Schools Queensland, 2017

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Key data

Full-time students (annual change):
Queensland .................................................... 1.5%
Australia...................................................... 1.4%

Teaching staff (full-time equivalent annual change):
Queensland .................................................... 2.1%
Australia...................................................... 2.0%

Student to teaching staff ratio (full-time equivalent):

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Main findings

• In August 2017, there were 1,737 schools in Queensland, of which 71.0% (1,234) were government schools and 29.0% (503) were non-government schools.

• Of the 1,737 schools in Queensland in 2017, 1,134 (65.3%) were primary schools, 257 (14.8%) were secondary schools, 268 (15.4%) were combined primary/secondary schools and 78 (4.5%) were special schools.

• Queensland had 806,555 full-time students attending schools in 2017, 21.0% of the Australian total. Of these, 67.1% attended government schools and 32.9% attended non-government schools. The proportion of full-time students attending non-government schools has increased by 1.5 percentage points since 2007.

• The number of full-time students in Queensland increased 1.5% over the past year, compared with 1.4% for Australia. Queensland’s full-time equivalent teaching staff increased 2.1% over the past year, compared with 2.0% for Australia.

• In 2017, there were 64,026 Indigenous full-time students in Queensland, 29.9% of the total number of Indigenous students in Australia.

• In 2017, the full-time equivalent student to teaching staff ratio for Queensland schools was 13.6. This was the same as the Australian ratio (Figure 1). For Queensland primary schools the student to teaching staff ratio was 14.9 and for Queensland secondary schools the full-time equivalent student to teaching staff ratio was 12.3.

• Queensland schools employed 59,227 full-time equivalent teaching staff in 2017. Of this total, 31,458 were employed in primary schools and 27,769 in secondary schools.

• Of full-time equivalent primary school teaching staff in Queensland, the female to male ratio has increased from 3.9 in 2007 to 4.8 in 2017. Similarly, for full-time equivalent secondary school teaching staff, the female to male ratio has increased from 1.4 in 2007 to 1.6 in 2017 (Figure 2).