Under this agreement for 2016
Ithaca Creek State School will receive

$146 662

This funding will be used to

- Increase the Head of Learning role to a full time position (0.5FTE) to continue to build capability of teachers in aligning the teaching, learning, assessment and reporting.
- Employ a Head of Pedagogy (0.4FTE) to build capacity of teaching staff in effectively teaching writing skills, to develop consistency of approach and understanding, as well as, supported through a ‘Watching Others Work, Watching Me Work’ and coaching program.
- Employ additional Head of Pedagogy time (0.2FTE) to extend the Effective Age Appropriate Pedagogies DETE and Griffith University Partnership (commenced in 2015). Embed EAAP in Prep and extend into Year One and Year Two.
- Continue to expand the transition alliance program between Ithaca Creek State School and neighbouring Kindy and Child Care Centres. (0.2FTE)
- Employ Gifted Education Mentor Teacher (0.2FTE) to identify and ensure engagement in high-quality extension opportunities for targeted high–achieving students

Our initiatives include

- Head of Pedagogy modelling and coaching for best practice in the teaching of writing
- Lead the teachers in their cohort teams during FIRE time (Professional Development) to higher levels of understanding and pedagogical practices focussed on the teaching of writing and continue effective use of data analysis to inform
- Provide appropriately differentiated teaching–learning programs to enable identified students to operate beyond their year level expectations

Our school will improve student outcomes by

- Increase the upper two bands for students in NAPLAN Year 3 Writing for Boys: from 65% to 75%
- Increase the upper two bands for students in NAPLAN Year 3 Writing for Girls: from 85% to 90%
- Increase the upper two bands for students in NAPLAN Year 5 Writing for Boys: from 39% to 45%
- Increase the upper two bands for students in NAPLAN Year 5 Writing for Girls: from 27% to 35%
- Shift 10% -15% from the middle bands to the Upper two bands for students in NAPLAN Year 5 Writing

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