

Independent Schools at a Glance 2018



Schools: 1,123

Independent schools in Australia.



Students: 604,436

Attending Independent schools in Australia.



Fees: \$5,100

The median fee of an Australian Independent school.



Savings to Govt: \$4.6 billion

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



Government Support:

Average Australian Government recurrent funding per school student:

- Independent school: \$8,850
- Catholic school: \$10,670
- Government school: \$17,280.



Contribution to the Economy:

Australian Independent schools employ **91,000** staff, annually contributing:

- Salaries and wages of \$6.5 billion
- PAYG tax of \$1.4 billion
- Superannuation contributions of \$0.7 billion.



Students with Disability: 23,553

The number of students with disability (SWD) enrolled in Independent schools. SWD enrolments in Independent schools are increasing by 10% per year.



Capital Funding: 89%

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



Indigenous Students: 13,079

The number of Indigenous students enrolled in 856 Independent schools.

- 38 Independent schools have Indigenous enrolments over 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 2017 and derived from ABS, DET, and Productivity Commission data. Funding figures use the latest available data which is for financial year 2015-16 or calendar year 2016.

The total student figure of 604,436 includes independent Catholic schools.

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