All Independent school students attract a lower level of government funding than government school students

Funding of Independent schools consists of a mix of State and Commonwealth Government funds and contributions from parents and school communities.

- All Australian school students are entitled to government funds to support their education needs
- This should be at least 25% of the average cost of educating a student in a government school
- On average the government school sector receives nearly twice the government funding per student as the non-government school sector
- The level of funding per student varies according to the socio-economic profile of each school community and the level of need among the students (e.g. students with disabilities).

**A Point of Interest**

AISSA supports increased government funding for all schools (both government and non-government).

The increase in Federal funding for Independent schools is directly linked to student enrolment increases. More parents, especially from low and middle incomes, are making the choice to send their children to Independent schools.

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