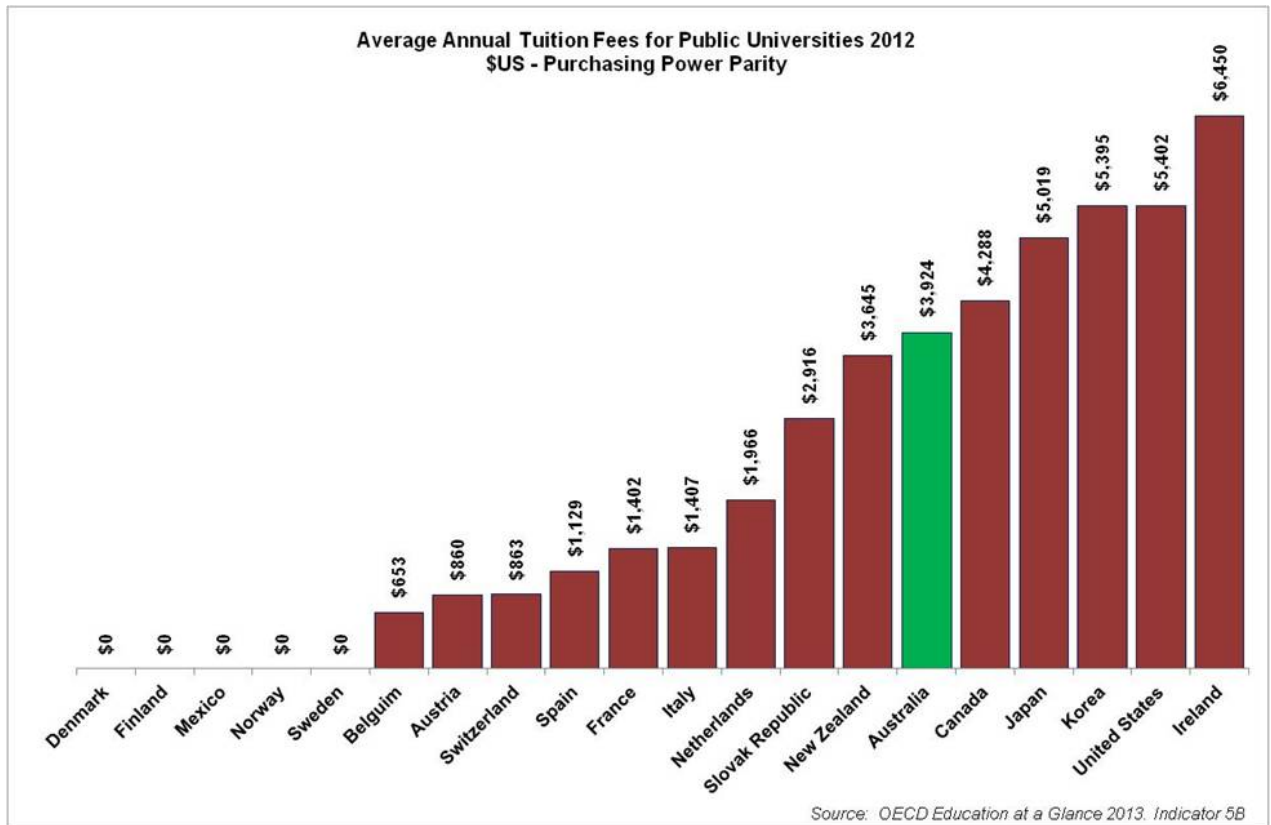


## Government investment in higher education and students contributions

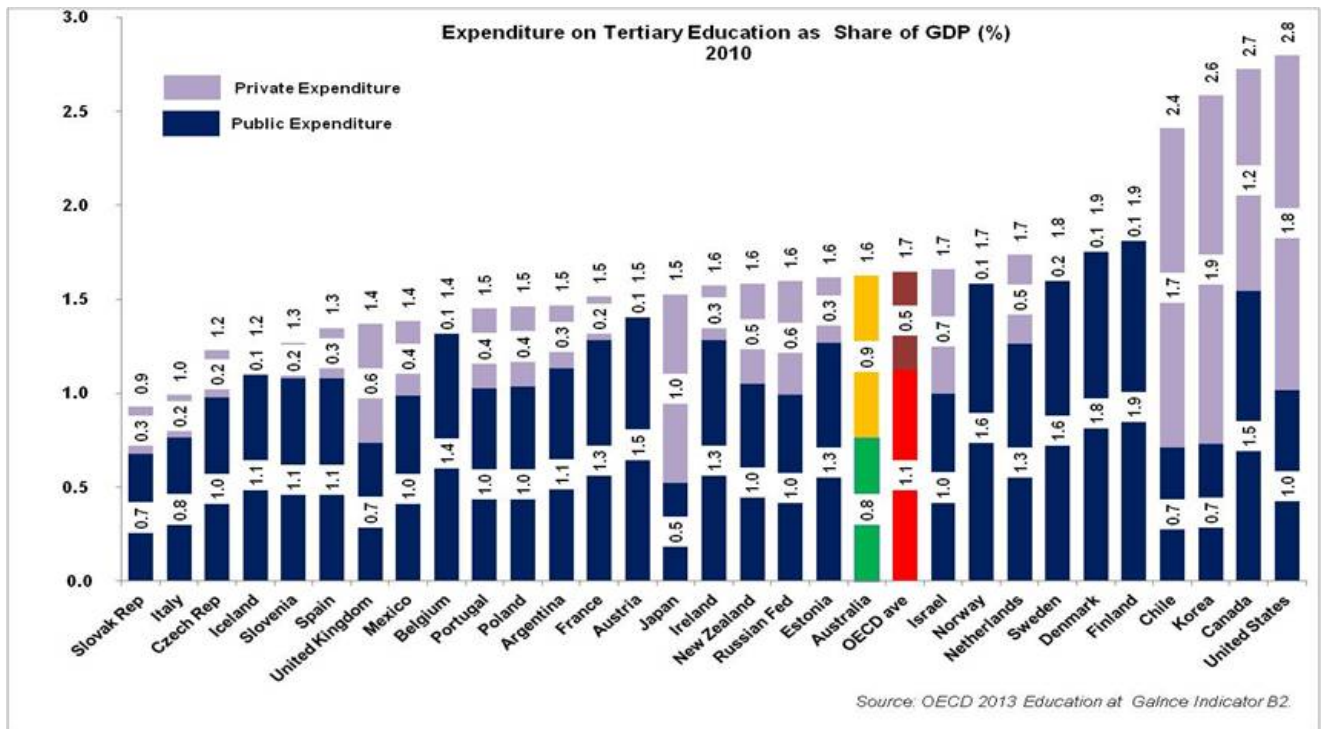
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The following Chart is an international comparison of tuition fees at public universities.



Please note the following graphs which assist in contextualising Australia's position.

This chart shows that as a % of GDP Australian investment in tertiary education is equal to the OECD average. Where we differ is the split between public and private contributions where Australian tertiary education is much more reliant on private contributions. The fact that Australia's public contribution is 25% lower than the USA will be a surprise to most Australians.



The declining levels of real public investment per student are being offset by increasing student contributions as shown below.

