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## Independent Sector Welcomes Coalition's Students with Disabilities Policy

The Independent Schools Council of Australia has today warmly welcomed the Coalition's announced \$314 million policy to support school students with disabilities.

ISCA Executive Director, Mr Bill Daniels described this policy as "a significant and greatly appreciated reform in supporting the educational needs of students with disability."

"The Coalition is to be commended on establishing a policy that supports students with disability to allow them to achieve their educational goals," said Mr Daniels.

ISCA supports the policy's aim of establishing nationally consistent definitions of disability and that funding will follow the student through a portable education card to the value of up to \$20,000 a year, indexed to inflation, for students with disabilities.

"There is widespread support within the independent schools sector for portable funding that follows all students with disability that is based on their educational support needs," said Mr Daniels.

"ISCA acknowledges that the Coalition has constructively consulted on this issue over the last couple of years and has today delivered a policy that will greatly benefit students with disability."

"There are more than 10,000 students with disability enrolled in independent schools. Many of these students and their families will greatly benefit from this policy that will drive a national agreement on definitions of disabilities and attract additional funding based on need. For these reasons the Coalition's policy is to be commended," concluded Mr Daniels.

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