

# INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS AT A GLANCE

2021  
FACTS & FIGURES\*

**647,371**

STUDENTS

1 in 6 students attend an Independent school



**117,450**

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITY

Independent schools provide support for all students



**15,395**

INDIGENOUS STUDENTS

929 Independent schools enrol Indigenous students



**1,169**

SCHOOLS

1 in 8 schools is an Independent school



**144**

BOARDING SCHOOLS

The Independent sector is the largest provider of boarding with 14,566 students



**131**

SPECIAL SCHOOLS

12,859 students are enrolled in special and special assistance schools



**86,119**

STAFF (FTE)

Independent schools contribute \$7.9 billion in salaries



**11.8 to 1**

STUDENT TEACHER RATIO

Lowest student teacher ratio of all three sectors

CATHOLIC:  
13.7 to 1  
GOVERNMENT:  
13.9 to 1



**\$5,450**

MEDIAN ANNUAL FEE

Highest student growth is in low fee Independent schools



**\$10,550**

PER STUDENT FUNDING

Lowest average annual recurrent funding from governments

CATHOLIC:  
\$12,300  
GOVERNMENT:  
\$19,330



**\$5.5 BILLION**

SAVINGS TO GOVERNMENT

Significant annual recurrent savings to governments



**\$1.04 BILLION**

PARENTAL CAPITAL CONTRIBUTION

Parents and communities provide 89% of capital funding in Independent schools



\*LATEST AVAILABLE FIGURES