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## **Independent Schools Included in the Digital Education Revolution**

The Independent Schools Council of Australia has today congratulated the Federal Government for implementing the first stage of the *National Secondary School Computer Fund*.

Independent schools have received funding as part of the first round of the program to install up-to-date information and communication technology in the classrooms of students in years 9 to 12.

‘These schools will certainly benefit from today’s announcement’, said Mr Bill Daniels, ISCA’s Executive Director.

‘Advances in information and communications technologies are leading to a fundamental shift in the nature and cost of schooling. This is a particular challenge for the independent sector, which must meet the bulk of ICT costs from private sources.’

Mr Daniels said that the independent sector was encouraged by the inclusive nature of the government’s policy and consultative approach during the implementation of the National Secondary Schools Computer Fund.

‘The ALP’s plan recognises that all schools, government and non-government need support to access state of the art computer technology,’ said Mr Daniels.

‘Today’s announcement has been the result of extensive consultation with the Minister and the Department on the arrangements for the administration and delivery of the program. Consequently the first round of funding has been highly targeted to the schools in most need,’ concluded Mr Daniels.

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