Independent schools are non-government schools and include Independent Catholic schools. They operate autonomously, are registered, and their teachers accredited by the NSW Education Standards Authority. They are educationally and financially accountable to their Boards, and the Australian and NSW Governments. Information is sourced from the Australian Government Department of Education, Australian Bureau of Statistics, and NSW Independent schools.

**NSW Independent Schools at a glance 2019**

**Schools in NSW**
- NSW Government: 2,152
- Systemic Catholic: 552
- Independent: 497

16% of Schools in NSW

**Types of Independent Schools**
- Faith-based: 69%
- Non-metropolitan: 44%
- Boarding: 10%

**Students in NSW**
- NSW Government: 805,673
- Systemic Catholic: 217,137
- Independent: 208,855

17% of Students in NSW

**Students in NSW Independent Schools**
- Primary: 41%
- Secondary: 59%

208,855 more students in 2019 than 2018

4,993 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students

4,329

**Teachers in NSW**
- NSW Government: 51,808
- Systemic Catholic: 14,703
- Independent: 18,238

22% of Teachers in NSW

**Staff in NSW Independent Schools**
- Teaching Staff: 18,238
- Non-teaching Staff: 9,068

27,306 more teachers in 2019 than 2018

- Female: 66%
- Male: 34%
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Students in Independent Schools

Number of Schools by Affiliation

Socio-Economic Diversity of Schools

Percentage of Independent Schools by Enrolment Size

Socio-Economic Diversity of Students

Independent Schools in NSW

Independent Schools in Metropolitan Sydney

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