

# NSW INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS AT A GLANCE

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FACTS AND FIGURES

## 245,452 STUDENTS

One in five NSW students (20%) attends an Independent school, up from one in ten in 1990.



## 430 SCHOOLS

NSW has 430 Independent schools on 573 campuses. Half are K-12 schools.



## 45% SMALL SCHOOLS

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



## 2.0% ANNUAL GROWTH

NSW Independent school enrolments are forecast to grow by 2% per year for the next decade compared with 0.6% for all sectors.



## 15+ DIFFERENT FAITHS

70% of NSW Independent schools are faith based with more than 15 faiths represented. 92 schools are secular.



## \$5,989 MEDIAN FEE

Half of NSW Independent schools charge fees of \$6,000 or less 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

One in three students in NSW Independent schools has a language background other than English.



## \$3.9 billion PARENT CONTRIBUTIONS

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.



## 67 SPECIAL NEEDS SCHOOLS

In NSW, 67 Independent Special and Special Assistance Schools operate across 150 locations, enrolling 6,511 students.



## 132 REGIONAL SCHOOLS

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



## 6,468 FIRST NATIONS STUDENTS

Enrolment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in NSW Independent schools has grown by an average of 8.4% per year for the past five years.

