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ISCA congratulates Coalition Government on election win

The Independent Schools Council of Australia (ISCA) congratulates the Turnbull Government on being returned to office.

ISCA's Executive Director, Colette Colman, today said that, "The Independent school sector highly values its collaborative working relationship with the Commonwealth Government. It is clear from the election that education policy continues to be an important issue for a large number of Australians, and we look forward to working with the government to ensure that all Australian students have the opportunity to receive a quality education."

Over 580,000 students attend Independent schools in Australia, with enrolments continuing to grow steadily. The Commonwealth Government is a significant funding partner for Independent schools, along with state and territory governments and parents and school communities.

Ms Colman went on to say that, "Stability and predictability in Commonwealth Government funding support is critical for Independent schools, 90 per cent of Independent schools charge medium to low fees, with the 2015 median fee being less than \$4,800. It is essential for schools to be able to provide parents with certainty around fee levels, as well as to be able to plan and consistently deliver their education programs to students into the future."

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