INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS WELCOME JULIE GILLARD TO EDUCATION

The Association of Independent Schools of SA welcomes today’s announcement that Deputy Prime Minister-elect Julia Gillard will be the Minister for Education, Employment and Workplace Relations.

The Association’s Executive Director, Garry Le Duff, said it was pleasing to have a minister of such seniority in the key education post.

“Independent schools appreciate the Labor Party’s positive approach to education policy, particularly as it affects non-government schools and the Independent sector,” said Mr Le Duff.

“We are pleased with the incoming Rudd Government’s commitment on funding for non-government schools until 2012 at least. We also want to work with Ms Gillard to assist the implementation of Rudd Government commitments on trade education centres and information and communication technology in all schools.”

Mr Le Duff said two other Federal Government priorities for Independent schools in South Australia were funding for students with disabilities and an increased focus and commitment to primary education.

“Primary education and disability access are two high-priority issues on which we look forward to working with Ms Gillard and her Government.”

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