



Independent Schools
Council of Australia

Media Statement

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Statement by Mr Bill Daniels, Executive Director, Independent Schools Council of Australia

School Cost Tax Rebate Policy Welcome

“ISCA welcomes the broad range of educational expenses that are eligible for rebate under the Coalition’s Tax Rebate Policy announced today.”

“In particular, the independent schools sector appreciates the Coalition’s inclusion of school fees and special education costs for children with learning difficulties under this policy.”

“The continued growth of the independent sector is evidence that Australian families are increasingly prepared to dig deep into their own pockets and invest in the education of their children. The decision to include school fees will assist parents in meeting the costs of an independent school education.”

“Tax rebates are one way governments can support private contribution to school education. Private contribution now amounts to a significant proportion of Australia’s expenditure on school education.”

“The latest available data show Australian and state and territory governments together spent some \$36 billion in recurrent funding on schools. Private contributions add \$7 billion and represents almost 20 per cent of total recurrent expenditure on schooling.”

“A quality school education benefits the whole of society, so parents will be encouraged by government policies that support private investment in education.”

“ISCA acknowledges that both major political parties have now announced tax rebate policies as they apply to education expenses.”

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