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ISCA Congratulates Gillard as Education Minister

The Independent Schools Council of Australia (ISCA) has welcomed the appointment of Deputy Prime Minister-elect, Ms Julia Gillard to the position of Minister for Education, Employment and Workplace Relations.

ISCA Executive Director, Mr Bill Daniels said that he looked forward to working with Ms Gillard on education related issues, with specific focus on the independent schools sector.

Mr Daniels said, “we look forward to building a cooperative relationship with Ms Gillard and will continue to work constructively with the incoming Rudd Government.

“We acknowledge the Australian Labor Party’s positive shift in approach to education policy which now recognises that all schools – irrespective of whether they are owned by governments or community groups – make an important contribution to the education of young Australians.

“The sector welcomed the ALP’s election commitment to continued stability in funding arrangements for the non-government sector until at least 2012, and its promise of capital support for trades skills centres and ICT capacity in all schools. We now look forward to working with Ms Gillard to ensure these commitments are successfully implemented,” concluded Mr Daniels.

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