

INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS AT A GLANCE

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LATEST AVAILABLE
FACTS & FIGURES

667,259

STUDENTS

1 in 6 students attend an Independent school – the fastest growing school sector.



125,927

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITY

Independent schools provide support for all students



16,662

INDIGENOUS STUDENTS

956 Independent schools enrol Indigenous students



1,187

SCHOOLS

1 in 8 schools is an Independent school and 63% of these are K-12 schools



140

BOARDING SCHOOLS

The Independent sector is the largest provider of boarding with 14,141 students



138

SPECIAL SCHOOLS

14,645 students are enrolled in special and special assistance schools



89,979

STAFF (FTE)

Independent schools employ more than 18.5% of all teachers in Australian schools



11.8 to 1

STUDENT TO TEACHER RATIO

Independent schools have the lowest student teacher ratio of all three sectors

CATHOLIC:
13.6 to 1
GOVERNMENT:
13.6 to 1



\$5,025

MEDIAN ANNUAL FEE

The highest student growth is in low fee Independent schools



\$11,620

PER STUDENT FUNDING

Independent schools receive lowest average recurrent funding from governments

CATHOLIC:
\$13,100
GOVERNMENT:
\$20,180



\$5.5 BILLION

SAVINGS TO GOVERNMENT

Significant annual recurrent savings to governments



\$1.07 BILLION

PARENTAL CAPITAL CONTRIBUTION

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

