



MEDIA ALERT

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FORUM NEXT WEEK ON RE-ENGAGING STUDENTS

On 7 November, Independent Schools Australia (ISA) will host a forum at Australian Parliament House to discuss ways that special assistance schools re-engage students in education. These schools work with some of Australia's most at risk and disadvantaged students, creating pathways to employment or further education, and often turning around young people's lives.

Principals and educators will join key stakeholders from around Australia, sharing creative approaches to address school refusal and disruption, responses to teacher workforce shortage and providing inclusive places of learning for Indigenous students.

Event details

Date 7 November 2023

Time 9:00am – Midday

Location Dame Dorothy Tangney Alcove, Australian Parliament House

Format

- Hosted by ISA CEO Mr Graham Catt
- Opening by Senator the Honourable Anthony Chisolm, Assistant Minister for Education and Regional Development
- Keynote presentation from Professor Donna Cross OAM on Mental Health and Wellbeing
- Panel discussion: "Breaking Barriers: Innovative approaches to empowering students"
- Address by Senator the Honourable Sarah Henderson, Shadow Minister for Education
- Presentation by Principal Gavin Morris, Yipirinya School, an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander school in Alice Springs
- Panel discussion: "Building Trust, Building Futures: Creating a Positive Educational Community"

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 and a workforce of 115,090 people.

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