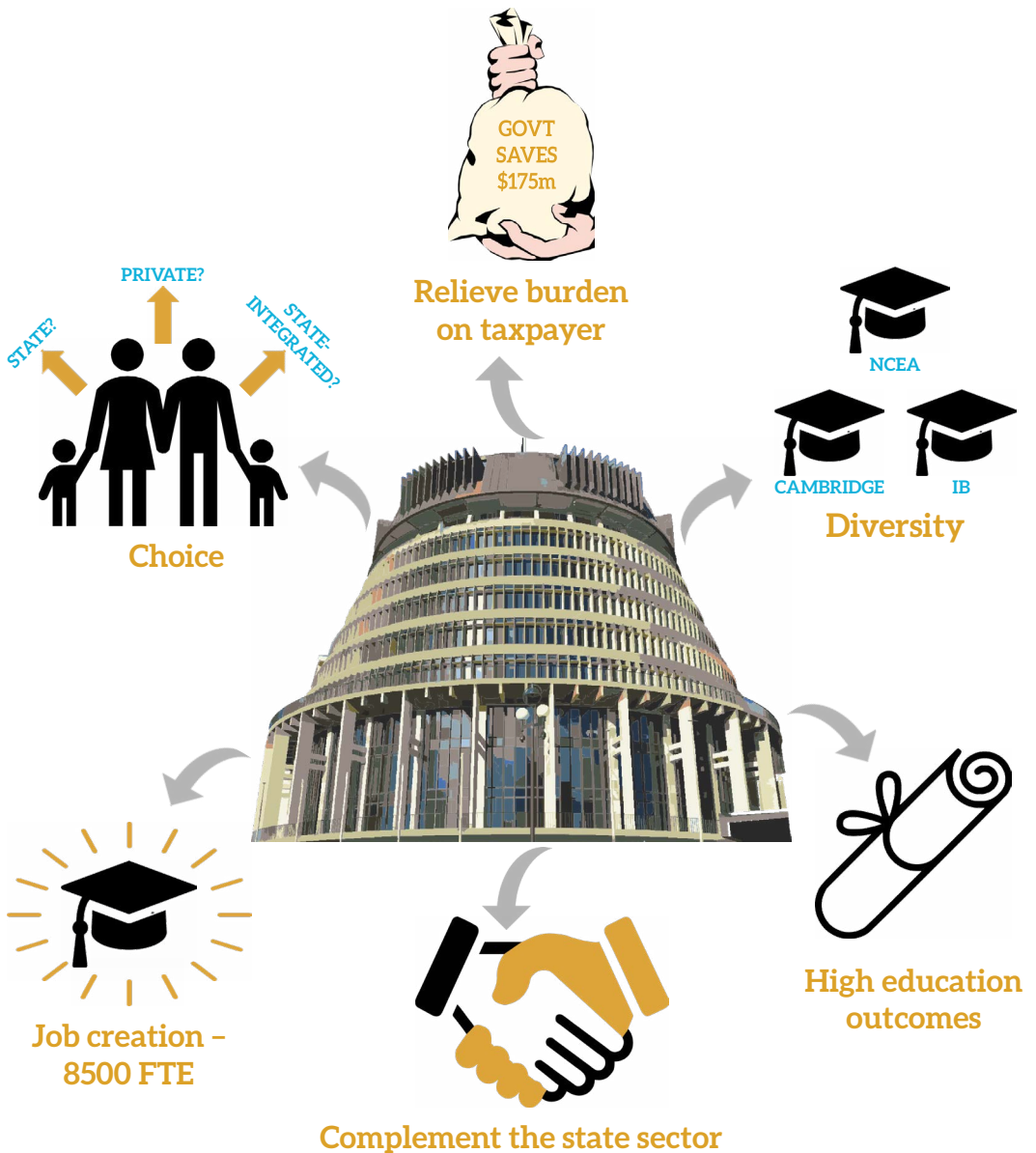




INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS  
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# Independent Schools



## What would a smart state do?

# Why do we have Independent Schools in New Zealand?

## **Independent (private) Schools exist to provide parents with a choice in education**

Under the Universal Declaration of Human Rights adopted by the United Nations in 1948: Parents have a prior right to choose the education that shall be given to their children

All parents should be able to access the school of their choice

## **Allowing education providers to respond to the increasing diversity of tastes and preferences enhances efficiency**

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An education system that includes a vibrant and robust independent sector is responsive to the needs of an increasingly diverse New Zealand population

## **An independent sector complements and stimulates the state sector**

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Efficiency enhances when an appropriate balance is struck between the two

# Are Independent Schools a drain on the public purse?

## **Independent Schools save the Government at least \$175 million per annum in operating expenses**

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## **Independent Schools save the Government between \$300 million and \$800 million in one-off capital investment for new schools and buildings**

## **Independent Schools contribute over \$60 million annually in tax revenue from GST on fees**

*Martin Jenkins: Economic Contribution of Independent Schools in New Zealand 2015*

## **The Government receives more back in GST paid on fees than it gives in per student state funding**

2015: \$64 million in GST on fees versus \$42.2 million in Government funding

## **The Government is a net fiscal beneficiary of the presence of a private schools sector**

# Why would a smart state support Independent Schools?

## **Increasing the funding to Independent Schools, somewhat paradoxically, is fiscally beneficial**

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## **Independent Schools support over 8500 Fulltime Equivalent jobs**

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## **Higher levels of academic attainment have been shown to have a positive causal effect on a nation's economic performance**

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## **\$110 million of New Zealand's GDP growth in 2015 can be attributed to the level of education attainment at Independent Schools**

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## **Independent Schools spend \$489 million annually, directly contributing \$361 million in GDP to New Zealand's economy**

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## **Independent Schools divert those willing to pay away from the publicly-financed state system, freeing up funds for those remaining, without compromising outcomes**

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## **The Government has an opportunity to improve the overall performance of school education and reduce its own expenditure on school education by raising the funding rate to Independent Schools above its present level**

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## **Independent Schools have the physical capacity to accommodate their students, but the state school network is unlikely to have the space for significant roll increases that any Independent School closures would cause**

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## **If the Government wants to mitigate this long-run risk, it should reassess its funding for Independent Schools in light of their long-term viability and capacity to absorb student roll pressures in their local area**

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ACG Strathallan

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ACG Tauranga

AGE School

Auckland International College

Carncot Independent School

Chilton Saint James School

Christ's College

Dilworth School

Diocesan School for Girls

Ficino School

Hereworth School

Huanui College

Huntley School

King's College

King's School

Kristin School

Matahui School

Medbury School

Pinehurst School

Pukekohe Christian School

Queen Margaret College

Rangi Ruru Girls' School

Saint Kentigern College

Saint Kentigern Boys' School

Saint Kentigern Girls' School

Samuel Marsden Collegiate School

Scots College

Selwyn House School

Seven Oaks School

Southwell School

Springbank School

St Andrew's College

St Cuthbert's College

St George's School

St Margaret's College

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