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## Independent School Communities Welcome Infrastructure Election Pledge by Labor

Independent Schools Queensland (ISQ) has today welcomed a \$180 million commitment by a Labor-led Queensland Government for infrastructure projects in non-state schools.

The capital funding pledge responds to a key election request put forward by independent school communities in their [2020 election statement](#).

ISQ Executive Director David Robertson said independent school communities valued the partnership they have forged with successive Queensland Governments and the government's ongoing funding support for non-state schools.

"ISQ welcomes the Palaszczuk Government's commitment to increase the Capital Assistance Supplementary Scheme for the non-state school sector to a total of \$60 million a year – an increase of \$15 million on the current investment of \$45 million – and also acknowledges the continuation of its ongoing baseline capital support," Mr Robertson said.

"This is a welcome investment in Queensland independent schools and will generate additional investment by their parents and communities who fund the overwhelming majority of new and upgraded facilities in independent schools."

Mr Robertson said independent school communities invested more than \$300 million annually in new and upgraded facilities which equated to about \$1.5 billion over the past five years.

Mr Robertson said a strong and growing independent schooling sector, backed by the significant private investment of Queensland families, delivered a substantial economic return on the public funding provided by the Queensland Government.

"Queensland's network of more than 210 independent schools support more than 33,000 full-time jobs and generate almost \$4.9 billion in economic benefits through their operations, infrastructure programs and purchase of other services in the economy," he said.

"Independent schools have an important role to play in Queensland's social and economic recovery."

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