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Independent schools welcome Government support to assist with hygiene in schools

The Independent Schools Council of Australia (ISCA) welcomes the announcement by the Minister for Education, the Hon Dan Tehan MP, that the Australian Government will provide an additional \$10 million to improve COVID-19 hygiene measures in non-government schools.

Dr David Mulford, CEO of ISCA, said that, "It is pleasing to see the Government offering support to Independent schools as they prepare to return to the classroom. This funding will be greatly appreciated by schools having to manage the extra expenses associated with increased cleaning and hygiene measures in a time of great financial uncertainty."

Minister Tehan's announcement states that schools will be able to use the extra funding for soap, hand sanitiser or extra cleaning, and highlights the importance of these measures in slowing the spread of the coronavirus.

Dr Mulford said that, "The safety of students and staff in schools is of paramount importance. We see this as a sensible measure to assist schools to continue to operate effectively by ensuring they remain safe environments."

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