

Schools Profile 2023

Summary statistics data for 2023 and 2022 financial data are from the Australian Government Department of Education's annual Non-Government School Census and Financial Questionnaire. Historical trend data is from the NCEC Australian Catholic Education Statistics database.

Statistics relate to all canonically recognised Catholic schools, including schools in Catholic systems and Catholic independent schools. Combined schools have students enrolled at both primary and secondary year levels. Unless otherwise stated, all figures reported in this section refer to full-time equivalent students and staff. Full-time equivalent numbers account for both full-time hours and part-time hours of participation in education (students) and employment (staff).

Note: Totals may vary to the sum of the parts due to rounding.

STUDENT ENROLMENTS

A total of 804,762 students (headcount) attended Australian Catholic schools in 2023. Taking part-time participation in education into account, Catholic schools educated 804,619 full-time equivalent students in 2023, an annual increase of 10,890 students. Over 38 years, enrolments have increased steadily, up by 39.9% since 1985.

STUDENT ENROLMENT GROWTH

Since 1985, total Catholic school enrolments has increased by 229,615 (39.9%) students. During this period, secondary enrolments increased by 62.0% (150,753), and primary enrolments increased by 23.8% (78,862).

SCHOOL TYPE

*Note: Special schools including Special Schools and Special Assistance Schools - provide alternative educational settings for students with high-level needs and cater for students with medical conditions, physical or cognitive disability, as well as students who are at risk, have social-emotional and/or behavioural difficulties, are on remand or in the social justice system, or whose needs are better met by flexible learning structures.

STATISTICAL SNAPSHOT

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS IN AUSTRALIA 2023

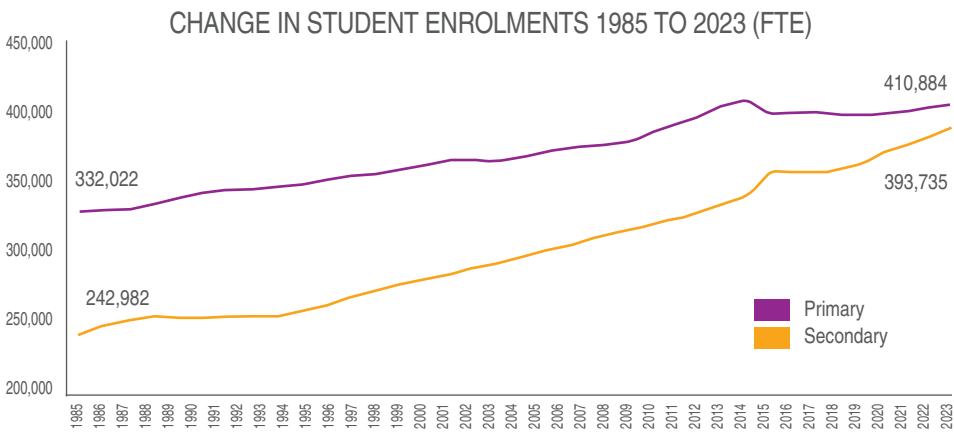
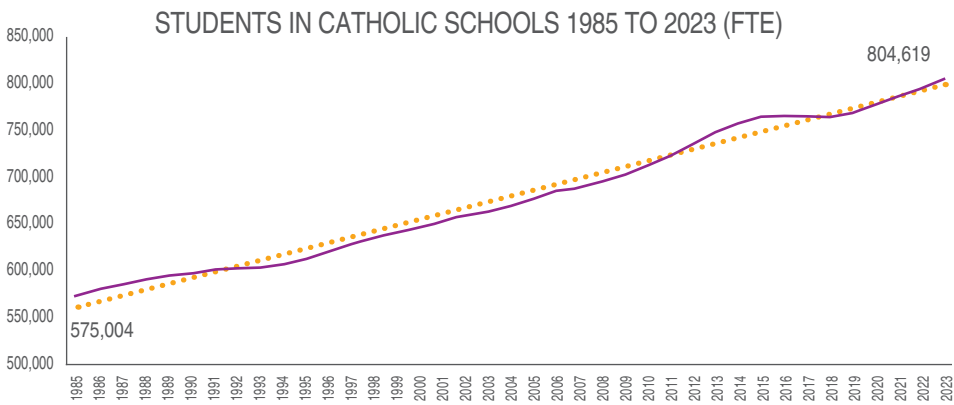
School Type	Schools	%
Primary schools	1,238	70.5%
Secondary schools	315	17.9%
Combined primary/secondary	156	8.9%
Special	47	2.7%
All schools	1,756	100.0%

STUDENTS IN AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS 2023 (FTE)

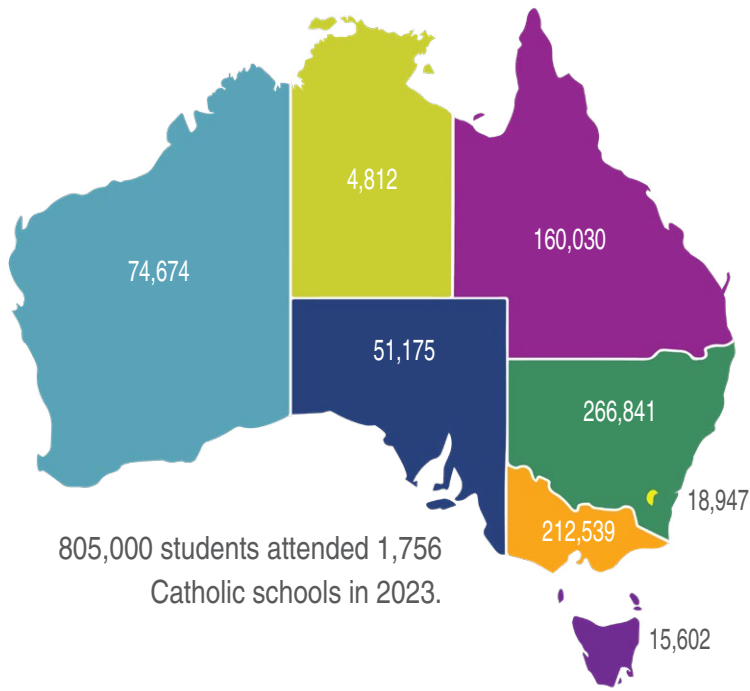
Type	Students 2023	% of schools	Change 2022
Primary	410,883.7	51.1%	3,099.3
Secondary	393,735.3	48.9%	7,790.7
All students	804,619	100.0%	10,890
All students (head count)	804,762	100.0%	10,865

SPECIFIC STUDENT GROUPS IN AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS 2023 (FTE)

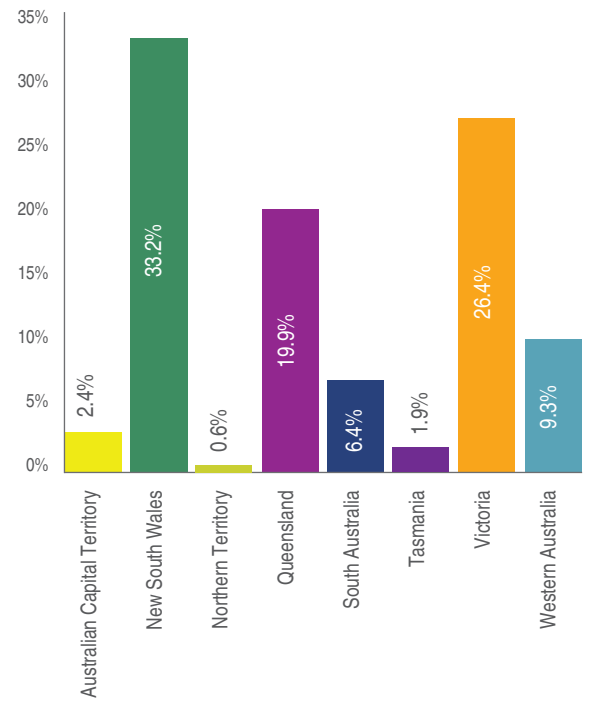
Type	Students 2023	% of students	Change 2022
Students with disability (NCCD adjustments)	175,401.0	21.8%	11,664.2
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students	29,835.1	3.7%	1,602.6
Boarding students (52 boarding schools)	5,460.0	0.7%	200
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander boarding students	1,322	0.2%	-6
Full-fee-paying overseas students	1,085.0	0.1%	238



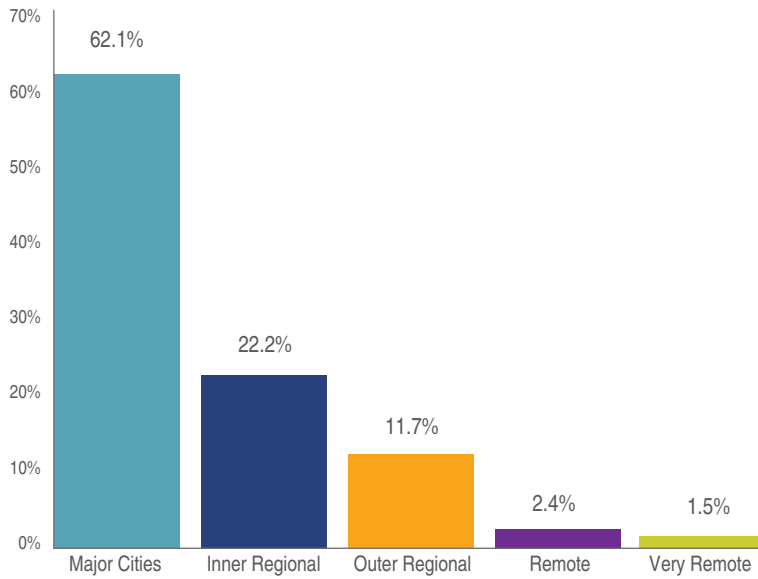
STUDENT ENROLMENT BY STATE & TERRITORY 2023 (FTE)



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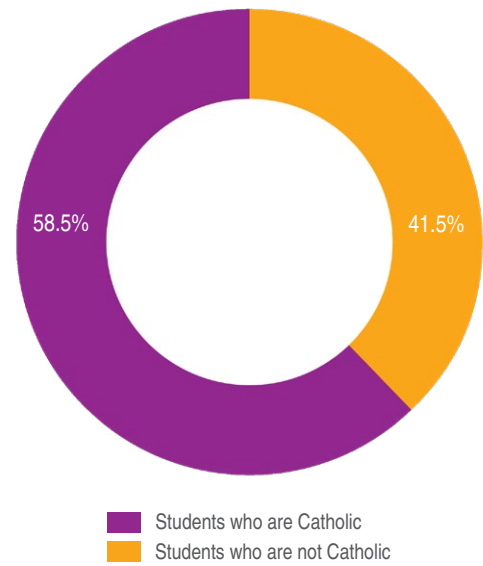


CATHOLIC SCHOOLS BY REMOTENESS



The Australian Education Act (2013) defines the remoteness of a school based on the Accessibility/Remoteness Index of Australia rating of between 0-15.

STUDENT RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION

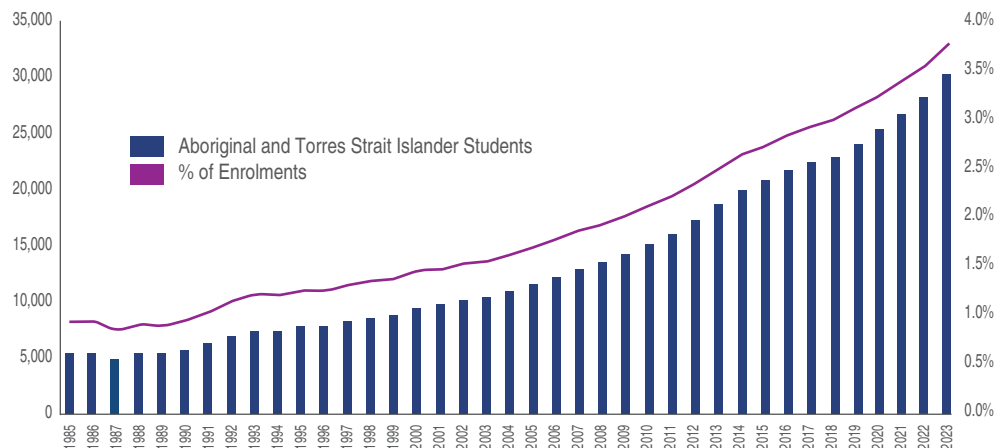


STUDENT CHARACTERISTICS

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Students (full-time equivalent)

In 2023, there were 29,835 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in Catholic schools, representing 3.7% of all students. This was an increase of 1,603 students from the previous year.

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER STUDENTS 1985 TO 2023 (FTE)



STUDENT CHARACTERISTICS

Students with disability (NCCD FTE)

In 2023, there were 175,401 students with disabilities in Catholic schools. Of these students, 36,931 (21.1%) benefited from quality differentiated teaching practice (QDTP); 96,814 (55.2%) received supplementary adjustments; 34,789 (19.8%) required substantial adjustments; and 6,867 (3.9%) needed extensive adjustments. Compared to 2022, students benefitting from QDTP declined by 1,413, more students required supplementary (8,920), substantial (3,164) and extensive (992) adjustments.

Staff Profile 2023

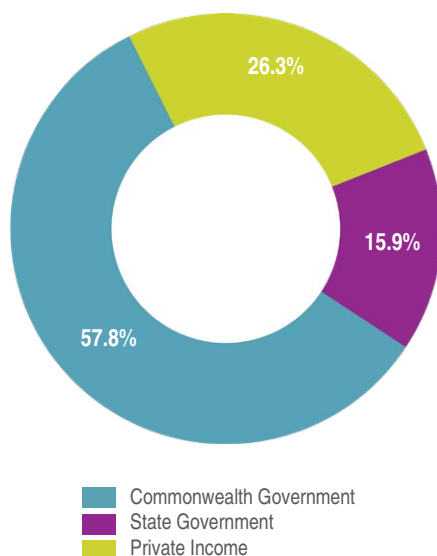
In 2023, Catholic schools employed a total of 109,020 staff. Counting both full-time hours and part-time hours, Catholic schools employed 88,443.8 full-time equivalent staff.

Income and Expenditure

SOURCES OF FUNDING 2022 CALENDAR YEAR

Proportions of total funding received from government and private sources are an average for all canonically recognised Catholic schools with available data.

SOURCES OF RECURRENT INCOME (GROSS) 2022 CALENDAR YEAR



STUDENTS WITH DISABILITY 2023 (NCCD FTE)

NCCD Adjustment Level	Students with disability 2023	% of all students with disability 2023	Change 2022
QDTP	36,931	21.1%	-1,413
Supplementary	96,814	55.2%	8,920
Substantial	34,789	19.8%	3,165
Extensive	6,867	3.9%	992
All students with disability	175,401	100%	11,664

STAFF IN AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS 2023 (FTE)

	Staff 2023	% of staff	Change 2022
Teachers (including Principals)	59,913.9	67.7%	1,454.1
Non-teaching staff	28,529.9	32.3%	1,748.2
All staff	88,443.8	100%	3,202.3
All staff (head count)	109,020.0	100%	4,441.0

TEACHERS INCLUDING PRINCIPALS 2023 (FTE)

	Teaching staff 2023	% of teachers	Change 2022
Primary teachers	27,169.9	45.3%	410.2
Secondary teachers	32,496.7	54.2%	1,006.9
Special teachers	247.3	0.4%	37.0
All teachers	59,913.9	100.0%	1,454.1
Female	43,133.2	72.0%	1,102.1
Male	16,775.9	28.0%	374.4

STUDENT/TEACHER RATIOS 2023 (FTE)

	Primary	Secondary	All
Students per teacher	15.1	12.1	13.8

INCOME, CATHOLIC SCHOOLS BY TYPE (\$ PER STUDENT) 2022 CALENDAR

	Primary	Secondary	Combined	All schools
Fees and charges	2,184	6,013	8,357	4,754
Other private income	420	578	1,284	645
Total private income	2,604	6,591	9,641	5,399
State government grants	3,053	3,567	3,250	3,275
Commonwealth government grants	11,599	12,624	11,194	11,886
Total government income	14,652	16,191	14,444	15,161
Total income	17,256	22,782	24,085	20,560

Source: Department of Education (internal 2022 Financial Questionnaire datasets, unpublished), average for all Catholic schools including "independent" Catholic schools. Total income represents gross income i.e., income before deductions.

EXPENDITURE, CATHOLIC SCHOOLS BY TYPE (\$ PER STUDENT) 2022

	Primary	Secondary	Combined	All schools
Recurrent expenditure	15,061	19,243	19,618	17,442
Capital expenditure	1,602	3,111	4,986	2,800
Total expenditure	16,663	22,354	24,604	20,242
Loans at start of year	3,401	5,559	6,851	4,844
Loans at end of year	3,568	5,745	7,473	5,106
Annual movement in borrowing	167	186	622	262

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