Under this agreement for 2016 Barkly Highway State School will receive $168,735*

This funding will be used to

- Aspire to having 100% of all Barkly Highway State School students achieving a ‘C or better’ in English (2015 averaged 84%);
- Aspire to having 100% of Prep to Year 2 Barkly Highway State School students attaining an ‘end of year’ PM Reading Level equivalent to the North Queensland Region’s Regression Analysis (2015 averaged 54%);
- Aspire to having 91% of Barkly Highway State School students meeting or exceeding the NAPLAN National Minimum Standards for Year 3 Reading (87.5% achieved NMS in 2015);
- Aspire to having 31% of Barkly Highway State School students in the NAPLAN upper two bands for Year 3 Reading (23.2% reached U2B in 2015);
- Aspire to lift the average Barkly Highway State School Mean Scale Score in NAPLAN Year 3 Reading to 413 (367 averaged in 2015);

Our initiatives include

- Aligning staff professional development to Barkly Highway State School’s explicit improvement agenda around Reading and the Australian Professional Standards for Teachers and Leaders
- Developing a collegial feedback and coaching model to develop quality teaching
- Aligning classroom artefacts to the development of assessment literate students – learning walls
- Building and developing teacher capability of explicit teaching practices in Reading
- Supporting student learning through a targeted differentiated approach

Our school will improve student outcomes by

- Engaging a Lead Literacy Teacher (1.0 FTE) to coach and mentor Prep to Year 2 teachers in Early Years Reading ($49000)
- Engaging an Early Years Reading Teacher (0.2 FTE) to align the teaching of phonological awareness and oral language to Barkly Highway State School’s Reading Pedagogy ($16000)
- Engaging Literacy Support Teacher Aides (62 hours/week) to work with identified students in Prep to Year 3 to rehearse the literacy skills learnt within the classroom ($89000)
- Resource the above initiatives with both learning and assessment resources as well as Professional Development release time ($14735)

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