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**Improving hygiene in schools**

The Morrison Government will provide an additional \$10 million to improve COVID-19 hygiene measures in non-government schools that plan to have 50 per cent of their students back in the classroom by June 1.

Minister for Education Dan Tehan said schools could use the extra funding for soap, hand sanitiser or extra cleaning.

“Our Government has taken a consistent position to follow the expert medical advice and the expert medical advice has been consistent that schools are safe for students and teachers with the right protocols in place,” Mr Tehan said.

“National Cabinet has recognised the importance of an education being delivered by a teacher in a classroom so as we continue to flatten the curve, all students and teachers are moving back to the classroom.

“This is excellent news for our children and their education and social wellbeing. It is particularly good news for vulnerable students because the evidence suggests they suffer most from being disconnected from school.

“Washing hands with soap and water or hand sanitiser is an important part of practicing good hygiene that helps slow the spread of the coronavirus.

“Supporting schools to adopt stronger hygiene protocols will help ensure the safety of teachers.

“The Australian Government has been working with industry to bolster domestic production of soap and hand sanitiser and ensuring supplies to essential services like schools.

“This includes working closely with states and territories, which are responsible for the provision of hand sanitiser and soap at public schools.”

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