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## Getting to the real story on school funding takes hard work

The Independent Schools Council of Australia (ISCA) has today responded to a Fairfax business opinion piece *"The upside-down funding debate is hurting students"*.

ISCA Executive Director Colette Colman said that, "Understanding the real story on school funding requires hard work. It is unfortunate that Fairfax have not put that work in."

Ms Colman went on to say, "The way school funding in Australia works is extremely complex. To write a simplistic opinion piece that singles out just one sector, fails to provide any meaningful analysis, and neglects to take into account the multifaceted history of school funding demonstrates a lack of understanding of the funding model and is hardly constructive to positive public debate."

Around three quarters of Australia's Independent schools actually sit below their public funding entitlement. Some Independent schools are above it and are in the process of transitioning to their new level.

ISCA has publicly stated that there is an urgent need for clarity around the current lack of future school funding details, and that all schools need certainty of funding for planning purposes.

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