

# **NSW parents STOP & read this if you care about your children's future!**

**We know you are hard working, and are doing the very best for your kids, but did you realise that the NSW State Government could be about to jeopardise the hopes and dreams of thousands of NSW children, including yours?**

**Please join us in petitioning the NSW government to scrap devastating HSC Reforms which label kids from 14 failures & exclude them from HSC.**

## **HOPE - HSC, Opportunity, Potential, 4 Everyone**

is a grass roots campaign by parents, educators, students and concerned citizens who believe this government decision is not in the best interest of the next generation.



Did you know under recently introduced devastating reforms 1000's of NSW students will now be prevented from receiving their HSC?

These reforms mean NSW students who do not receive Band 8 or above in their Year 9 NAPLAN (the standard band to reach in yr 9 is Band 6) will only receive an HSC if they pass subsequent maths & literacy tests.

Should they fail these tests it means even if they stay at school till Year 12 and complete the required subjects they will receive nothing for it.

Band 8 and above is no easy target. In 2016 65% of yr 9's did not achieve this in Writing, 47% in Reading & 41% in Numeracy.

The HSC Reforms which take effect in 2017 should be scrapped because they will:

- Label over 50% of students as failures three years before they even reach yr 12.
- Force 14-year-olds to endure unnecessary HSC style pressure and stress which they are not mature enough to handle.
- Create an under-class who will suffer life-long unemployment, social and financial hardship because they failed to achieve a HSC, excluding them from a wide range of courses and careers.
- Discriminate against public schools, indigenous and regional students who are less likely to have access to the additional resources/tutoring that private schools do.
- Establish a "winners" and "losers" environment in schools leading to bullying, increased anxiety, depression and even possible teen suicide.
- Lead to an increase in student drop-outs and disillusionment as those who struggle academically or with learning difficulties think "why bother?"
- Fail to recognise students who excel in subjects like Science and Social Science, as well as non-academic areas such as art and design, but may struggle with English and/or Maths, as well as failing to consider the consequences of this testing of others who blossom later, closer to the HSC.

The State Education minister says:

The new reforms will identify students who need extra help. - NAPLAN already does this. What we need is additional funding so there are enough resources to support our children's learning throughout their education.

Employers & Parents want better literacy & numeracy skills - we all want this and the way to achieve it is through early and sustained interventions not yet another test. There is much research both internationally and in Australia that says testing isn't the answer.

Over 100 million dollars annually is spent on NAPLAN. How much more is going to be spent on a year 10-12 testing regime? This would be much better spent providing extra support to those who don't meet NAPLAN Band 6 at the end of Year 9.

Let us unite and ask the NSW government not to shame our kids and jeopardise their future because their Education system isn't working.

Please get involved and join us in protecting the right of every NSW child to complete their HSC.

## What can you do?

**1. Write to your local State member of Parliament, as well as Rob Stokes** - the NSW Education Minister. Tell them your story and your views on this policy.  
<http://nsw.liberal.org.au/contact-your-local-liberal/>

**2. Share this with your friends, school P&C & other local contacts/groups.** We are sure many NSW parents are unaware of the ramifications this may have upon their children and our next generation.

**3. Help us collect the 10,000 written signatures to trigger a debate in Parliament about this damaging policy (NSW Parliament does not accept on-line petitions)**

Email [martine.beaumont@gmail.com](mailto:martine.beaumont@gmail.com) and she will send you your own petition to collect signatures. Any age can sign, so kids get out there and protect your future.

You can post signed petitions back to:  
HOPE @ 31 Dudley St, Bondi NSW 2026.

Let's get this done and thank you for caring and supporting our youth.  
HOPE (HSC, Opportunity, Potential, 4 Everyone)

For further info:

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