Government funding of Independent schools varies according to needs

Independent schools educating students with higher levels of need receive more government funding than other Independent schools.

- Government funding of Independent schools incorporates a basic entitlement per capita grant and a needs component.
- Commonwealth per capita funding is based on a calculated socio-economic status (SES) score, which is derived from a linkage between student addresses and ABS Census data.
- Additional Commonwealth funding is also provided for students who require extra educational assistance, such as some students with disabilities.
- The State Government (2007) provides a basic per capita grant of $554.54 (primary) and $770.82 (secondary).
- In addition to the level of State government funding for Independent schools also varies according to the numbers of students with disabilities, students with learning difficulties, families eligible for School Card and students from non-English Speaking and Indigenous backgrounds.
- Independent schools currently receive no funding for capital works from the SA State Government.

### Points of Interest

Nationally, on average, parents and school communities contributed 87% of the cost of building works in 2005 (ISCA 2007).