

Independent Schools at a Glance



INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS
COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA



Schools: 1,104

Independent schools in Australia.



Students: 594,200

Attending Independent schools in Australia.



Fees: \$4,800

The median fee of an Australian Independent school.



Savings to Govt: \$4.4 billion

The additional recurrent funding cost to governments if every Independent school student moved to the government school system.



Government Support:

Average Australian Government recurrent funding per school student:

- Independent school: \$8,450
- Catholic school: \$10,200
- Government school: \$16,670.



Contribution to the Australian Economy:

Australian Independent schools employ **89,000** staff, annually contributing:

- Salaries and wages of \$6.8 billion
- PAYG tax of \$1.6 billion
- Superannuation contributions of \$684 million.



Students with Disability: 21,530

The number of students with disability (SWD) enrolled in Independent schools. SWD enrolments in Independent schools are increasing by 8% per year.



Capital Funding: 90%

The average percentage of capital funding for Independent schools that comes from parents and communities.



Indigenous Students: 12,618

The number of Indigenous students enrolled in 832 Independent schools.

- 39 Independent schools have an Indigenous enrolment of more than 50%
- Independent schools are Australia's largest provider of boarding schools for Indigenous students.



Diversity:

Christian denominations

Jewish Montessori Islamic

Indigenous **Boarding**
Special needs schools Steiner

Community schools

Statistics are from 2016 and derived from ABS, DET, and Productivity Commission data.

Funding figures use the latest available data which is for financial year 2014-15 or calendar year 2015

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