Under this agreement for 2016
Emerald North State School will receive $116,058

This funding will be used to support our Key Priority Improvement Area of Reading.

Emerald North State School have set the following reading improvement targets for 2016:

- NAPLAN Reading – 100% of Year 3 and Year 5 students meet National Minimum Standard (NMS) or guaranteed standard, as outlined in Individual Curriculum Plans.
- NAPLAN Reading - 30% of Year 3 and Year 5 students achieve in the Upper Two Bands (U2B).
- PM Diagnostic Reader levels
  - 70% of Prep students at or above PM Level 8
  - 70% of Year 1 students at or above PM Level 20
  - 70% of Year 2 students at or above PM Level 26

Our initiatives include

- Coach and monitor teachers in best practice for reading (comprehension, oral language, phonemic and phonological awareness, fluency and vocabulary) using the BMA Emerald/Capella Cluster READ project framework and resources.
- Build teacher capability in analysing student reading data to develop differentiated programs to improve student performance.
- Implement continuous assessment strategies and review benchmarks used to monitor student progress and inform teaching and learning.
- Supplement the delivery of oral language programs in the Early Years i.e Prep to Year 2 with Speech Language Pathology. Activities will include formal assessment of students, small group intervention programs, assistance making classroom environments accessible to low verbal students

Our school will improve student outcomes by

- Allocation of additional teacher and teacher aide hours in Early Years classrooms reduce class sizes and to deliver targeted and individualised intervention programs in reading. ($70000)
- Purchase Speech Language Pathologist allocation (2 days per week) ($32000)
- Developing teacher capability in reading through mentoring and pedagogical coaching. ($10000)
- Participation of high potential students in IMPACT projects through Brisbane SDE. ($4000)

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* Funding amount estimated on 2015 data. Actual funding will be determined after 2016 enrolment data are finalised.