

## PRIME MINISTER

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## SCHOOLS COMMITTEE

The Interim Committee for the Australian Schools Commission will hold its first meeting in Canberra next Thursday, December 21.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Whitlam, decided to call the meeting after talks with Mr. K. Beazley, M.P., today.

The interim committee will immediately begin discussions on the preparation of recommendations for the 1973-74 Budget.

The recommendations will cover Australian Government grants for 1974.

Mr. Whitlam pledged in his election policy speech that these grants would increase in 1974.

The meeting next Thursday will be chaired by Professor P.H. Karmel.

The nine other members of the committee will attend.

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