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INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS WELCOME SCHOOL PRIDE SPENDING

Fifty-four of South Australia's 95 Independent schools will each receive between \$50,000 and \$200,000 under the Federal Government's National School Pride Program.

The Association of Independent Schools of SA's Executive Director Garry Le Duff said every school that applied for funds in the first round of facility renewal and maintenance grants was successful.

Independent schools will use their grants to refurbish buildings, install sun protection in outdoor areas, upgrade special learning needs facilities and improve recreation and sporting facilities, among other initiatives.

"Independent schools are very grateful for this funding, which complements the substantial efforts of parents and school communities that raise up to 85 percent of building funds for their schools," said Mr Le Duff.

"It also is pleasing that Independent schools and the Federal Government have been able to work to extremely tight deadlines.

"We are confident that this funding initiative will meet the twin objectives of improving school facilities while delivering a shot in the arm to the building industry and the economy.

"This is smart spending to invest in schools and communities."

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