Independent Schools Australia | ABN 83 005 118 927 12 Thesiger Court Deakin ACT 2600 | PO Box 324 Deakin West ACT 2600 T: 02 6282 3488 | W: www.isa.edu.au | E: <u>isa@isa.edu.au</u> Across Australia there are 16,662 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in the Independent sector of which 2,188 are boarders at 122 schools.

Ms Evans is emphatic, "Keeping Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students engaged in a meaningful, relevant education while maintaining connections to community, is critical to the health of our nation."

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