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## ACADEMIC IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS

**Statement issued to *The Age* by AISV Chief Executive Michelle Green, in response to an inquiry relating to a report that the Victorian Government will announce funding in the Budget for student identification numbers.**

AISV is generally supportive of the concept of an academic identification number to assist students, parents and schools monitor their education progress and for broader educational outcomes.

The Ministerial Council for Employment, Education, Training and Youth Affairs (MCEETYA) has also flagged the possibility of a national unique student identifier.

We would be concerned if Victoria had one system and a different system was adopted by the Australian Government and other states. A uniform national system is required to allow for students moving interstate and to avoid the need for double entries.

Two different systems, with Victoria having for example, a five digit system and the rest of Australia seven digits or a combination of letters and numbers would require dual record keeping and subsequent additional costs.

AISV looks forward to participating in detailed discussions in order to minimise the impact of any new system on the operation of our Member Schools.

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