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Priority for Independent Schools is Educating Students

Independent Schools Queensland (ISQ) whilst welcoming the offer by the Federal Government to bring forward recurrent grant payments for independent schools, says that the conditions on the offer put independent schools in a difficult position.

ISQ Executive Director David Robertson said the earlier payments would assist school cashflow during this challenging period.

Mr Robertson said ISQ advises its member schools to follow the advice of the Queensland Government and health authorities within the context of their community needs and position.

“The offer of the Federal Government does not account for the legal obligations of independent schools in Queensland, which include Public Health Directives, Workplace Health and Safety laws and the common law duty of care that independent schools must comply with,” he said.

Each independent school authority has been asked to respond to the Federal Government offer by Friday 1 May.

“We are continuing to work with our schools, Federal and State Governments, the department of education and health authorities to ensure the continuity of student learning,” Mr Robertson said.

“Independent schools have always and will continue to give priority to the health and safety of students and staff whilst providing quality teaching and learning to all students,” he said.

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