Independent schools operate autonomously and are not members of government or Catholic systems. All independent schools in NSW are registered by the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) and are educationally and financially accountable to their Boards and to the Australian and NSW Governments.

Sources: Data provided by the Australian Bureau of Statistics, the Australian Government Department of Education and Training, and the Productivity Commission. Depending on the availability of data, enrolment figures are either full-time or full-time equivalent (FTE).

* Independent Catholic school figures are included as independent. Some figures may not add due to rounding.
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Enrolments by Regional Location

NSW Independent Schools by Regional Location

Metropolitan schools account for 60% of all NSW Independent schools

NSW Independent Schools Affiliation – Schools and Enrolments

* Other includes special schools, international schools, indigenous schools and community schools.

Number of Independent Schools by Enrolments

NSW Independent Schools by SES

73% of independent schools have an SES in the lower range of the distribution

Socio-economic status (SES) is calculated by the Australian Government Department of Education and Training and used for school funding. Schools with low SES receive more funding per student than those with higher SES. SES scores have been grouped for the purposes of this publication only. Individual school SES scores are available at www.education.gov.au

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