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General Notes

As current figures for school populations are not available, the numbers of pupils affected have been estimated. Term dates for Private Schools are not available, and in any case would probably show great variation even in any one State.

State	Type of School	Estimated Number of Pupils	1st Term	2nd Term	3rd Term	Remarks
NSW	Primary	261,000	29 Jan-9 May	21 May-22 Aug	10 Sep.-12 Dec.	Note 1
	Western Area Superprimary	38,000	5 Feb-9 May 29 Jan-9 May	"	"	
	Secondary (incl. Tech.)	40,000	"	"	"	
	Private	104,000	?	?	?	
VIC.	Primary	172,000	5 Feb-17 May	28 May-30 Aug	10 Sep.-19 Dec.	Note 2
	Secondary Senior	45,000	"	"	"	
	Technical	27,500	11 Feb-17 May	"	"	
	Private	80,500	?	?	?	
Q'LD	Primary	142,000	29 Jan-----2 Aug.	19 Aug.-13 Dec.	Note 3 Note 4 Note 5 Note 11	
	Western Area Intermediate	3,000	4 Feb-----2 Aug.	"		
	High Schools	6,000	4 Feb-----2 Aug.	"		
	Technical	200	?	?		
	Private	35,600	?	?		
S.A.	Primary, Area, Consolidated	58,000	5 Feb-9 May	21 May-29 Aug.	10 Sep.-19 Dec.	Note 6
	Remote Schools		6 Feb-9 May	"	10 Sep.-18 Dec.	
	High, Technical	11,700	5 Feb-9 May	"	10 Sep.-19 Dec.	
	Country Technical	4,000	4 Feb-11 May	20 May-31 Aug.	9 Sep.-21 Dec.	
	Arts & Crafts	100	4 Feb-25 May	10 June-17 Aug.	2 Sep.-7 Dec.	
	Private	12,000	?	?	?	
W.A.	Primary	53,000	4 Feb-10 May	20 May-23 Aug.	2 Sep.-20 Dec.	Note 7 Note 8 Note 5
	Secondary	2,000	11 Feb-10 May	27 May-16 Aug.	2 Sep.-20 Dec.	
	Technical	5,400				
	Private	17,900	?	?	?	
TAS.	Primary	28,500	29 Jan-9 May	21 May-29 Aug.	17 Sep.-19 Dec.	Note 10
	West Coast	(1,300)	5 Feb-9 May	21 May-29 Aug.	17 Sep.-19 Dec.	
	Technical	2,700	4 Feb-9 May	27 May-9 Aug.	26 Aug.-6 Dec.	
	Postprimary	3,200	5 Feb-9 May	28 May-29 Aug.	17 Sep.-19 Dec.	
	Private	7,700	?	?	?	
	King Island	(310)	29 Jan-9 May	21 May-29 Aug.	17 Sep.-12 Dec.	
Flinders Island	(130)	2 Jan - ?	?	?		

Notes on Specific Points.

1. Western Area schools in New South Wales are those lying on or West of a line from the junction of the Edward and Murray Rivers, through Conargo, Argoon, Hay, Tabbita, Weethalle, Marsden, Ootha, Trundle, Peak Hill, Trangie, Gin-Gin, Gollie, Gulargambone, Coonabarabran, Baan Baa, Warialda, Ashford, Bonshaw. No data is available concerning the numbers of pupils in these schools.
2. Usually primary schools in Victoria commence one week earlier. It is not certain that the present arrangement will continue in 1947.
3. Dates for Queensland estimated from 1934 copy of Education Act. Brisbane "Mail" of 14th July, 1946, deploras long school term from January to August and reports that Minister is considering a restoration of a week's vacation in May.
4. Schools west of 150°E. commence 1st term one week later than other primary schools.
5. Term dates for Technical Schools are not available in detail. Probably same as for Secondary schools where not shown.
6. Certain schools in S.A. commence 1st term one day later, and end the year one day earlier, than other primary schools. Such schools are those where special living allowances are paid to teachers, excepting schools on the Broken Hill railway line. No data is available to show the number of pupils affected.
7. Term dates estimated from 1929 copy of Education Act. No other reliable data available.
8. Some High Schools commence on second Tuesday in February, others on 3rd Tuesday. Some have 2 weeks' vacation at end of each term; some have one week vacations. In this way schools in hot areas have longer summer vacations, but still work the same number of weeks during the year.
9. No allowance has been made in this return for part-time or evening students.
10. Schools on Flinders Island commence year on January 2nd. Long vacation not held at usual time. No further data available.
11. Private schools in Queensland observe 3 terms, with a break of 2 weeks or more in May.

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