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Independent Schools Australia said that the growing number of enrolments in the sector shows the value parents place on diversity when choosing a school for their child.

Data in the Snapshot shows that families contribute 52% of the combined recurrent and capital income for schools and 87% of capital income for buildings.

"Families also make substantial donations to their school communities, which is why it is so important for the Government to maintain the Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) status for school education, which helps build classrooms and fund scholarships," Mr Catt said.

"The latest data reinforces the need to ensure that every student, in every school, in every sector is fully and fairly funded -