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ADDITIONAL FUNDING WILL SUPPORT STUDENTS IN REMOTE AREAS

Independent Schools Australia (ISA) welcomes the announcement by the Minister for Indigenous Australians and the Minister for Regional Education, of additional funding for boarding schools in remote areas. The funding announced was part of last year's Federal Budget and is directed to forty boarding schools with a high proportion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in the most remote parts of Australia.

ISA Chief Executive Officer Ms Margery Evans said, "Boarding schools in remote Australia provide crucial support for young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children.

"These boarding schools not only provide quality education and accommodation, but a range of other support for children who are away from their families and communities."

"This funding will help boarding schools to provide programs and assistance to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and their families.

Across Australia there are 15,395 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in the Independent sector of which 2,106 are boarders at 120 schools. In remote areas, there are 3,034 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in Independent schools of which 475 are boarding students.

"Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in remote areas have many disadvantages to overcome. This funding will go some way towards addressing this disadvantage. We hope to see this commitment renewed and extended to more schools in the upcoming Federal Budget."

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