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Richard WELCH: Certainly. Can I ask how much has been paid in payroll tax on non-government schools?

Tony BATES: Mr Welch, that is all being managed and collected by the State Revenue Office. We do not have any visibility on the actual tax collections, so that is probably a question for the Treasurer, who I know was here yesterday, or for the Minister for Finance.

Richard WELCH: So the schools themselves have not been advised. Have you had any discussions with schools about what their likely upcoming liabilities will be?

Tony BATES: No. We supported the schools that are liable for the payroll tax to work with the State Revenue Office. So again, I do not get any visibility on their actual payroll tax payments. It depends. As you can imagine, it fluctuates depending on their actual payroll, so it is really a question for the State Revenue Office. I probably can jump to your last question. We do know the schools that are paying payroll tax, and I can give you a list for all of them of the state funding that they receive.

Richard WELCH: Great. That is good. Thank you. And I imagine you would have looked at what funding schools are receiving versus the payroll tax they may be paying, because we are now in a situation where a number of schools are paying the state to educate because the net tax they are paying versus net funding they are receiving is in the negative. Have you done any analysis of that?

Tony BATES: I do not have access to the payroll tax collection data. As you can imagine, there is statutory confidentiality on that, so the State Revenue Office have that information. So I do not have any access to that. I will just say, Mr Welch, the state funding we put out, we have a model called the financial assistance model for non-government schools, so again, I can provide you some descriptions on how that works, but we do weight the state funding a lot to disadvantaged students. We put quite a weighting on our funding going to families who have healthcare cards and that sort of thing.

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Question: How much do schools that pay payroll tax receive from the state government?

Answer:

The 2025 state government funding totals for the schools that are not eligible for payroll tax exemption are listed below. This includes payments to schools through the Financial Assistance Model, through which more than 70% of recurrent Victorian funding is allocated on a needs-basis, targeting disadvantage. It also includes payments to schools on behalf of students who are eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund.

School Name	Location Suburb	2025 Funding
Bialik College	HAWTHORN	\$1,340,571
Billanook College	MOOROOLBARK	\$1,114,105
Brighton Grammar School	BRIGHTON	\$1,681,176
Camberwell Anglican Girls' Grammar School	CANTERBURY	\$890,921
Camberwell Grammar School	CANTERBURY	\$1,392,141
Carey Baptist Grammar School	KEW	\$2,712,727
Caulfield Grammar School	EAST ST KILDA	\$4,521,268
Christ Church Grammar School	SOUTH YARRA	\$273,711
Cornish College	BANGHOLME	\$1,029,644
Eltham College	RESEARCH	\$776,674
Fintona Girls' School	BALWYN	\$506,817
Firbank Grammar School	BRIGHTON	\$1,170,676
Geelong Grammar School	CORIO	\$1,619,420
Genazzano FCJ College	KEW	\$851,824
Haileybury College	KEYSBOROUGH	\$2,824,184
Huntingtower School	MOUNT WAVERLEY	\$843,921
Ivanhoe Girls' Grammar School	IVANHOE	\$968,508
Ivanhoe Grammar School	IVANHOE	\$2,738,892
Kilvington Grammar School	ORMOND	\$934,692
Kingswood College	BOX HILL	\$738,583
Korowa Anglican Girls' School	GLEN IRIS	\$833,623
Lauriston Girls' School	ARMADALE	\$946,632
Loreto, Mandeville Hall	TOORAK	\$1,549,368
Lowther Hall Anglican Grammar School	ESSENDON	\$971,581
Melbourne Girls' Grammar School - an Anglican School	SOUTH YARRA	\$1,119,380
Melbourne Grammar School	MELBOURNE	\$1,906,945
Melbourne Montessori School	CAULFIELD SOUTH	\$327,248
Mentone Girls' Grammar School	MENTONE	\$661,466
Mentone Grammar School	MENTONE	\$2,178,894
Methodist Ladies' College	KEW	\$2,361,465
Mount Scopus Memorial College	BURWOOD	\$1,687,869
Peninsula Grammar	MOUNT ELIZA	\$1,524,534
Penleigh & Essendon Grammar School	KEILOR EAST	\$2,814,920
Presbyterian Ladies' College	BURWOOD	\$1,586,411
Preshil - The Margaret Lyttle Memorial School	KEW	\$316,770
Ruyton Girls' School	KEW	\$858,991
Sacre Coeur	GLEN IRIS	\$849,515
Scotch College	HAWTHORN	\$2,062,869
Siena College	CAMBERWELL	\$1,206,704

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St Catherine's School	TOORAK	\$738,281
St Kevin's College	TOORAK	\$3,213,186
St Leonard's College	BRIGHTON EAST	\$1,951,504
St Margaret's School	BERWICK	\$1,013,824
St Michael's Grammar School	ST KILDA	\$1,335,285
Strathcona Baptist Girls' Grammar School	CANTERBURY	\$893,026
The Geelong College	NEWTOWN	\$2,016,138
The Hamilton and Alexandra College	HAMILTON	\$616,356
The King David School	ARMADALE	\$1,036,221
The Knox School	WANTIRNA SOUTH	\$838,245
Tintern Grammar	RINGWOOD EAST	\$1,035,221
Toorak College	MT ELIZA	\$986,097
Trinity Grammar School	KEW	\$1,603,329
Wesley College	MELBOURNE	\$3,236,389
Westbourne Grammar School	TRUGANINA	\$2,227,469
Woodleigh School	BAXTER	\$1,462,998
Xavier College	KEW	\$1,717,818
Yarra Valley Grammar School	RINGWOOD	\$2,058,372
Total		\$82,675,399