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NEW REPORT SHOWS THE SOCIAL CONTRIBUTION OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS

A new report launched today by Independent Schools Australia (ISA) and McCrindle Research describes the significant contribution that Independent schools make to our communities.

ISA partnered with McCrindle Research to explore the topic and the report *The social contribution of Independent schools in Australia* will be presented by lead author Mr Mark McCrindle at the Independent Schools Queensland 2023 forum today.

ISA Chief Executive Officer, Mr Graham Catt says, “This research tells the story of how this incredibly diverse sector creates value that extends far beyond the school gate”.

“Independent schools equip students to be life-long learners, to have purpose, meaning and direction in their lives, and to continue to contribute to society long after graduation as global citizens.”

“For this research, we listened to parents and schools, as they took this opportunity to tell us about the many different ways their schools nurture and empower students to contribute to their communities, contribute to education nationally, and connect students with the wider world.

The report also highlights the diversity of Independent schools, with case studies of schools and programs across Australia that provide holistic education, international connections, education for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, and positive impacts through volunteering and service.

“Case studies give us real insights into ways that schools serve their local, national and global communities, and the tangible social benefits they deliver.

“This report articulates the positive effect that our students, teachers and parents experience every day, and provides an important resource to help us better understand the role Independent schools play in our communities,” said Mr Catt.

The report is available on the ISA website: <https://isa.edu.au/documents/the-social-contribution-of-independent-schools-in-australia/>

ISA is the national 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, employing 115,000 teachers.

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