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**INQUIRY INTO TEACHER SHORTAGES IN NEW SOUTH  
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As the parent of 2 students currently in High School (Year 11 and 10) The teacher shortage has had a significant impact, and I have no doubt will seriously impact the education of my children. My son in Yr11 has been told that for term 3 he will have "flexible enrolment" every second Thursday due to the teacher shortage. While this is a serious concern, my son does have some excellent teachers that go over and above to help him and ensure he is meeting outcomes. My biggest issue is that presently my daughter (Yr 10) has minimal supervision (in the playground), this is usually twice a week (if not more), and on a number of occasions HALF her day has been minimal supervision, which then leads to behavioural issues as the students are unruly for the classes they do have. I am trying to encourage her to move to the Catholic system for her HSC years simply due to the fact the school is staffed! This change would mean travel to another town EACH day. My daughter is not keen to change as she is worried it will have social implications and we as parents must now decide if we take a path that may impact her mental health OR a path that will give her less learning opportunities and consequently impact her ATAR and ability to follow her chosen path. This is simply an unfair choice!

The government MUST give teachers the power and respect they need (and once had) to ensure this next generation can learn in supportive environments. This means MORE teachers with MORE time to build relationships with their students and to enable them to educate them based on what that student needs. In a world full of trauma and unpredictability now more then ever we must step up and support the teachers who are "on the front" with these young people.