

***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?**