1. The Independent Public Schools initiative was launched in 2013 to provide Queensland state schools and their communities with greater autonomy to make local decisions to improve student outcomes.
2. There are currently 250 Independent Public Schools across Queensland, with 41.5 per cent of state school students enrolled in an Independent Public School.
3. In 2018, the Department of Education commissioned an external evaluation of the Independent Public Schools initiative to identify strengths and areas for improvement, and to inform future planning.
4. During the development process of the *Evaluation of the Independent Public Schools Initiative Report 2018* (the Report), consultation occurred with 1250 individuals including principals, school council chairs, Parents and Citizens’ presidents, and school administrators. Focus groups with other key stakeholders, including unions, principals’ associations, and departmental staff, were also held.
5. The Report makes seven recommendations that propose increased autonomy for all schools, while providing systemic support to build capability and accountability.
6. The Report will be publicly released to enable consultation to occur on the report recommendations and to develop an implementation plan.
7. The Department of Education will re-establish the Strategic Directions Steering Committee which oversaw the departmental response to the 2015 evaluation of the Independent Public Schools Initiative.
8. Cabinet approved the public release of the *Evaluation of the Independent Public Schools Initiative Report 2018*.
9. Cabinet noted the re-establishment of the Strategic Directions Steering Committee to oversee consultation and develop an implementation plan for strengthening local decision making in schools.
10. *Attachments*
    * [*Evaluation of the Independent Public Schools Initiative Report 2018*](Attachments/Report.pdf)