on the back-9 golf course in the hope of finishing in the top 5 to earn themselves a position on the Port Curtis team. Chanel has a rich history of students making the team and also taking out the carnival. The runners were eager to race after walking the course to get a feel for spots where they could make their moves to the front of the pack. It is a tricky course with runs up and down hills, gravel and rocky sections and grass sections around the golf course. All Chanel runners ran their hearts out and gave their all in their respective age groups. Congratulations to Zara Nash (13 Girls), Thasindu Chandrasekara (14 Boys), Tallis Stanhope (16 Boys) and Tom Smith (18 Boys) on being first across the line and claiming Age Champion in their respective age divisions. Their fantastic efforts have also earned them a spot in the Port Curtis team to compete in Mackay on May 30 at the Capricornia trials. Their efforts, along with those of all the Chanel runners, played a major part in Chanel being crowned Overall Champion School for the 2017 Port Curtis Cross Country Carnival. Congratulations to all students who competed on the day, you did yourselves proud and represented the College well. Thank you to Mr Davis and Miss Keys for helping out with supervision and jobs at the carnival; your help is invaluable! Thank you also to the students who came as student helpers for the day. Again "Congratulations" to all Chanel cross country students and once again Chanel is the Number 1 school for cross country in the Port Curtis region.



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QUEENSLAND SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA – GLADSTONE EVENTS

Queensland Symphony Orchestra (QSO) returns to Gladstone in 2017, as part of the Gladstone Enrichment through Music (GEM) Initiative, an innovative partnership between Australia Pacific LNG and the Orchestra that delivers quality musical education and concert experiences to the people of Gladstone.



GEM INITIATIVE - COMMUNITY IN CONCERT

Date: Wednesday 31 May 2017, 7pm-8.30pm

Cost: Free – bookings required (see below)

Venue: Gladstone Entertainment Convention Centre

Suitable for families of all ages

Gladstone instrumental music students will join with members of QSO to showcase the results of their GEM Initiative tutorials, workshops and ensemble rehearsals. The concert will feature members of combined secondary schools Concert Band, Symphonic Band and String Orchestra and the GEM Honours Choir featuring selected Gladstone primary students.

Bookings: GECC Box Office - P: (07) 4972 2822 E: geccboxoffice@gladstonerc.qld.gov.au W: gladec.com.au/events/



SCHOOLS CONCERT - PETER AND THE WOLF

Date: Friday 8 September 2017, 11am-11.45am

Cost: Free – bookings required (see below)

Venue: Gladstone Entertainment Convention Centre

Suitable for school years Prep-12

Prokofiev's enchanting *Peter and the Wolf* is a wonderful musical adventure performed by Queens and Symphony Orchestra. The perfect introduction to classical music, this light-hearted symphony tells the story of courageous Peter and his animal friends outwitting a fierce Wolf. The true heroes of this tale however are the instruments, with the strings, woodwinds, brass and percussion each representing different characters in the story.

Bookings: GECC Box Office - P: (07)4972 2822 E: geccboxoffice@gladstonerc.qld.gov.au W: gladec.com.au/events/

Education Resources: *Peter and the Wolf* available for download: qso.com.au/learn-qso/resources



SYMPHONY UNDER THE STARS

Date: Friday 8 September 2017, 7pm-8.30pm

Cost: Free – no bookings required

Venue: Marina Stage

Suitable for families of all ages

Join Queensland Symphony Orchestra for a free family evening of superb outdoor entertainment at the Gladstone Marina Stage. Proudly presented by Gladstone Regional Council.

For more information: Pam Lowry, QSO Education Liaison Officer - P: (07) 3833 5035 E: pam.lowry@qso.com.au



upcoming events Term 2

Week 6

Sun 21 May

- Buddies Day

Tue 23 May

- Student Representative Council Meeting (First Break)

Wed 24 May

- Stella Maris Feast Day
- Year 10 ACTS Camp

Thur 25 May

- Year 10 ACTS Camp

Fri 26 May

- Year 10 ACTS Camp
- Year 7 for 2018 Enrolment Applications Close

CAFÉ CHANNEL

Week 7

Tue 30 May

- Science ICAS Competition

Thur 1 June

- Year 11 Maths B - QCAA External Assessment

Fri 2 June

- Year 11 Maths B - QCAA External Assessment

- AIME Mentoring Program Years 9, 10, 12

Sat 3 June

- Year 7 for 2018 Interview Day

Week 8

Sun 4 June

- Star of the Sea MASS 6.00 pm
- Pentecost Sunday

STUDENT ACCESS CENTRE

Do you need help with Assignments? Homework? Careers?
Available are: Resources & Support Material, Friendly Faces

HOMWORK & ASSIGNMENT HELP

Struggling to understand or getting behind with your school work? Let our friendly staff help you.

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday at 8.00 am.

Also First Break everyday except Thursdays.

Inclusive Curriculum Coordinator: Mrs Robyn Jurd on 4973 4739

CAREERS ADVICE

Confused about Career Paths or have Work Experience enquiries? Make an appointment to see our friendly advisor.

Careers Officer: Mrs Crane on 4973 4738

Federal Government changes create uncertainty for school funding

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Over the last week you will have heard significant discussion in the media about school funding and Catholic schools in particular.

The funding package announced by the Prime Minister and the Education Minister includes a number of changes that should be of concern to us as a Catholic school community.

While the package includes a base funding increase beyond what had previously been proposed by the Federal Government, it also alluded to a number of changes to the existing funding system which may impact on the overall level of funding to Queensland Catholic schools.

The Catholic education sector is concerned the Federal Government has, to date, been unable to provide the necessary detail to allay concerns about potential funding reductions.

Some key points of concern include:

- The absolute failure of the Federal Government to consult with the Catholic sector before announcing its proposed changes
- The lack of detail and so a heightened sense of uncertainty about our future funding position
- Proposed changes to the funding model which target Catholic school systems and which will potentially reduce our funding and impact on fee levels in schools.

The Catholic education sector has urged the Federal Government to urgently meet Catholic education representatives to provide more detail about how the proposed changes will impact on schools, teachers and parents and to negotiate an acceptable outcome.

Federal Funding Q&A

Why is the Catholic sector unhappy with the deal being offered by the Federal Government?

The Catholic sector is the second largest provider of education in Queensland and in Australia. The Federal Government did not involve us in any meaningful discussions prior to the announcement of the funding package. In fact, we were not given any information at all until after the announcement of the package by the Prime Minister and the Minister on 2 May.

The proposal from the Federal Government changes the basis for funding Catholic schools which currently educate 147,000 Queensland students in 302 schools. The Government says it has created a needs-based system but it has changed the way Catholic School Authorities are able to respond to need, based on our detailed knowledge and understanding of local contexts, without any consultation with the Catholic sector.

We are asking the Federal Government as a matter of urgency to sit down with us and discuss this proposal. So far we have very little detail that we can use to properly assess the impacts on our students and teachers.

But at the end of the day you are getting more money for education. Isn't that a good thing?

We appreciate that in the first instance we will receive an increase in funding in 2018 which will be in the order of 3.7 per cent overall. The issue is that this is a 10-year deal with no certainty of funding beyond the first few years.

What Catholic schools want is certainty going forward that we will be able to continue to sustainably deliver Catholic education to students from the diversity of cultural, social and economic groups we currently provide for all over Queensland from Thursday Island to the Gold Coast and out to Mt Isa and Quilpie.

The Greiner Report has criticised Catholic schools for the way they redistribute funds. How are funds distributed to Queensland Catholic schools?

The Greiner Report was prepared for the New South Wales Catholic Education Commission. It is not a public document and we have not seen the contents but whatever it says is specific to the New South Wales context.

The Federal Government recognises that the Catholic system in Queensland has better local knowledge than a Canberra bureaucrat to determine where funding is most needed and can be best used. That is why the Government allows us to redistribute funds within our sector.

We do redistribute funds to ensure that families in our regional and remote communities and our less well-off areas can still have access to Catholic education. Those funds go to Catholic schools in areas such as: (use local examples)

- Hughenden and Winton
- Halifax and Babinda
- Thursday Island
- Mitchell
- Beenleigh and Beaudesert

Is the process for redistributing funds transparent and public?

The total funding available to every Catholic school in Queensland is published on the My School website and has been for the last five years.

Our school communities understand that there are particular schools within our Catholic system that need and deserve our help to ensure that students continue to have access to a Catholic education.

Why should some Catholic schools be funded above their Schooling Resource Standard?

We accept the move to bring school funding for each school into line with the Schooling Resource Standard calculated for its particular circumstances. In fact, we've been transitioning towards that for some years now and we certainly think it can be achieved within the 10-year time frame set out by the Federal Government in this package.

Do you divert government education funding into any parish activities?

In Queensland it is illegal for funds provided for education to be used for any other purpose. Education funding must be applied to education and that is exactly what we do.

On top of the legal requirements we also have our own guidelines that ensure schools meet all their responsibilities as not-for-profit organisations when they make use of government funding.

How many of your schools pay rent to the local parish?

No Queensland Catholic schools pay rent to their local parish.

Will you look at closing schools as a result of this funding package?

We're not currently looking at closing any schools. What we want is the opportunity to sit down with the Federal Government and understand how this proposed funding scheme will work, what are the assumptions that have been built into it and how will that affect us.

We recognise that the Federal Government is providing a funding increase but we need to be certain that in a 10-year package our schools will be properly funded throughout that period. Right now we don't have that certainty.

What is creating the uncertainty?

The lack of detail provided by the Federal Government means we don't know what assumptions have been made in creating the proposal and calculating the level of funding to be allocated to Catholic schools.

The proposed system introduces a variable indexation model from 2021 so from year to year we won't know what level of funding increase we can expect to keep up with wages growth and CPI increases. The model also changes other elements that impact on the funding delivered to schools such as the way funding to students with a disability will be determined. It is possible that these changes could result in reductions in funding to Queensland Catholic schools. We have no way of knowing.

How much will school fees go up as a result of this announcement?

That's a question we simply can't answer because of the lack of detail the Federal Government has provided to us in announcing this package.

At this point we can't say what the impacts will be on individual schools and that's why we urgently need to sit down with the Federal Government and discuss this proposal before it is put to the Parliament.

The Government has excluded us from the negotiations around this package and we're still waiting for the details.

The Catholic sector says the removal of the System Weighted Average is problematic. Why?

The Catholic school sector operates as a system – the second biggest education system in the country – and we want to be treated as a system. In fact the original Gonski report recognised the value of treating our sector as a system.

The loss of the System Weighted Average ultimately means that we will have less money available to support schools with services like learning support, student protection services, improved governance structures and professional development for teachers.

We will lose our capacity to provide the extra support that we now give to the schools most in need.

What is the next move for Catholic schools?

We're ready and waiting to talk to the Federal Government about this package. The lack of consultation on this funding package has been remarkable. Let's sit down and have a mature conversation that gives us the detail we need to fully understand what the Government intends to achieve as a result of this proposed funding package.