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Independent Schools Welcome Labor’s Commitment to Additional Students with Disability Funding

The Independent Schools Council of Australia (ISCA) welcomes Labor’s promise of an additional \$300 million to meet the needs of students with disability.

ISCA Executive Director, Barry Walleth, today said that, “Sufficient funding to support students with disability has always been a challenge for individual Independent schools. It is encouraging to see Labor commit to this additional investment, which will help some of the neediest students in our community.”

The Independent school sector has had the highest growth rate of any sector for students with disability over the last decade.

Mr Walleth added that, “We also appreciate Labor’s commitment that this initiative will apply to every school in every school system. The proportion of students with disability attending Independent schools is in line with the sector’s overall enrolment share, with the latest NCCD data showing that 15% of students with disability go to Independent schools.”

According to the most recent available data (2017 figures), there are more than 110,000 students with disability enrolled across Independent schools in Australia.

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