



# Annual Economic Significance of Independent Schools to TOOWOOMBA, SOUTHERN DOWNS & LOCKYER VALLEY

AEC Group, for Independent Schools Queensland, utilised economic modelling, analysing verified school data, financial year ABS, and other agency data, to produce an indicative annual profile of contributions to the Queensland economy and Gross State Product (GSP) for 2017-18. Further modelling was undertaken at the Local Government Area level to assess independent school contributions to Queensland's regional and local economies.

## TOOWOOMBA, SOUTHERN DOWNS & LOCKYER VALLEY Independent Schools contribute

**\$266.2m** → **local economy\***

**= \$124.1m direct + \$142.1m indirect**



## TOOWOOMBA, SOUTHERN DOWNS & LOCKYER VALLEY Independent Schools support

**1,875** → **\$164.3m**  
**full-time jobs** **wages & salaries**  
(direct + indirect)



**Every 3.8 students support 1 full-time job**

## TOOWOOMBA, SOUTHERN DOWNS & LOCKYER VALLEY Independent Schools provide

**\$58.2m savings**  
**to taxpayers**

**= \$11m capital savings (infrastructure)**  
**\$47.2m recurrent savings**



**Capital savings\*\* equivalent to 39 new classrooms**

**Recurrent savings\*\* equivalent to 590 beginning teachers**

\* Gross State Product

\*\* Sources: ISQ. (2019). *Independent Schools Infrastructure: Planning to Maintain Choice – 2019 Update*; and, Award Rate for beginning state school teacher plus superannuation.

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