



QLD Poll on Attitudes to Christian Schools

Executive Summary



Over
80%

of Queenslanders support the right of a religious school to employ teachers and other staff who support the clearly stated values and beliefs of the school

Over
90%

of parents with children in a faith-based school in QLD support this right



About
65%

of Christian school parents in QLD support terminating the employment of staff if they no longer share these beliefs



In the latest polling, over
80%

of Queenslanders believe that Australian laws should **protect the right to hold and practice religious beliefs**. This figure has been **increasing** since 2019.

97%

of Queenslanders actively practicing a faith say this should be protected, as do **70% of voters without any religion**



About
90%

of parents sending their children to faith-based schools in QLD and nearly 80% of all Queenslanders support the right of a religious school to **enforce standards of uniform and behaviour consistent with their values and beliefs**



More than
75%

Similarly, over **75% of parents** sending their children to faith-based schools in QLD support the right of a religious school to be able to **teach students their values and beliefs about gender, sexuality and marriage**, with this supported by a majority of all QLD voters



95%
of all voters

in Queensland support the right of parents to **choose a school that reflects their strongly held values and beliefs**



83%
of all voters

in Queensland support the right of all students to receive some level of **taxpayer funding**, which is consistent with previous results



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Do you support the right of a religious school to employ teachers and other staff who support the values and beliefs of the school, if those values and beliefs are clearly stated?

Political Affiliation	Labor Party	Liberal Party	Nationals	Greens	Independent	One Nation	Other	Totals
Yes	75.0	91.6	100.0	67.2	73.3	82.5	92.9	81.4
No	24.8	8.4	0.0	32.8	26.7	17.5	7.1	18.6
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Do you believe that Australian laws should uphold & protect the universal human right to hold & practice religious beliefs?

Political Affiliation	Labor Party	Liberal Party	Nationals	Greens	Independent	One Nation	Other	Totals
Yes	78.5	88.4	90.9	78.1	73.3	82.5	85.7	81.6
No	21.5	11.6	9.1	21.9	26.7	17.5	14.3	18.4
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Do you support the right of parents to choose a school that reflects their strongly held values and beliefs?

Political Affiliation	Labor Party	Liberal Party	Nationals	Greens	Independent	One Nation	Other	Totals
Yes	92.6	98.7	100	89.1	93.3	92.5	100.0	94.5
No	7.4	1.3	0.0	10.9	6.7	7.5	0.0	5.5
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Do you support the right of all students to receive some level of taxpayer funding to support their education?

Political Affiliation	Labor Party	Liberal Party	Nationals	Greens	Independent	One Nation	Other	Totals
Yes	80.5	89.0	100.0	79.7	83.3	77.5	78.6	83.8
No	19.5	11.0	0.0	20.3	16.7	22.5	21.4	16.2
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Do you support the right of a religious school to enforce standards of uniform and behaviour consistent with their values and beliefs? **(Parents in a faith-based school)**

Political Affiliation	Labor Party	Liberal Party	Nationals	Greens	Independent	One Nation	Other	Totals
Yes	79.2 94.6	83.2 90.9	81.8 100	56.3 66.7	70.0 80.0	85.0 100	92.9 100	76.8 95.3
No	20.8 5.4	16.8 9.1	18.2 0.0	43.8 33.3	30.0 20.0	15.0 0.0	7.1 0.0	23.2 4.7
Totals	100% 100%	100% 100%	100% 100%	100% 100%	100% 100%	100% 100%	100% 100%	100% 100%

Should religious schools be able to teach students their values and beliefs about gender, sexuality, and marriage? **(Parents in a faith-based school)**

Political Affiliation	Labor Party	Liberal Party	Nationals	Greens	Independent	One Nation	Other	Totals
Yes	58.4 75.7	67.1 90.9	63.6 100.0	34.4 66.7	33.3 60.0	67.5 75.0	50.0 100.0	57.0 78.8
No	41.6 24.3	32.9 9.1	36.4 0.0	65.6 33.3	66.7 40.0	32.5 25.0	50.0 0.0	43.0 21.2
Totals	100% 100%	100% 100%	100% 100%	100% 100%	100% 100%	100% 100%	100% 100%	100% 100%



This independent national research was completed by Compass Polling on behalf of an alliance of Australian Christian Schools using a state-weighted sample of 505 via online panels. The sample is representative of the Australian population on key demographics reflected in the 2021 Census. The polling was conducted from 1-16 March 2024.