

Independent Public Schools

GRANT BUDGET

Background

Payments to state schools are made through the Grants and Allowances Payments System (GAPS) administered by School Financial Services, Finance Branch.

There are a range of different types of payments that are made to schools. Generally, they fit into one of three categories.

- Grant - paid through GAPS by School Financial Services
- Invoice - paid through GAPS by School Financial Services
- Credit note - paid through SAP by Accounts Receivable

The main School Grant payments are processed 4 times per year in February, April, July and October (the beginning of each school term).

Grant Payment Advice

Independent Public Schools will continue to receive the Grant Payment Advice as they do currently and it will list all individual items paid to the school. This will allow schools to check that they have received funding from each relevant grant program.

For each payment, the total amount displayed on the Grant Payment Advice will be deposited into the school bank account. This total represents the one line grant budget for *Independent Public Schools* who are able to create their own internal budgets to meet local needs.

Tied Funding Arrangements

There is a small number of grant programs that involve tied funding. A list of these grants and their requirements can be found on the Grants and Allowances Website at <http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/grants/state/targeted/index.html>. Funds for these programs must be accounted for separately and there are specific cost centres in OneSchool for this purpose.,

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