

**Main Features**

**Full-time students annual change:**

Queensland	↑	1.2%
Australia	↑	0.5%

**Teaching staff (full-time equivalent) annual change:**

Queensland	↑	1.5%
Australia	↑	1.1%

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

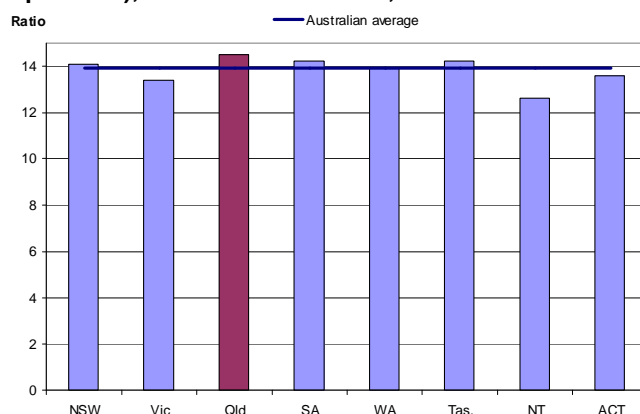
	Primary	Secondary
Queensland	16.0	12.6
Australia	15.8	12.0

**Commentary**

- In August 2008, there were 1,713 schools in Queensland, of which 73.0% (1,250) were government schools and 27.0% (463) were non-government schools.
- Of the 1,713 schools in Queensland in 2008, 1,166 (68.1%) were primary schools, 250 (14.6%) were secondary schools, 238 (13.9%) were combined primary/secondary schools and 59 (3.4%) were special schools. Since 1998, the number of combined schools has increased from 174 to 238 over this period.
- Queensland had 706,462 full-time students attending schools in 2008, 20.6% of the Australian total. Of these, 67.9% attended government schools and 32.1% attended non-government schools. The proportion of full-time students attending non-government schools has increased significantly in recent years, up by 4.1 percentage points since 1998.
- The number of full-time students in Queensland increased 1.2% over the past year, compared with 0.5% for Australia. In 2008, Queensland saw a full coverage of preparatory students enrolled, as opposed to only a half cohort in 2007. Similarly, Queensland full-time equivalent teaching staff increased 1.5% over the past year, compared with 1.1% for Australia.
- For the 2008 school year, there were 44,659 full-time Indigenous students in Queensland, 29.4% of the total number of Indigenous students in Australia.

- In 2008, the full-time equivalent student-to-teaching staff ratio for Queensland schools was 14.5. This was higher than the Australian ratio of 13.9 (Figure 1). For Queensland primary schools the student-to-teaching staff ratio was 16.0 and for Queensland secondary schools the full-time equivalent student-to-teaching staff ratio was 12.6.
- Queensland schools employed the equivalent of 48,965 full-time teaching staff in 2008. Of this total, 27,086 were employed in primary schools and 21,879 in secondary schools.
- Of full-time equivalent primary school teaching staff in Queensland, the female-to-male ratio has increased from 3.1 in 1998 to 3.9 in 2008. Similarly, for full-time-equivalent secondary school teaching staff the female-to-male ratio has increased from 1.2 in 1998 to 1.4 in 2008 (Figure 2).

**Figure 1: Student-to-teaching staff ratio (full-time equivalent), states and territories, 2008**



**Figure 2: Full-time equivalent school teaching staff, female-to-male ratio, Queensland, 1998 to 2008**

