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## Independent schools welcome passage of funding reforms

The Independent Schools Council of Australia (ISCA) has welcomed the successful passage through the Parliament of the Australian Government's *Australian Education Amendment Bill 2017*.

ISCA Executive Director Colette Colman said that, "The legislation represents a move towards fairer and more consistent Australian Government school funding. ISCA strongly supports a sector blind, needs-based funding model, consistently applied across the non-government school sector."

The passage of this legislation also provides much needed funding certainty for Independent schools, critical for essential financial planning.

Ms Colman also said that, "The move from a ten-year to six-year transition rate for the majority of Independent schools, which are transitioning up to 80% of their SRS entitlement, is a particularly positive outcome for the Independent sector."

The changes will also have a positive impact on those Independent schools serving amongst the most educationally disadvantaged students in Australia. Independent special schools serving high need students with disability and majority-Indigenous schools will receive additional funding under the model, along with low-fee Independent schools serving low-SES communities.

In addition, ISCA recognises the establishment of a National School Resourcing Board as a vehicle to monitor and enhance the school funding model, and acknowledges the Government's undertaking that the Board will include representation from the Independent school sector alongside representatives from other sectors.

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