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Independent schools acknowledge equity comes at a cost

The Independent Schools Council of Australia (ISCA) have today released a [media statement](#) to complement their [submission](#) to the *Senate Education and Employment Legislation Committee - Inquiry into the Australian Education Amendment Bill 2017*.

Both the submission and the media statement support ISCA's belief that Australian Government funding for all non-government schools should be allocated on a consistent basis.

ISCA acknowledges that achieving this objective without the injection of significant additional amounts of government funding is impossible without some schools across the non-government sector being adversely impacted.

"ISCA estimates that around 420 Independent schools, or nearly 40% of the sector, will have their government funding reduced under the proposed changes", said ISCA Executive Director Colette Colman. "Such a large proportion of Independent schools being negatively impacted clearly dispels any perception that the government is targeting one section of the non-government sector over another".

ISCA acknowledges that for all Independent school communities experiencing an adverse impact on their government funding under the proposed new funding arrangements, the changes will present significant challenges.

Importantly, the majority of Independent schools will be better off under the proposed arrangements, reflecting the predominantly medium to low fee profile of the Independent sector and the increasing numbers of students with disability in Independent schools.

ISCA's media statement: <http://isca.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/Media-Statement-26-May-2017-Consistency-and-equity-comes-at-a-cost.pdf>

ISCA's submission to the *Senate Education and Employment Legislation Committee - Inquiry into the Australian Education Amendment Bill 2017*: <http://isca.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/2017-05-24-ISCA-submission-Senate-Inquiry-Funding.pdf>

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