



Annual Economic Significance of Independent Schools to CAIRNS

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.

CAIRNS Independent Schools contribute

\$91.9m → Cairns economy*



= \$41.8m direct + \$50.1m indirect

CAIRNS Independent Schools support

690 → **\$59.2m**
full-time jobs wages & salaries
(direct + indirect)



Every 3.4 students support 1 full-time job

CAIRNS Independent Schools provide

\$19.6m savings to taxpayers



= \$3.8m capital savings (infrastructure)
\$15.8m recurrent savings

Capital savings** equivalent to 13 new classrooms

Recurrent savings** equivalent to 198 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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