

## Royal Commission Request for information – Schools data

### Request for information

On 26 October 2016 the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse made the following request:

It would assist the Royal Commission to gain a fuller picture of boarding institutions and single-sex schools in Australia if the Department of Education and Training could produce data on the following:

#### *Student-level data*

- Number of boarding students, disaggregated by school sector (government, Catholic, Independent)
- Number of Indigenous boarding students, disaggregated by school sector
- Number of students attending single-sex schools, disaggregated by school sector

#### *Institution-level data*

- Number of boarding institutions disaggregated by school sector and identified by type of facility (school, hostel etc.)
- Number of boarding institutions that are single-sex, disaggregated by school sector
- Number of single-sex schools, disaggregated by school sector

### Commonwealth response

Given the context of this query and the nature of the Commonwealth's data holdings, the analysis has been extended from the numbers of schools, to include numbers of campuses, as there are co-educational schools that maintain separate campuses for boys and girls. The tables do not identify schools that enrol students from student hostels.

There are some anomalies around the definition of a male, or female school or campus, there may be a small numbers of enrolments of boys at a girl's school and vice versa, this usually happens in the lower grades. In this analysis, a female school/ campus is identified as one where there are less than five boys in an otherwise girl's school, or where a school with a large majority female enrolments enrolls boys in the school grades proceeding Year 5. Boy schools / campuses are identified using similar rules.

The data you requested are given below, noting:

- the tables exclude data about government boarding schools or the numbers of students in government boarding schools, as the Australian Government's Department of Education and Training does not collect these data;
- data on the numbers of schools, are based on information provided to this Department for funding purposes, these school numbers are not strictly comparable to data on school numbers published by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) or the data published on the My School website; and
- student numbers relate to 'full-time equivalent' (fte) and are directly comparable to data on fte published by the ABS in Schools Australia, 2015.

All data are sourced from the Australian Government's Department of Education and Training, Schools Information System and relate to enrolments at August 2015.

Number of boarding students, disaggregated by school affiliation (Catholic, Independent): 2015

Sector	Total FTE	Boarding
		FTE
Catholic	765,282	6,068
Independent	539,848	14,053
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,305,130</b>	<b>20,121</b>

Number of Indigenous boarding students, disaggregated by school affiliation (Catholic, Independent): 2015

Sector	Total	Indigenous
	Indigenous FTE	Boarding FTE
Catholic	20,905	1,445
Independent	11,108	2,146
<b>Total</b>	<b>32,013</b>	<b>3,591</b>

Number of students attending single-sex schools / campuses by school sector / affiliation; and Number of single-sex schools / campuses, disaggregated by school sector / affiliation: 2015

Sector	School Sex	Individual Schools	Male Campuses	Female Campuses	Male	Female
					FTE	FTE
Catholic	Male	74	87	0	77,104	3
Catholic	Female	90	0	91	1	73,386
Catholic	Co-ed	1	1	1	428	331
Government	Male	35	35	0	15,290	0
Government	Female	35	0	35	0	26,064
Government	Co-ed	2	2	2	953	1,891
Independent	Male	43	53	0	41,048	0
Independent	Female	57	0	68	10	50,535
Independent	Co-ed	2	2	2	858	1,006

Note: Some of these schools may have mixed campuses, which have not been separately identified.

Australian Summary School / Campus and Enrolments by sector: 2015

Sector	Schools	Campuses	Full-time equivalent
			students
Catholic	1,737	1,820	765,282
Government	6,626	6,794	2,433,728
Independent	1,028	1,289	539,848
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,391<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>9,903</b>	<b>3,738,857</b>

(1) Schools Australia shows 9,404 schools.