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LABOR EDUCATION TAX REFUND A POSITIVE STEP

The Australian Education Union welcomes the Australian Labor Party's new education refund tax announcement as a step towards reducing the increasing share of education costs that have been passed on to parents over recent times.

AEU Federal President, Ms Pat Byrne said the refund recognises the costs incurred in providing home access to the internet, education software and IT facilities.

"This is going to enable families who otherwise could not afford to offer their children computers or internet access at home the ability to do so.

"The targeting towards families with a combined income of up to \$100,000 ensures that the benefits will go to those who need this assistance the most.

"We particularly welcome the measures that mean even parents who don't earn enough to pay income tax will still be able to benefit from this initiative.

"Forty percent of children attending government schools are from low-income families.

"The parents of these students will welcome this assistance in providing essential home education resources for their children."

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