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## RE-ENGAGING STUDENTS IN EDUCATION: NEW REPORT RELEASED

*Independent Special Assistance Schools Showcase released today*

A new report from Independent Schools Australia (ISA) showcases the Independent special assistance schools that are dedicated to students who need specialised support and programs to re-engage with education.

The ISA *Special Assistance Schools Showcase* describes the innovative programs and the specialised expertise that assist predominantly secondary-school-age children who have become disengaged from education.

ISA Chief Executive Officer, Mr Graham Catt said, “Students can become disengaged from education for a range of reasons.

“Independent special assistance schools give students another shot at education and provide pathways to help students transition into a successful adulthood.

“With support from specialised and dedicated staff, these young people can find a pathway to complete their education and develop goals post-school.

“Independent special assistance schools are sometimes the best option for students who have experienced disadvantage or difficult life circumstances and events.

“These schools can turn around the life of a young person and lead to careers and further education,” Mr Catt said.

There are 96 Independent special assistance schools in Australia. Each one tailors its programs to the needs of their students and communities in which they operate.

Case studies from across Australia highlight different approaches by schools, and show how important it is to build trusting relationships with students.

Download the report: <https://isa.edu.au/documents/special-assistance-schools-showcase/>

ISA is the peak body representing 1,209 Independent schools with 688,638 enrolled students (full time equivalent), accounting for approximately 17 per cent of Australian school enrolments.

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