

Media Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
8 May 2018



Chaplaincy Program Extension Welcomed

The Independent Schools Council of Australia (ISCA) has welcomed the Commonwealth Government's commitment to renew the National School Chaplaincy Program for another four years.

ISCA Executive Director Colette Colman said that, "The National School Chaplaincy Program has proven to be a popular program in many Independent schools, and ISCA congratulates the Government for providing certainty of funding for another four years for schools utilising the program.

"The Chaplaincy Program is a distinctive program that provides care and support to students, staff and families," said Ms Colman, "We welcome any move that enhances schools' capacities to meet their student wellbeing responsibilities and determine the services that best suit the needs of their school communities."

ISCA also welcomed the School Chaplaincy Program's enhanced focus on addressing bullying.

Ms Colman said that, "While awareness of bullying has come a long way, there is still much important work to do to reduce its incidence and support students dealing with bullying, particularly with the growth of digital devices and cyber bullying. The Chaplaincy Program will provide a valuable addition to schools' anti-bullying efforts."

ENDS

Media contacts: Barry Wallett 0411 278 612 Brendan Walsh 0411 850 515