



NSW INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS AT A GLANCE

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FACTS AND FIGURES

236,913
STUDENTS

Almost one in five NSW students (19%) attends an Independent school, up from one in 10 in 1990



426
SCHOOLS

NSW has 426 Independent schools on 563 campuses. Half are K-12 schools



45%
SMALL SCHOOLS

Almost half of NSW Independent schools have fewer than 250 students. 3% have more than 2,000 students



2.0%
ANNUAL GROWTH

NSW Independent school enrolments are forecast to grow by 2.0% per year for the next decade compared with 0.6% for all sectors



20
DIFFERENT FAITHS

83% of NSW Independent schools are faith based with 20 faiths represented. 80 schools are secular



\$5,785
MEDIAN FEE

Most NSW Independent schools charge fees of less than \$6,000 per year. More schools charge less than \$2,000 per year than charge \$20,000 per year



57%
LOW-MEDIUM INCOME FAMILIES

Most students in NSW Independent schools are from low to middle income families



1 in 3
LBOTE

A third of NSW Independent school students have a language background other than English



\$3.6 billion
PARENTS CONTRIBUTION

On average, parents fund just over half the cost of educating a child in NSW Independent schools and 90% of building costs, saving taxpayers billions of dollars each year



64
SPECIAL NEEDS SCHOOLS

There are 5,770 students in 64 Independent Special Schools and Special Assistance Schools in NSW



131
REGIONAL SCHOOLS

Almost one in three NSW Independent schools are located in regional NSW



5,894
FIRST NATIONS STUDENTS

Enrolment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in NSW Independent schools has grown by an average of 7.5% per year for the past five years

