INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS RECEIVE TARIFF SUPPORT

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Independent Territory schools will receive identical support to that of Government schools to help meet the cost of increased electricity tariffs.

Education Minister, Robyn Lambley, said the Government is prepared to assist independent schools because of the important role they perform in the community.

Schools will have to meet half of the tariff increase, with the other 50 per cent being met by the Government.

The money will be paid to independent schools in the form of a grant, and be based on the average ‘per student’ cost of the revised tariff.

“Unlike the previous Government – which offered no support for Independent schools when tariffs were raised in 2009 – I want to minimise the impact of the increases on all school communities,” Mrs Lambley said.

“I would like to acknowledge the efforts of all those who I spoke with in pushing for similar arrangements as those in Government schools.”

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