Do Schools need to comply?

Yes, if your school is to continue to receive general recurrent funding from the Australian Government.

Conditions of compliance:

Under the Australian Education Act 2013, Australian Government funding for non-government schools incorporates a capacity to contribute percentage which is a measure of the capacity of the school community to contribute towards the operating costs of the school. This percentage is based on the socioeconomic status (SES) score of the school or the Approved System Authority. SES scores are derived by linking student residential addresses to Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) national Census data to obtain a socioeconomic profile of a school community (based on the socio-economic profile of the census collection districts from which enrolments are drawn) and measure its capacity to support the school.

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.

To continue to receive funding, the school must submit students' residential addresses to the Australian Government Department of Education and Training when required.

Useful links:

Australian Government: Schools Service Point Help
Guide to the Australian Education Act 2013