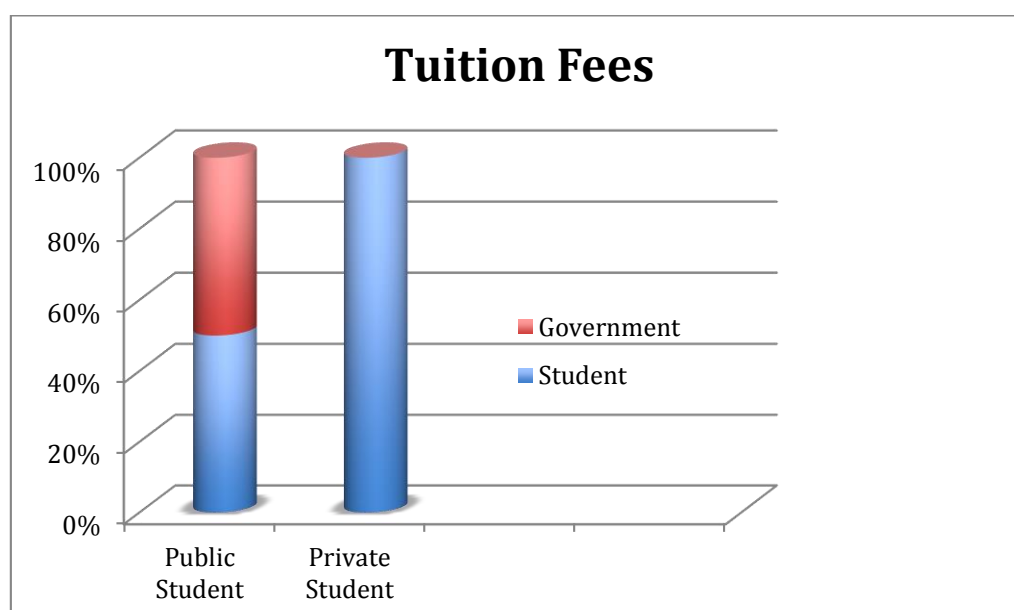


## Support Should Follow Student Choice

Since 2012, the 'demand-driven' funding system means subsidies have followed student choice - but only as far as to any public university. For an equitable and more efficient HE system, support should follow students to any TEQSA accredited HE institution.

For public institutions, approximately half of the funding is provided by the Government, with the remainder contributed by the students, upfront or via HECS-HELP (Higher Education Contribution Scheme). There is no administration fee for the loan.

For those at Private HEPs, the student pays full tuition fees. There is NO government funding, however the Government makes a loan scheme available, called FEE-HELP (Higher Education Loan Program). Undergraduate students paying through FEE-HELP pay an ADDITIONAL 25% administration fee to the Government.



Students at private institutions receive no government support apart from some Commonwealth Supported Places in nursing and teaching. This is despite the fact that private students are studying for the same qualification, validated by the same regulator, and assessed as equal quality. This is clearly inequitable.

<i>Student at public institution</i>	<i>Student at private institution</i>	<i>Plus 25% loan admin fee if FEE-HELP</i>	<i>Difference</i>
Bachelor of Laws \$29,376	Bachelor of Laws (Bond University) \$123,712	\$154,640	\$125,264
Bachelor of Theology \$17,604	Bachelor of Theology (Morling College) \$31,200	\$39,000	\$21,396
Bachelor of Dance \$17,604	Bachelor of Dance (Wesley Institute) \$41,640	\$52,050	\$34,446