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AISV WELCOMES STATE BUDGET'S SCHOOL START BONUS INITIATIVE

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Parents of young children will welcome the Victorian Government's across the board contribution to costs associated with starting school.

The Government's School Start Bonus announced in the Budget today recognises that young families face additional and sometimes unexpected costs when their children start school.

The Government's decision to pay the money directly to parents is a direct practical contribution to household budgets.

AISV has offered to work with the Government and all independent schools to coordinate the payment to parents to ensure that it can be made as efficiently as possible.

We welcome the Government's Budget focus on the cost of education for all Victorians and we hope that this will carry-through into the education policies announced in the lead-up to the State election.

AISV has raised with the Government education policy issues such as equitable treatment for school children with disabilities, equal access to information communication technology for all schools in rural and regional Victoria, and investment in school buildings particularly in the fast-growing outer metropolitan areas of Melbourne.