

Total School Expenditure and Government Funding

**Table 1: Government Funding by School Sector
(\$ per student)**

Year	Catholic	Independent	Government
2001-02	5096	3847	7812
2008-09	8336	6991	11591
%			
Increase	64	82	48

Table 2: Total Expenditure by School Sector (\$ per student)

Year	Private Schools		Govt Schools	
	Catholic	Independent	Incl UCC	Excl UCC
2001-02	6975	10294	8937	7812
2008-09	11539	16309	13544	11591
%				
Increase	65	58	52	48

Sources:

Govt school expenditure/funding:

National Report on Schooling in Australia 2002, Table 20; National Report on Schooling in Australia 2009, Table 36.

The user cost of capital is derived from the NRS 2002, Tables 5 & 19; NRS 2009, Tables 13 & 35.

The same expenditure figures are also published in the Report on Government Services 2004, Table 3A.7; Report on Government Services 2011, Table 4A.8 & 4A.14.

Private school expenditure/funding:

National Report on Schooling in Australia 2001, Table 25; NRS 2002, Table 23; NRS 2008, Table 23; NRS 2009, Table 41.

Notes:

1. Total expenditure includes recurrent and capital expenditure by private schools and recurrent expenditure by government schools. Capital expenditure in government schools is accounted for through depreciation which is treated as recurrent expenditure.
2. Private school expenditure and funding figures are presented for calendar years in the NRS and have been converted to a financial year basis to provide greater comparability with government school expenditure. Private school expenditure in Catholic schools in 2009 was \$12,251 per student and \$17,042 per Independent school student.
3. The user cost of capital (UCC) is an accounting charge on the value of land, buildings, equipment and other capital assets of government schools. The assets of private schools contributed by government land and capital grants are not subject to a user cost of capital charge. The UCC is excluded from government school expenditure/funding to provide greater comparability with private school expenditure. In 2008-09 it was \$1,953 per student in 2008-09.
4. Government school expenditure includes payroll tax and expenditure on student transport subsidies. These amount to about \$700-\$800 per student. They are not included in private school expenditure.
5. Private school expenditure includes expenditure sourced from private income such as fees, charges and donations. Government school expenditure excludes expenditure sourced from fees, charges and donations. These items amount to about \$50-\$100 per student in government schools.