



# Media Release

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## We Welcome Delay in Releasing My School Website Data

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We are pleased with the announcement by the Minister for School Education, Early Childhood and Youth, Mr Peter Garrett, that the launch of the *My School 2.0* website is to be delayed until the New Year.

The Minister's statement that there will be further validation and consultation with Independent schools regarding their financial information is very welcome.

We agree with the Minister that it is essential that *My School 2.0* delivers consistent financial information that allows parents, teachers and the community to make fair comparisons between schools.

For this reason each school must have the opportunity to sign-off on its data before the website goes public.

Independent Schools Victoria has provided ACARA with a wealth of information demonstrating that there are significant questions about the methodology being used for reporting school financial information.

Our Member Schools, which have been reporting all of the information asked for in good faith only to find incorrect data on the website, will be relieved that the accounting firm Deloitte has agreed that there needs to be opportunity to review and understand the data.

Independent Schools Victoria and our Member Schools look forward to working closely with ACARA to ensure that individual schools' information on the website is accurately presented.

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