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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (FOI) REQUEST

I refer to your application under section 30 of the *Freedom of Information Act 2016* (the Act), received by the Education Directorate (the Directorate) on 4 January 2021, for:

Information on the number of students who progress to college in the ACT despite missing large amounts (or all) of the Year 10 curriculum for a number of reasons. Specifically, information on the number of students in the past five years who have progressed to Narrabundah College after significant absences or with a large number of E grades across years 9 and 10.

I am an Information Officer appointed by the Director-General under section 18 of the Act to deal with access applications made under Part 5 of the Act.

A search has been conducted based on the wording of your request as stated above, and it has been identified that the Directorate holds relevant data; however, it is not held in the form of a record that provides the information you are seeking. Whilst the Act provides for access to government information in records held by an agency, it does not provide for the creation of new records to satisfy requests for information. In this case, the collation of relevant data would require interrogation of a number of databases and significant analysis to obtain the information. Therefore, my decision is that the Directorate does not hold the information you are seeking.

It may assist you to know that there is no minimum academic or participation requirement in order for students to progress from Year 10 to Year 11. Further information about enrolment at a ACT public schools is available at <https://www.education.act.gov.au/public-school-life/enrolling-in-a-public-school>

Online publishing – disclosure log

Under section 28 of the Act, the Directorate maintains an online record of access applications called a disclosure log. Information about your request and my decision in

response to your access application will be published in the Directorate's disclosure log between three and 10 working days after a decision on access has been provided to you. Your personal information will not be published.

You may view the Directorate's disclosure log at https://www.education.act.gov.au/about_us/freedom_of_information/disclosure-log.

Ombudsman review

My decision on your access request is a reviewable decision as identified in Schedule 3 of the Act. You have the right to seek Ombudsman review of this outcome under section 73 of the Act within 20 working days from the day that my decision is published in the Directorate's disclosure log, or a longer period allowed by the Ombudsman.

If you wish to request a review of my decision you may write to the Ombudsman at:

The ACT Ombudsman
GPO Box 442
CANBERRA ACT 2601

Email: actfoi@ombudsman.gov.au

ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal (ACAT) review

Under section 84 of the Act, if a decision is made under section 82(1) on an Ombudsman review, you may apply to the ACAT for review of the Ombudsman decision.

Further information may be obtained from the ACAT at:

ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal
Level 4, 1 Moore St
GPO Box 370
Canberra City ACT 2601

Telephone: (02) 6207 1740
<http://www.acat.act.gov.au/>

If you have any queries concerning the Directorate's processing of your request, or would like further information, please contact the Directorate's FOI team on 02 6205 0720 or email EducationFOI@act.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



Paula Murray
Information Officer

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