



ISNT Strategic Framework (2026-2029)

Strong Voices, Strong Futures - Leading Together, Thriving Independently

Our Vision: Quality, inclusive education for every child in the Northern Territory through a thriving, collaborative Independent School sector.

Our Purpose: Provide expert leadership as the recognised and trusted voice for Independent Schools in the Northern Territory.

Our Mission



LEAD

Provide vision, direction and capacity to strengthen Independent Schools across the Northern Territory.



ADVOCATE

Champion the interests of Independent Schools in the Northern Territory through strong, evidence based advocacy and representation.



PROMOTE

Enhance the sector's capacity, partnerships, and collective identity to ensure strong, sustainable schools and continued growth.

Our Values

Equity

We champion fair access to quality education for every child, wherever they live and learn.

Integrity

We act with honesty, courage, and accountability to earn trust and lead with principle.

Collaboration

We build strong partnerships and a united voice to meet the needs of all Territory students.

Respect

We honour the cultures, communities, and Country that shape our diverse Northern Territory.

Innovation

We embrace change and spark creativity to help schools thrive in a fast-evolving world.

Pillar 1: Advocacy and Influence

ISNT recognized nationally as the authoritative voice for Independent Schools in the Northern Territory, influencing government education policy, legislation and funding models that reflect the Territory's unique context, underpinned by enduring, equity-based capital and boarding funding frameworks.

Pillar 2: Position and Profile

ISNT embedded as the undisputed peak authority for Independent Schools in the Northern Territory, with a visible national and international profile backed by sector-wide data and research.

Pillar 3: System Leadership

A fully developed 'Distinctive Northern Territory Model' of schooling and system leadership recognized as best practice nationally, fostering collaboration across regional, remote and very remote contexts.

Pillar 4: Capacity Building and Sector Support

Independent Schools across the NT are thriving thanks to strong capacity-building networks. ISNT renowned for equipping school leaders and boards with the tools, training, and support structures to excel in governance and operations.

Pillar 5: Financial Resilience and Sustainability

A mature endowment fund and diversified income streams (fee-for-service, philanthropy, partnerships) generating consistent, independent revenue.

Pillar 6: Indigenous Schools Success

Indigenous Schools sustainably funded and operating within a tailored ISNT governance system model, with strong Indigenous director frameworks and shared service arrangements.

Pillar 7: Professional Development

Strong pathways to leadership guarantee succession across all levels, with Independent Schools in the Northern Territory celebrated for growing 'home-grown' leaders.

Pillar 8: Technology, Innovation and Equity

ISNT positioned as a national leaders in equitable digital transformation, with Independent Schools in the Northern Territory at the forefront of responsible AI use and innovation despite geographic disadvantage.

Pillar 9: Climate and Environmental Resilience

Independent Schools across the Northern Territory are fully climate-ready, with sustainable infrastructure, energy solutions, and funding mechanism embedded into policy and practice.

Pillar 10: Organisational Governance and Capability

ISNT operating as a high-performing, future-focused organisation, led by and expert, skills-based board with strong governance succession in place.