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Victorian Government's School Funding Offer Welcome

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Independent Schools Victoria welcomes what we hope will be a break-through by the Victorian Government in its negotiations with the Gillard government on school funding.

We are pleased that the key features of the state government's proposal spell out:

- substantial additional investment (\$3.5 billion over six years) nominated for public and non-government schools
- a fair funding distribution that leaves no school worse off
- a co-operative partnership with the Independent and Catholic school sectors.

Parents who decide to send their children to Independent schools do so because they are self-managed and provide educational choice and meet families' cultural, religious and social needs.

This is why we support the Victorian Government's insistence that there should be no additional bureaucratic management or interference in the daily running of Victoria's schools.

We are also pleased with the Premier's statement that under the Victorian Government's funding proposal the Independent and Catholic school sectors will benefit.

We will be examining closely the state government's proposal and if it is accepted by the Commonwealth we will expect to work closely with both governments to ensure that all Independent schools will be better off next year, and importantly throughout the life of the agreement.

We look forward to constructive discussion with the Victorian and Commonwealth governments to ensure that no student misses out on the proposed additional funding.

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