

# Definitions

## Average age

The average age of students was calculated from the date of birth provided by each State/Territory.

## Exempt

Students with a language background other than English, who arrived from overseas less than a year before the tests, and students with significant intellectual disabilities may be exempted from testing.

## Geolocation

The MCEETYA Schools Geographic Location Classification System is based on the locality of individual schools and is used to disaggregate data according to Metropolitan, Provincial, Remote and Very Remote.

## Indigenous status

A student is considered to be 'Indigenous' if he or she identifies as being of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander origin. The term 'origin' is considered to relate to people's Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent and for some, but not all, their cultural identity.

## Language Background Other than English (LBOTE)

A student is classified as LBOTE if either the student or parents/guardians speak a language other than English at home.

## Parental education

Parental education represents the highest level of parental school or non-school education that a parent/guardian has completed. This includes the highest level of primary or secondary school completed or the highest post-school qualification attained.

## Parental occupation

Parental occupation represents the occupation group which includes the main work undertaken by the parent/guardian. If a parent/guardian has more than one job, the occupation group which reflects their main job is reported.

## Sex

Sex is the distinction "male" and "female" as reported on a student's enrolment record.

## Years of schooling

States and Territories have different school starting ages. Years of schooling is an estimate of the average time students had spent in schooling at the time of testing, expressed in years and months.