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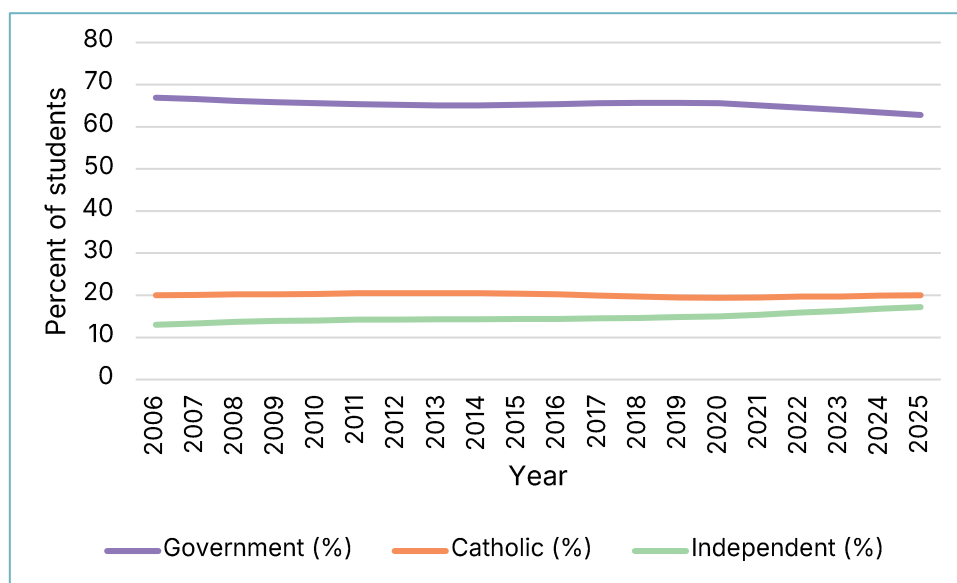
SCHOOLING IN AUSTRALIA

Australia's school system educates around 4 million students each year across government, Catholic and independent schools. Schooling is compulsory in Australia from around age 5 to 17, and most students now complete year 12 or its equivalent. The majority of students in Australia (62.8%) currently attend government schools.

- Female students have higher retention rates than male students (85.3 % compared to 77.6 %, respectively).
- 80.7% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students are enrolled in government schools.
- The average student to teaching staff ratio across all schools is 12.8 students for every teacher.
- 72% of teachers in Australia are female, and 28% are male.

In 2025, 4.16 million students were enrolled in Australian schools

STUDENT ENROLMENTS BY SCHOOL AFFILIATION



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