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Extra Funding Injection for Drought-Affected School Communities Welcomed

The Queensland independent schooling sector has welcomed the injection of additional federal funding into drought-impacted school communities.

Independent Schools Queensland (ISQ) Executive Director David Robertson said the Australian Government's announcement today that it had doubled drought relief support for non-government schools to \$20 million highlighted the level of community need.

"The return to school is a poignant reminder to us all of the fundamental right that all children have the opportunity to learn and complete their education," Mr Robertson said.

"Independent schools have been walking alongside their families, providing as much support as they can in the form of counselling and fee remissions for some time. However, this financial support is now at record levels."

"The additional federal assistance announced today will enable schools to continue to support impacted families and those quiet battlers who are too proud to ask for help but are known to be struggling."

Mr Robertson thanked Federal Education Minister Dan Tehan for his compassion for the plight of drought-impacted school communities and his continued support.

"ISQ has heard directly from schools how challenging life has been for many families and the strain it has placed on them and others surrounding them, like schools, who want to continue to support them."

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