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This statement of the numbers of pupils enrolled in government and non-government schools in Australia at the schools censuses in August 1968 will be followed by the usual bulletin "Social Statistics : Schools" which will contain more detailed information for 1968. Figures contained herein for the year 1968 are preliminary and are subject to minor amendments in the later bulletin.

2. Table 1 shows the numbers of pupils enrolled in government and non-government schools for each State and Territory from 1964 to 1968. Table 2 shows the numbers of pupils in 1968 classified according to grade.

3. The statistics relate to pupils enrolled in schools which provide education according to the primary and secondary school curricula of the State Education Departments, whether provided in government or non-government schools. Pupils in junior technical schools, correspondence schools and in schools in institutional homes, hospitals and similar establishments are included, as are pupils in special schools and classes which cater for children who are physically or mentally handicapped, socially maladjusted, or who are in similar other categories not normally taught in ordinary schools. Pupils in institutions providing only pre-school education, in senior technical and agricultural colleges, evening schools, continuation classes and institutions such as business colleges and coaching establishments are, as a rule, excluded. However, pupils in Tasmanian pre-schools are included.

4. Comparisons of total enrolments between States and between government and non-government schools are affected by differences in the school systems, especially ages of commencing full-time education, cessation of compulsory education and transfer from secondary to vocational education.

5. The figures of grades in Table 2 are not comparable between States, nor entirely between government and non-government schools in any one State, and this is one reason why the separate tables have not been aggregated into an Australian table. The grading of pupils differs for the various school systems in Australia, because of the differences in curricula set by Education Departments. In addition, the methods of allocating classes to grades, particularly classes for special pupils, vary from State to State, and there are also differences in the administrative methods of aggregating grades of a more or less similar nature. While the tables have been slightly rearranged from the data provided by the Education Departments and other sources (for instance, separate tables for primary and secondary schools in some States were combined into one table), they represent essentially the system of grading adopted in each different State.



TABLE 1. - NUMBERS OF PUPILS : GOVERNMENT AND NON-GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS

State or Territory	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968 (p)
<b>GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS</b>					
New South Wales	633,418	653,436	672,508	700,009	725,773
Victoria	487,192	504,120	523,786	540,281	555,799
Queensland	257,829	262,225	270,236	279,362	285,428
South Australia	194,614	202,636	210,435	217,034	222,019
Western Australia	137,573	140,951	146,888	154,975	161,416
Tasmania	70,643	71,615	72,461	74,265	76,109
Northern Territory	6,421	6,943	8,307	9,179	10,338
Australian Capital Territory	13,674	15,194	16,642	18,447	20,586
<u>Australia</u>	1,801,364	1,857,120	1,921,263	1,993,552	2,057,468
<b>NON-GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS</b>					
New South Wales	208,179	214,619	214,474	220,056	221,118
Victoria	178,650	182,606	182,855	185,522	188,455
Queensland	81,023	83,413	85,521	86,928	88,207
South Australia	37,903	37,866	37,436	37,259	36,625
Western Australia	36,775	37,859	38,405	39,734	40,568
Tasmania	14,385	14,688	14,743	14,913	14,974
Northern Territory	2,483	2,773	2,374	2,419	2,670
Australian Capital Territory	6,017	6,708	7,259	7,956	8,357
<u>Australia</u>	565,415	580,532	583,067	594,787	600,974
<b>ALL SCHOOLS</b>					
New South Wales	841,597	868,055	886,982	920,065	946,891
Victoria	665,842	686,726	706,641	725,803	744,254
Queensland	338,852	345,638	355,757	366,290	373,635
South Australia	232,517	240,502	247,871	254,293	258,644
Western Australia	174,348	178,810	185,293	194,709	201,984
Tasmania	85,028	86,303	87,204	89,178	91,083
Northern Territory	8,904	9,716	10,681	11,598	13,008
Australian Capital Territory	19,691	21,902	23,901	26,403	28,943
<u>AUSTRALIA</u>	2,366,779	2,437,652	2,504,330	2,588,339	2,658,442

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TABLE 2. - GRADES OF PUPILS, BY CATEGORY OF SCHOOL : ALL SCHOOLS, 1968 (p)

(Numbers of pupils)

Grade or year	Government schools	Non-government schools						All schools
		Church of England	Methodist	Presbyterian	Roman Catholic	Other	Total	
NEW SOUTH WALES								
Infants - K	69,469	645	55	153	18,495	633	19,981	89,450
1	78,945	364	78	184	19,429	405	20,460	99,405
2	71,458	416	62	166	19,379	425	20,448	91,906
Primary - 3	66,760	520	93	227	18,405	383	19,628	86,388
4	65,582	608	106	244	17,618	415	18,991	84,573
5	64,512	780	153	319	17,639	478	19,369	83,881
6	63,224	939	219	397	17,211	527	19,293	82,517
Special primary grades (a)	8,628	..	..	..	334	1,762	2,096	10,724
Secondary -								
Form I or 7	62,027	1,667	420	708	14,994	650	18,439	80,466
Form II or 8	60,233	1,744	440	771	14,288	639	17,882	78,115
Form III or 9	47,802	1,691	446	734	12,905	635	16,411	64,213
Form IV	37,320	1,741	492	780	11,273	641	14,927	52,247
Form V	15,721	1,203	301	556	4,593	462	7,115	22,836
Form VI	13,255	1,055	260	453	3,909	401	6,078	19,333
Special secondary grades (a)	837	..	..	..	..	..	..	837
<u>Total</u>	725,773	13,373	3,125	5,692	190,472	8,456	221,118	946,891
VICTORIA								
Primary -								
Grade 1 (b)	106,780	890	120	414	27,558	1,230	30,212	136,992
Grade 2	51,773	631	59	323	15,233	645	16,891	68,664
Grade 3	49,128	656	73	319	15,072	644	16,764	65,892
Grade 4	48,614	738	147	367	15,012	686	16,950	65,564
Grade 5	47,453	896	152	433	14,397	701	16,579	64,032
Grade 6	46,915	1,067	227	444	14,125	732	16,595	63,510
Ungraded (a)	2,412	..	..	..	259	39	298	2,710
Secondary -								
Form I or 7	47,988	1,868	498	991	11,248	976	15,581	63,569
Form II or 8	46,484	1,920	507	1,029	10,562	973	14,991	61,475
Form III	42,518	1,964	590	1,066	9,278	995	13,893	56,411
Form IV	35,004	2,097	663	1,092	7,960	930	12,742	47,746
Form V	22,159	2,127	686	1,201	5,564	942	10,520	32,679
Form VI	8,571	1,504	484	836	3,018	597	6,439	15,010
<u>Total</u>	555,799	16,358	4,206	8,515	149,286	10,090	188,455	744,254

(a) Pupils at special schools and in special classes at ordinary schools.

(b) In Victoria, owing to differences in ages of commencing school, many younger children may not reach Grade 2 until they have been at school for two years.

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TABLE 2. - GRADES OF PUPILS, BY CATEGORY OF SCHOOL : ALL SCHOOLS, 1968 (p) - continued

(Numbers of pupils)

## QUEENSLAND

Grade or year	Government schools	Non-government schools						All schools
		Church of England	Presbyterian & Methodist Schools Association	Presbyterian	Roman Catholic	Other	Total	
Primary -								
Preparatory	63	55	8	59	471	20	613	676
Grade 1	32,944	86	5	72	8,596	140	8,899	41,843
Grade 2	31,333	97	10	44	8,061	117	8,329	39,662
Grade 3	29,000	108	20	72	7,766	129	8,095	37,095
Grade 4	28,854	103	43	44	7,499	106	7,795	36,649
Grade 5	28,038	241	74	61	6,921	111	7,408	35,446
Grade 6	27,664	328	115	55	6,795	130	7,423	35,087
Grade 7	26,953	534	185	51	6,685	180	7,635	34,588
Ungraded (a)	2,204	..	..	..	65	..	65	2,269
Secondary -								
Grade 8	24,782	892	381	102	6,066	994	8,435	33,217
Grade 9	23,142	935	400	118	5,679	1,059	8,191	31,333
Grade 10	20,097	926	381	119	5,239	985	7,650	27,747
Grade 11	5,732	695	298	112	2,218	776	4,099	9,831
Grade 12	4,622	550	237	80	1,786	917	3,570	8,192
<u>Total</u>	(b)285,428	5,550	2,157	989	73,847	5,664	88,207	(b)373,635

## SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Grade or year	Government schools	Non-government schools						All schools
		Church of England	Methodist	Presbyterian	Roman Catholic	Other	Total	
Pre-primary	..	122	4	28	37	21	212	212
Primary -								
Preparatory (c)	6,274	..	..	..	..	..	..	6,274
Grade I	22,167	213	42	37	3,081	219	3,592	25,759
Grade II	21,894	156	43	65	2,708	186	3,158	25,052
Grade III	21,566	171	55	52	2,692	219	3,189	24,755
Grade IV	20,954	172	59	59	2,586	216	3,092	24,046
Grade V	20,327	250	81	78	2,552	221	3,182	23,509
Grade VI	20,313	255	110	108	2,456	241	3,170	23,483
Grade VII	19,517	344	139	111	2,537	272	3,403	22,920
Ungraded (d)	2,319	6	..	..	22	..	28	2,347
Secondary -								
VIII or 1st	19,752	538	327	204	1,932	328	3,329	23,081
IX or 2nd	18,380	523	343	196	1,696	374	3,132	21,512
X or 3rd	16,053	533	388	201	1,650	417	3,189	19,242
XI or 4th	9,226	558	330	183	1,029	356	2,456	11,682
5th	3,038	370	239	170	484	230	1,493	4,531
Ungraded (e)	239	..	..	..	..	..	..	239
<u>Total</u>	222,019	4,211	2,160	1,492	25,462	3,300	36,625	258,644

(a) Pupils at special schools and in special classes at ordinary schools.

(b) Excludes correspondence pupils aged 19 years and over (1,227 males, 879 females, 2,106 total). (c) For 1968, the term Kindergarten (government schools) was replaced by "Preparatory" in this table and defined as "all children who commenced school at the mid-year intake". (d) Occupation centres, opportunity classes, speech and hearing classes, and children in schools at spastic centres. (e) Speech and hearing classes and opportunity classes.

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(Numbers of pupils)

Grade or year	Government schools	Non-government schools						All schools
		Church of England	Methodist	Presbyterian	Roman Catholic	Other	Total	
WESTERN AUSTRALIA								
Primary -								
Kindergarten	..	39	38	20	220	12	329	329
Grade 1	17,683	43	21	25	3,680	151	3,920	21,603
Grade 2	16,881	44	34	29	3,471	132	3,710	20,591
Grade 3	16,281	67	31	21	3,354	116	3,589	19,870
Grade 4	15,941	79	33	21	3,127	119	3,379	19,320
Grade 5	15,531	143	43	44	3,016	102	3,348	18,879
Grade 6	15,637	203	67	68	2,881	115	3,334	18,971
Grade 7	15,147	278	118	92	2,881	108	3,477	18,624
Special primary classes	1,179	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,179
Secondary -								
Year 1	14,818	639	312	209	3,017	64	4,241	19,059
Year 2	13,355	674	312	217	2,644	41	3,888	17,243
Year 3	11,734	715	326	222	2,369	61	3,693	15,427
Year 4	3,399	554	233	179	1,002	56	2,024	5,423
Year 5	2,362	452	183	161	809	20	1,625	3,987
Special secondary classes	522	..	..	..	..	..	..	522
Special schools (a)	946	..	..	..	..	11	11	957
<u>Total</u>	161,416	3,930	1,751	1,308	32,471	1,108	40,568	201,984
TASMANIA								
Pre-school	2,862	..	..	..	..	189	189	3,051
Kindergarten	2,381	107	19	44	738	38	946	3,327
Primary -								
Grade 1	9,322	70	12	15	1,270	120	1,487	10,809
Grade 2	7,755	54	7	8	983	94	1,146	8,901
Grade 3	7,212	50	11	13	999	96	1,169	8,381
Grade 4	7,156	70	13	17	1,015	115	1,230	8,386
Grade 5	6,944	96	13	35	955	104	1,203	8,147
Grade 6	6,971	135	17	48	985	120	1,305	8,276
Secondary -								
Year I	7,112	250	41	81	952	136	1,460	8,572
Year II	6,422	238	43	93	840	127	1,341	7,763
Year III	5,933	252	57	95	764	125	1,293	7,226
Year IV	3,547	301	57	99	691	139	1,287	4,834
Year V (b)	1,043	158	15	49	258	76	556	1,599
Year VI (b)	708	108	12	41	123	51	335	1,043
Ungraded (a)	741	..	..	..	27	..	27	768
<u>Total</u>	(c)76,109	1,889	317	638	10,600	1,530	14,974	(c)91,083

(a) Schools and classes for physically or mentally handicapped, or delinquent children.

(b) The final secondary school grade may be taken in one year (Year V) or spread over two years (Years V and VI).

(c) Excludes adult correspondence pupils (62 males, 71 females, 133 total).

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(Numbers of pupils)

Grade or year	Government schools	Non-government schools				All schools
		Church of England	Roman Catholic	Other	Total	
NORTHERN TERRITORY						
Primary - Preparatory (a)	304	..	..	..	..	304
Grade I	1,092	..	199	..	199	1,291
Grade II	964	..	153	..	153	1,117
Grade III	868	..	152	..	152	1,020
Grade IV	804	..	145	..	145	949
Grade V	689	..	109	..	109	798
Grade VI	709	..	126	..	126	835
Grade VII	611	..	86	..	86	697
Ungraded (b)	2,739	..	667	887	1,554	4,293
Secondary- VIII or 1st	564	..	76	..	76	640
IX or 2nd	461	..	43	..	43	504
X or 3rd	349	..	27	..	27	376
XI or 4th	114	..	..	..	..	114
5th	45	..	..	..	..	45
Ungraded (b)	25	..	..	..	..	25
<u>Total</u>	10,338	..	1,783	887	2,670	13,008
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY						
Infants - K	2,242	101	681	..	782	3,024
1	2,226	55	769	..	824	3,050
2	2,120	61	762	..	823	2,943
Primary - 3	1,898	53	704	..	757	2,655
4	1,874	66	622	..	688	2,562
5	1,735	65	605	..	670	2,405
6	1,688	98	592	..	690	2,378
Special primary grades (c)	163	..	..	..	..	163
Secondary - Form I	1,616	215	507	..	722	2,338
Form II	1,454	172	482	..	654	2,108
Form III	1,266	176	415	..	591	1,857
Form IV	1,114	146	396	..	542	1,656
Form V	658	134	201	..	335	993
Form VI	532	118	161	..	279	811
<u>Total</u>	20,586	1,460	6,897	..	8,357	28,943

(a) For 1968, the term Kindergarten (government schools) was replaced by "Preparatory" in this table and defined as "all children who commenced school at the mid-year intake".

(b) Occupation centres, opportunity classes and Aboriginal children at special schools at settlements, missions and on pastoral properties. (c) Pupils at special schools and in special classes at ordinary schools.

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