

SCHOOLS IN AUSTRALIA

Remember!

Compulsory= obligatory

Government schools= state schools

Educate=teach

Independent= private

Free= no money is paid for tuition

Charge fees= want parents to pay for schooling

Curriculum= school teaching plans

School is compulsory in Australia between the ages of six and fifteen-seventeen depending on the state. In recent years, over three-quarters of students stay on until they are eighteen.

Government schools educate about two-thirds of Australian students. The other third is in independent schools.

Government schools are free. Independent schools, both religious and secular, charge fees.

Schools are required to follow the same curriculum.

Most school students usually wear uniforms.

Test yourself !

- 1. Is school compulsory in Australia?**
- 2. How long do students normally stay at school?**
- 3. What are two main types of schools in Australia?**
- 4. What type of school do most students attend?**
- 5. Which type charge fees?**
- 6. Does the school curriculum vary much from state to state?**
- 7. Is school uniform obligatory?**

Schools in Australia can be classified according to **sources of funding and administrative structures. There are **three such categories** in Australia:**

- 1). **Public Schools** (also known as 'Government' schools or 'State' schools),**
- 2). **Independent Schools** (formally known as 'private' schools)**
- 3). and **Catholic schools**.**

Remember!

The majority= the greatest part

Private schools=

non-governmental

Secular= no religious background

**Regardless of= no matter /
despite**

Enforce= require, demand

Primary / Secondary

At primary and secondary level government schools educate the majority of students. They are mostly supported by the State or Territory government.

Private schools, both religious or secular may charge higher fees.

Regardless of whether a school is government or private, it is regulated by the same curriculum standards framework.

Most schools, government and private, enforce a uniform or dress code.

Test yourself!

- 1. Which type of school has a religious background?**
- 2. Who supports government schools?**
- 3. What is a secular school?**
- 4. What do most schools enforce?**

Government

Government (or state) schools are run by the respective state government. They offer free education;but many schools ask parents to pay a voluntary contribution fee.

They can be divided into two categories:

- open and**
- selective.**

Open schools

They accept all students from their **government-defined catchment areas**, and teach using the CSF. Many open government schools have **selective classes** in which **well performing students** are offered **extended and accelerated work**.

1. **Government-defined catchment areas**=
определенный местной властью микрорайон школы
2. **Selective classes**=классы с дифференцированным обучением
3. **Well-performing students**= хорошо успевающие
4. **Extended and accelerated work**=более трудные задания

Selective government schools

Selective government schools are considered more prestigious than open government schools. They have **high entrance requirements** and **cater** to a much larger area. Entrance to selective schools is often highly **competitive**.

1. **High entrance requirements** – высокий уровень требований при приеме
2. **Cater**- зд.обслуживать м/район
3. **Competitive**- высокий конкурс

Test yourself!

- 1. What are two types of government schools?**
- 2. Which type caters to a larger area?**
- 3. Who are well-performing students?**
- 4. What kind of work are they offered?**
- 5. Which schools are more prestigious?**
- 6. Can all students enter a selective government school?**

Private

Private schools can also be divided into **two groups**.

The most numerous are **Catholic schools**, which are run by the respective state or territories *Catholic Department of Education*, although some more prestigious Catholic schools are independent.

The rest are known as **Independent schools**, which are largely **Protestant grammar schools**.

There are also a few Jewish and Islamic schools and a great number of independent Montessori schools.

Test yourself!

- 1. Are private schools mostly secular?**
- 2. Who are they supported by?**
- 3. What kind of schools with religious teaching basis do you know?**