INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS WELCOME TAX REBATES ON SCHOOL FEES

The Independent Schools Association of SA welcomes the Howard Government’s announcement that it will allow parents a tax rebate for school fees if it is re-elected.

The Association’s Executive Director, Garry Le Duff, said a tax rebate recognises the substantial contribution that parents at Independent schools make to the cost of education and the fact that they pay the bulk of their school’s capital infrastructure costs.

Prime Minister Howard announced today that a re-elected Coalition Government would refund parents up to $800 a year for each secondary student and up to $400 for pre-school or primary students. The rebate is for education expenses including school fees.

"We’re very pleased to see tax rebates on school fees – it recognises the commitment that parents make and it encourages them to continue their commitment,” said Mr Le Duff.

"Parents who send the children to Independent schools contribute $2.9 billion every year to education in Australia. That is a saving of $2.4 billion every year for Federal and State governments."

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