

# THE PARENTS' WEBSITE

For parents of children in independent schools

## Bendigo



**Sitting Member:** Steve Gibbons (ALP)  
**Elected:** 1998

**Current Margin:** 1.0%

**Electoral History:** 1998-2007 ALP  
1990-1998 Liberal  
1983-1990 ALP  
1972-1983 Liberal

**Independent Schools:**

- Australian Technical College, Bendigo
- Castlemaine Steiner School
- Creek Street Christian College
- Girton Grammar School
- Glenvale School
- Highview College
- Olivet Christian College
- Victory Christian College

**Students living in the electorate in 2001:**

Schools	Number	Percentage
Government	16,149	74.5%
Catholic	3,974	18.3%
Independent	1,568	7.2%
Total	21,691	100.0%

**Students in independent schools located in the electorate in 2006:**

	Students
Primary	629
Secondary	1,398
Combined	2,027

**SES Score Range of schools in the electorate:**

SES Score	83-107
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**Number and proportion of students in receipt of EMA enrolled in independent schools in the electorate in 2006:**

	Students
Primary	152
Secondary	207
Combined	359

	Percentage
Primary	24.2%
Secondary	14.8%
Combined	17.7%

\* EMA - Education Maintenance Allowance

**Number of students with disabilities enrolled in independent schools in the electorate in 2006:**

Students	22
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**Average Government recurrent funding per student for schools in the electorate in 2006:**

	Independent	Catholic	Government
State Government	\$1,273.64	\$1,295.49	\$9,199.62
Australian Government	\$4,718.20	\$4,442.28	\$964.50
Total Funding	\$5,991.84	\$5,737.77	\$10,164.11

\* Government school funding estimates based on 2004-2005 Productivity Commission data.