



Using integrated data to make fairer decisions on non-government school funding

The **Multi-Agency Data Integration Project (MADIP)** is a partnership among Australian Government agencies to combine information on healthcare, education, government payments, personal income tax, and the Census to create a comprehensive picture of Australia over time.

Authorised researchers can use unidentified MADIP data to look at patterns and trends in the Australian population, and provide insight into the effectiveness of government policies, programs, and services. MADIP demonstrates how combining existing public data can help target services to the people and communities who need them.

Under the Australian Government's new **needs-based funding arrangements**, the capacity of a non-government school community to contribute to the cost of schooling (CTC score) will be an integral factor in the determination of their level of funding.

The National School Resourcing Board recommended that area-based measures of CTC affecting non-government school funding be replaced by a **direct measure calculated by linking Census and personal income tax data of parents and guardians to addresses and other information using MADIP** in a way that does not risk breaches of privacy, and does not require collection of tax file numbers by a school.

The Data Integration Partnership for Australia (DIPA) is a **three-year \$130.8 million investment** to maximise the use and value of the Government's data assets. Through data integration and analysis, the DIPA **creates new insights into important and complex policy questions**.

The DIPA will:

- improve technical data infrastructure and data integration capabilities
- preserve the privacy of individuals and ensure the security of sensitive data
- improve data assets in important areas such as health, education and social welfare
- maximise the use of these assets through data integration and analysis

