

# INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS AT A GLANCE

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FACTS AND FIGURES



**688,638**

STUDENTS

1 in 6 students attend an Independent school



**143,500**

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITY

Independent schools provide support for all students of which an estimated 22.4% have a disability



**17,752**

INDIGENOUS STUDENTS

974 Independent schools enrol Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander students



**1,209**

SCHOOLS

1 in 8 schools is an Independent school and 64% of these are K-12 schools



**141**

BOARDING SCHOOLS

The Independent sector is the largest provider of boarding with 14,577 students



**143**

SPECIAL SCHOOLS

16,571 students are enrolled in special and special assistance schools



**115,090**

NUMBER OF STAFF

Independent schools employ more than 19% of all teachers in Australian schools



**11.7 to 1**

STUDENT TEACHER RATIO

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

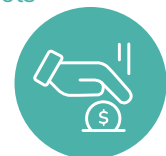


CATHOLIC:  
13.6 to 1  
GOVERNMENT:  
13.4 to 1

**\$5,272**

MEDIAN ANNUAL FEE

The highest student growth is in low-fee Independent schools



**\$12,260**

PER STUDENT FUNDING

Independent sector schools receive lowest average recurrent funding from governments

CATHOLIC:  
\$13,970  
GOVERNMENT:  
\$20,940



**\$5.7** BILLION

SAVINGS TO GOVERNMENT

Significant annual recurrent savings to governments



**\$1.14** BILLION

PARENTAL CAPITAL CONTRIBUTION

Parents and communities provide 86% of capital funding in Independent schools

