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BOARDER ASSISTANCE FOR FAMILIES AFFECTED BY DROUGHT

Independent boarding schools are taking action to assist any regional families that are adversely affected by the impact of the drought.

The Executive Director of the Association of Independent Schools of SA, Garry Le Duff, said some families at boarding schools had sought and would be given assistance.

Options for assistance include:
- Deferred payment plans that are free of interest
- Fee remissions
- Bursary assistance

Mr Le Duff said the impact of the drought on regional families varied with some - from activities such as wine and fishing - not affected in the same way as broad-acre farming families.

“Boarding facilities at independent schools are a critical service for families who live in our rural and remote areas,” said Mr Le Duff.

“Schools are to be commended for undertaking boarding as an important part of their social obligation to regional families, despite the escalating cost of maintaining facilities and services. Families disadvantaged by isolation and other factors rely on these schools.”

Enquiries and enrolments for boarders were rising, despite the drought.

Annesley College, Immanuel College, Pembroke School, Prince Alfred College, Scotch College, Seymour College, St Peters College, Walford Anglican School for Girls, Westminster School and Wilderness School take boarders.

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