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Independent School Communities Welcome Reappointment of Grace Grace MP as Queensland Education Minister

Queensland’s independent schooling sector today welcomed the reappointment of Grace Grace MP as Queensland Education Minister in a third-term Palaszczuk Government.

Independent Schools Queensland (ISQ) and the Queensland Independent Schools Parents Network (QIS Parents Network) congratulated Ms Grace on her ministerial appointments which also include Industrial Relations and Racing.

ISQ Executive Director David Robertson thanked Ms Grace for her strong support of the independent schooling sector and her advocacy for all Queensland schools at a national level.

“Education is a critical area of public policy that impacts the lives of more than 830,000 school-age Queensland children and their families, including almost 130,000 students attending independent schools,” Mr Robertson said.

“Independent schools have maintained a strong and productive working partnership with Minister Grace and the Palaszczuk Government over the past five years and in particular over the past year as education sectors collaborated closely to manage the disruptions created by COVID-19,” he said.

“We look forward to this continuing over the next four years and to working closely with the Minister on the roll out of the Government’s \$180 million three-year infrastructure funding commitment to non-state schools – [a key election request put forward by the independent sector](#).”

QIS Parents Network Executive Officer Justine Cirocco also thanked the Palaszczuk Government for its commitment to increase funding support for parent engagement initiatives across the sector.

The Government pledged to increase its contribution to the QIS Parents Network by \$33,800 to \$100,000 annually over the next four years.

Ms Cirocco said the funds would support new and ongoing sector-based research projects and activities to enhance school-family partnerships and lift student achievement and wellbeing.

“The Education Minister is the Minister for all schools and Ms Grace regularly demonstrated this with her attendance at events held by the sector and her collaborative approach to policy formation and decisions that impact all schools and their families.”

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