Census on Internet - Australian Government

Do Schools need to comply?

Yes, if your school receives funding under the Australian Education Act 2013 (Cth).

Conditions of compliance:

Submit the Census on the Internet.

If you have to comply, what do you have to do?

The Census collects information on staff and students from all non-government establishments which have as their major activity the administration or provision of full time primary, secondary and/or special education. The data represents a 'snapshot' of the staffing and student numbers on Census Day.

The Census collects data on:

- School characteristics
- Staff (including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander, teaching and non-teaching staff, if applicable)
- Students (Full Time and Part Time)
- Overseas students
- Students with disabilities
- Indigenous students
- Boarding students
- Distance Education Students
- Non Tuition Boarders
- Students on visas
- Indigenous non-stated.

Schools need to complete the Department of Education Census online (password required) by the required date (The census day is generally the first Friday in August).

What are the consequences if you don’t comply?

Independent schools receive funding from the Australian Government under the Australian Education Act 2013 (Cth) subject to the conditions which are set out in the Act.

The Census is a condition under the Act.

Useful links:

School Service Point
School Service Point Help