

The Contribution of Christian Schooling in Queensland

Christianity remains the largest religious affiliation in Australia



43.9% of the Australian population identify with Christianityⁱ



2.4 million Queenslanders identify with Christianityⁱ



59 registered Christian schools in Queenslandⁱⁱⁱ

Christian schools develop students to be good citizens and contributors to society



90% of parents believe their child's school encourages students to become better citizens and contributors to society

% of parents who strongly/somewhat agree their child's school equips students:



90%
A strong value system



86%
Strong sense of purpose

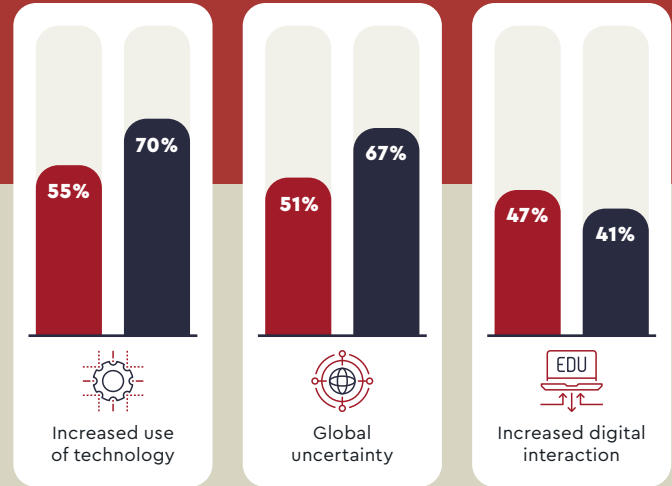


82%
Empowers curiosity



77%
With a global perspective

Christian schools effectively prepare students for life



● Key challenges children will face in life after school

● % who believe their child's school is extremely/very effective in preparing students in the following areas

Christian schools are not what they appear to be in the media

% who describe their school community as:



Welcoming **81%**



Supportive **76%**



Respectful **76%**



60% of parents believe the way Christian schools are portrayed in the media does not accurately reflect their experience

% of parents who believe the following aspects are misrepresented in the media:



40%

Financial wealth of Christian schools



38%

Exclusivity of school community



31%

Support available for LGBTQIA+ students



27%

Over emphasis on the spiritual development of students



27%

Schools as evangelistic organisations



24%

Time allocated to teach academic subjects over Christian subjects



72% of Australians agree it is beneficial for society to have various education options available including government, selective and faith-based schools

Q&A



If Christian schools were removed from Australia tomorrow, what do you think we would lose as a society?



"An education style that provides stability and certainty and assuredness in children's lives. Education that offers clear, constant values, which at its centre is the invitation to be better human beings, a better humanity."



"We would lose a critical part of establishing the values that a flourishing society requires."

References – i Australian Bureau of Statistics, 2022 ii Independent Schools Queensland, 2023 iii Associated Christian Schools, Education for the Common Good, 2020

Methodology

Online survey of parents within the ACS network: in field 27th February – 19th March 2023 yielding 1,083 responses.