Parents are a major source of funding for Independent schools in South Australia

Independent schools in South Australia fund student education through a range of sources: Commonwealth and State Governments, parents and others in the school community.

- Parents are the major source of funds in many South Australian Independent schools
- School communities provide most funds for buildings and technology in Independent schools
- The Australian Commonwealth Government is the major provider of government funds to non-government schools in South Australia
- The South Australian State Government is the major provider of government funds to government schools in South Australia
- Parents have a right to choose the school which best meets the needs of their child. This principle is supported by the major political parties.

A Point of Interest

Parents of non-government students contribute to government funds for government and non-government schools through the taxation system.

Government Schools

Parents in government schools also make financial contributions to the education of their children. Research has shown this to be on average 7% of the operating costs of each school (Source: Australian Parent Council).

Funding sources for South Australian Independent schools 2001
(Source: National Report on Schooling in Australia 2001)