South Australian Independent schools provide choice and diversity in education

Independent schools enable parents to educate their children in schools underpinned by a particular religious faith or educational philosophy.

- The religious affiliations of SA Independent schools include Anglican, Baptist, Christian, Christadelphian, Greek Orthodox, Islamic, Jewish, Lutheran, Seventh-day Adventist, Uniting and non-denomination.
- Educational philosophies include Montessori, Waldorf Steiner and Burc.
- The sector includes a number of secular schools and a special school which educates students with severe intellectual disabilities.
- Over one-third of SA Independent schools are registered to enrol international students.

Percentages of South Australian Independent School Students by Schools’ Religious Affiliation and Educational Philosophy 2007
(Source: February Census, Non-Government Schools Secretariat 2007)

Factors parents consider important in their choice of an Independent school include:
- A better all round education for their children
- Strong reputation of the school
- Smaller class sizes
- Similar values and beliefs


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