Schools Queensland, 2019

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Key data

Full-time students (annual change):
Queensland ....................................................   1.7%
Australia........................................................   1.4%

Teaching staff (full-time equivalent annual change):
Queensland ....................................................   2.0%
Australia........................................................   0.1%

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

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Main findings

• In August 2019, there were 1,755 schools in Queensland, of which 70.5% (1,237) were government schools and 29.5% (518) were non-government schools.

• Of the 1,755 schools in Queensland in 2019, 1,138 (64.8%) were primary schools, 260 (14.8%) were secondary schools, 275 (15.7%) were combined primary/secondary schools and 82 (4.7%) were special schools.

• Queensland had 832,709 full-time students attending schools in 2019, 21.1% 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 0.4 percentage points since 2009.

• The number of full-time students in Queensland increased 1.7% over the past year, compared with 1.4% for Australia. Queensland’s full-time equivalent teaching staff increased 2.0% over the past year, compared with a decrease of 0.1% for Australia.

• In 2019, there were 69,392 Indigenous full-time students in Queensland, 30.2% of the total number of Indigenous students in Australia.

• In 2019, the full-time equivalent student to teaching staff ratio for Queensland schools was 13.4. This was lower than the Australian ratio of 13.7 (Figure 1). For Queensland primary schools the student to teaching staff ratio was 14.7 and for Queensland secondary schools the full-time equivalent student to teaching staff ratio was 12.1.