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Howard's values – over 200% funding increase to elite private schools

The Coalition's attack on public education is an attempt to distract attention from its disgraceful Federal education funding policies, said the Australian Education Union today.

Mr Rob Durbridge, AEU Federal Secretary said: "It is Mr Howard's education funding policies that mock the Australian values of fairness and access to quality education for all."

"The Howard Government has been starving the public education systems of funds for schools, TAFE and Universities, while giving billions of dollars to private schools. Some elite schools have had over 200% increases in funding from the Commonwealth."

"It is incomprehensible that the Howard Government continues to pour millions of dollars into elite private schools, instead of providing more funding to schools that need it most. It appears that Mr Howard intends to pursue the privatization of education in this country over the next four years."

"Federal education funding should go to the schools, that need it most. Every Australian child deserves access to quality public education."

The AEU will be campaigning nationally for a more equitable distribution of Commonwealth education funds in the lead up to the election.

Federal Funding to elite private schools for 2004 (stats are provided by DEST)

Haileybury College, Vic - \$5 million dollars – increase 278% since 2001

Mentone Girls, Vic - over \$2 million – increase of 265% since 2001

Geelong College, Vic - nearly \$4 million – increase of 263% since 2001

Ivanhoe Grammar, Vic - \$4.5 million – increase of 232% since 2001

Wesley College, Vic - \$8 million – increase of 161% since 2001

Trinity Grammar, NSW, - receives over \$5.5 million – increase of 247% since 2001

The Kings School NSW, - receives over \$3.5 million – increase of 196% since 2001

Newington College NSW, - receives nearly \$4 million – increase of 176% since 2001

Public Schools funding from Federal Government

Glen Waverly Secondary, Vic - \$1,490,000

Bankstown Girls Highschool, NSW - \$549,000

Penrith High, NSW - \$707,364

There have been no public school federal funding increases above those arising from indexation.

For more information on Federal funding to schools in your area please email your request to: kasturi@essentialmedia.com.au

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