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Independent Schools Victoria Welcomes National Funding Model



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We welcome the Coalition government's commitment to implement a funding model that has three essential elements – it is to be national, fair and needs-based.

The announcement by the Prime Minister, Mr Abbott, and the Minister for Education, Mr Pyne, will remove uncertainty and confusion that arose with some states and territories signing agreements with the previous government and others failing to do so.

We are also pleased that the Abbott government will remove bureaucratic over-regulation that threatens the effectiveness and efficiency of non-government schools.

Independent Schools Victoria has been campaigning for a reduction in reporting requirements since before the last federal election. It is gratifying that Mr Pyne has heard our concerns.

We welcome confirmation that the Coalition government will honour financial support provided to the Independent and Catholic sectors under the Australian Education Act that will be used to assist in managing the transition to new funding arrangements from 2014.

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