

Census of ACT public schools

August 2018

This publication provides information on students enrolled in Canberra public schools at 3 August 2018.

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Introduction

This publication presents the results from the Canberra school census conducted on Friday 3 August 2018. The census covers enrolments in public schools from preschool to year 12.

This publication also presents information on the number of persons of school age who undertook school equivalent courses through home education or the Canberra Institute of Technology.

Student enrolments

At August 2018 census, there were 47,959 students enrolled in Canberra public schools. This represented an increase of 1,393 enrolments (3.0%) since August 2017. From August 2014 to August 2018, enrolments increased by 5,723 students (13.6%).

There were:

- 30,543 students enrolled in public primary schools. This represents an increase of 1,011 enrolments (3.4%) since August 2017. Preschool enrolments increased by 2 students only (0.04%) to 4,679 students; while kindergarten to year 6 enrolments increased by 1,009 students (4.0%) to 25,864 students.
- 11,164 students enrolled in public high schools, an increase of 498 enrolments (4.7%) since August 2017.
- 6,252 students enrolled in public colleges decreased by 116 enrolments (1.8%) since August 2017.

Table 1: Enrolments by level of schooling, 2014 to 2018^{1, 2}

Level of schooling	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Preschool	4,873	4,740	4,603	4,677	4,679
Primary (K-6)	21,437	22,526	23,695	24,855	25,864
High	9,912	10,053	10,373	10,666	11,164
College	6,014	6,197	6,246	6,368	6,252
Total all schools	42,236	43,516	44,917	46,566	47,959

1 Includes a small number of students who attended more than one school.

2 Includes students from specialist schools.

Enrolments of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students

At August 2018 census, there were 1,912 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people enrolled in Canberra public schools. This represents an increase of 62 enrolments (3.4%) since August 2017. Enrolments of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students increased by 344 students (21.9%) since August 2014.

Table 2: Enrolments Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students by level of schooling, 2014 to 2018^{1, 2}

Level of schooling	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Preschool	267	288	251	289	256
Primary (K-6)	776	840	905	933	993
High	352	366	406	422	452
College	173	195	215	206	211
Total all schools	1,568	1,689	1,777	1,850	1,912

1 Includes a small number of students who attended more than one school.

2 Includes students from specialist schools.

Enrolments of students with special needs

At August 2018 census, there were 2,396 students, representing 5.0 percent of the student population, accessing special education programs at either mainstream or specialist public schools. This was an increase of 83 students (3.6%) compared with the August 2017 census and an increase of 122 enrolments (5.4%) since August 2014.

Table 3: Enrolments of students with special needs by level of schooling, 2014 to 2018^{1, 2}

Level of schooling	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Primary schools	1,438	1,271	1,297	1,379	1,404
High schools	629	637	670	631	672
Colleges	207	251	288	303	320
Total all schools	2,274	2,159	2,255	2,313	2,396

1 Includes students who meet the ACT Student Disability Criteria, including those students not formally assessed at the time of the census.

2 In 2015, the National Disability Agency took carriage of the provision of Early Intervention Programs in the ACT from the Education Directorate.

Student enrolments by gender

Table 4 shows the number and proportion of male and female enrolments across various school levels from 2014 to 2018. Consistent with previous years, there were slightly more males (51.5% in 2018) than females (48.4% in 2018). There were proportionally more male than female students in the primary and high school schooling sectors. However in college, the proportion of female (51.0%) students was greater than male (48.5%) students.

Table 4: Number of enrolments by level of schooling and sex/gender, 2014 to 2018^{1, 2, 3}

Level of schooling	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Primary					
Male	13,658	14,159	14,703	15,292	15,830
Female	12,652	13,107	13,595	14,238	14,707
Subtotal primary	26,310	27,266	28,298	29,532	30,543 ³
Proportion male (%)	51.9	51.9	52.0	51.8	51.8
Proportion female (%)	48.1	48.1	48.0	48.2	48.2
High					
Male	5,084	5,146	5,360	5,549	5,858
Female	4,828	4,907	5,013	5,117	5,300
Subtotal high	9,912	10,053	10,373	10,666	11,164 ³
Proportion male (%)	51.3	51.2	51.7	52.0	52.5
Proportion female (%)	48.7	48.8	48.3	48.0	47.5
College					
Male	2,898	2,962	3,039	3,136	3,030
Female	3,116	3,235	3,207	3,232	3,186
Subtotal college	6,014	6,197	6,246	6,368	6,252 ³
Proportion male (%)	48.2	47.8	48.7	49.2	48.5
Proportion female (%)	51.8	52.2	51.3	50.8	51.0
All schools					
Male	21,640	22,267	23,102	23,963	24,718
Female	20,596	21,249	21,815	22,571	23,193
Indeterminate/Intersex/Unspecified				32	48
Proportion male (%)	51.2	51.2	51.4	51.5	51.5
Proportion female (%)	48.8	48.8	48.6	48.5	48.4
Total all schools	42,236	43,516	44,917	46,566	47,959

¹ Includes a small number of students who attended more than one school.

² Includes students from specialist schools.

³ Includes students reported as Indeterminate/Intersex/Unspecified. Small random adjustments have been made to the male/female cell values to prevent release of identifiable Indeterminate/Intersex/Unspecified statistics. As a result, adding up column cell values to derive a total will not necessarily give the same result as published overall total.

Table 5: Number and proportion of enrolments by level of schooling and gender, 2018 ^{1, 2, 3}

There were proportionally more male than female students in all schooling sectors.

Level of schooling	Males	Females	Total Persons
Primary			
Preschool	2,457	2,220	4,677
Kindergarten	2,169	2,015	4,184
Year 1	1,990	1,938	3,928
Year 2	2,036	1,869	3,905
Year 3	1,950	1,802	3,752
Year 4	1,810	1,634	3,444
Year 5	1,677	1,661	3,338
Year 6	1,741	1,568	3,309
Subtotal primary	15,830	14,707	30,543 ³
High			
Year 7	1,519	1,380	2,899
Year 8	1,465	1,308	2,773
Year 9	1,476	1,338	2,814
Year 10	1,398	1,274	2,672
Subtotal high	5,858	5,300	11,164 ³
College			
Year 11	1,646	1,648	3,294
Year 12	1,380	1,438	2,818
Older 1	3	65	68
Older 2	1	35	36
Subtotal college	3,030	3,186	6,252 ³

Total all schooling levels

Males	Females	Indeterminate/Intersex/Unspecified	Total Persons
24,718	23,193	48	47,959

1 Includes a small number of students who attended more than one school.

2 Includes students from specialist schools.

3 Includes students reported as Indeterminate/Intersex/Unspecified. Small random adjustments have been made to the male/female cell values to prevent release of identifiable Indeterminate/Intersex/Unspecified statistics. As a result, adding up column cell values to derive a total will not necessarily give the same result as published overall total

Table 6: Number and proportion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander enrolments and Non-Indigenous students by level of schooling and year level, 2018^{1, 2}

Level of Schooling	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students	Proportion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students (%)	Non-Indigenous	Not stated	Total
Primary					
Preschool	256	5.5	4,415	8	4,679
Kindergarten	174	4.2	4,010	-	4,184
Year 1	137	3.5	3,790	1	3,928
Year 2	161	4.1	3,742	2	3,905
Year 3	147	3.9	3,603	2	3,752
Year 4	116	3.4	3,324	5	3,445
Year 5	127	3.8	3,209	3	3,339
Year 6	131	4.0	3,177	3	3,311
Subtotal primary	1,249	4.1	29,270	24	30,543
High					
Year 7	108	3.7	2,789	4	2,901
Year 8	123	4.4	2,645	6	2,774
Year 9	125	4.4	2,688	3	2,816
Year 10	96	3.6	2,567	10	2,673
Subtotal high	452	4.0	10,689	23	11,164
College					
Year 11	120	3.6	3,180	14	3,314
Year 12	72	2.5	2,741	21	2,834
Older 1	12	17.6	56	-	68
Older 2	7	19.4	29	-	36
Subtotal college	211	3.4	6,006	35	6,252
Total all schools	1,912	4.0	45,965	82	47,959

1 Includes a small number of students who attended more than one school.

2 Includes students from specialist schools.

- Nil.

Table 7: Number of primary school enrolments by year level, network and school, 2018^{1,2}

Primary schools	P	K	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Total
Belconnen Network									
Aranda Primary School	66	67	84	88	88	86	70	83	632
Charnwood-Dunlop School	93	54	43	28	48	33	26	26	351
Charnwood-Dunlop School IEC	na	18	5	3	6	4	7	2	45
Evatt Primary School	61	43	46	26	44	30	40	39	329
Florey Primary School	86	56	66	52	68	58	59	55	500
Fraser Primary School	80	79	71	65	66	71	65	59	556
Giralang Primary School	43	40	44	52	39	34	48	28	328
Hawker Primary School	42	48	54	47	54	56	39	51	391
Kaleen Primary School	66	69	67	91	71	67	77	73	581
Kingsford Smith School	80	52	55	69	71	73	70	77	547
Kingsford Smith Koori Preschool	13	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	13
Latham Primary School	64	41	38	31	43	37	40	37	331
Macgregor Primary School	88	74	63	75	97	61	70	73	601
Macquarie Primary School	46	42	57	51	62	34	58	61	411
Maribyrnong Primary School	82	87	62	74	55	65	37	42	504
Miles Franklin Primary School	88	80	71	69	79	79	73	56	595
Mount Rogers Primary School	126	80	72	80	64	51	61	46	580
Southern Cross Early Childhood School	87	60	40	31	na	na	na	na	218
Weetangera Primary School	65	62	57	66	51	68	63	66	498
Subtotal Belconnen	1,276	1,052	995	998	1,006	907	903	874	8,011
North/Gungahlin Network									
Ainslie School	62	59	47	49	48	41	63	60	429
Amaroo School	169	168	160	160	151	145	154	165	1,272
Campbell Primary School	65	52	52	55	45	48	40	41	398
Cranleigh School	12	10	12	16	10	17	3	7	87
Franklin Early Childhood School	124	64	66	50	na	na	na	na	304
Gold Creek School	119	97	105	78	83	80	70	84	716
Harrison School	132	157	172	158	178	177	154	167	1,295
Jervis Bay School ³	10	10	9	7	3	4	6	6	55
Lyneham Primary School	64	70	61	68	66	66	64	65	524
Majura Primary School	88	107	87	84	82	83	67	77	675
Neville Bonner Primary School	211	147	122	105	107	81	62	35	870
Ngunnawal Primary School	131	98	83	106	80	68	65	65	696
Ngunnawal Koori Preschool	16	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	16
North Ainslie Primary School	87	96	76	96	70	83	67	85	660
North Ainslie Primary School IEC	na	8	6	2	3	4	4	1	28
O'Connor Cooperative School	20	20	21	19	na	na	na	na	80
Palmerston District Primary School	131	88	94	95	79	60	62	55	664
Palmerston District Primary School IEC	na	8	4	4	na	2	2	2	22
Turner School	46	60	66	59	70	84	80	74	539
Subtotal North/Gungahlin	1,487	1,319	1,243	1,211	1,075	1,043	963	989	9,330

Table 7: Number of primary school enrolments by year level, network and school, 2018^{1,2} (continued)

Primary schools	P	K	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Total
South/Weston Network									
Arawang Primary School	59	80	63	68	69	69	64	44	516
Chapman Primary School	81	81	89	87	86	79	80	64	647
Charles Weston School	88	73	52	40	43	26	32	30	384
Curtin Primary School	58	71	81	64	77	76	74	73	574
Duffy Primary School	62	61	71	52	52	53	51	64	466
Farrer Primary School	41	44	48	51	51	47	47	50	379
Forrest Primary School	46	66	69	65	78	75	79	75	553
Garran Primary School	44	74	76	95	99	77	80	87	632
Hughes Primary School	42	39	39	53	69	57	62	55	416
Hughes Primary School IEC	na	15	9	10	5	8	8	4	59
Lyons Early Childhood School	44	29	30	13	na	na	na	na	116
Malkara School	6	10	14	12	12	4	5	15	78
Mawson Primary School	66	72	62	72	54	60	57	40	483
Narrabundah Early Childhood School	79	24	20	20	na	na	na	na	143
Narrabundah Koori Preschool	19	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	19
Red Hill Primary School	82	82	89	93	97	101	110	92	746
Telopea Park School	na	87	88	80	82	83	60	66	546
Torrens Primary School	73	61	58	72	79	58	70	59	530
Yarralumla Primary School	76	69	67	47	69	50	39	37	454
Subtotal South/Weston	966	1,038	1,025	994	1,022	923	918	855	7,741
Tuggeranong Network									
Bonython Primary School	44	60	39	48	57	41	39	38	366
Calwell Primary School	60	36	33	32	36	35	30	35	297
Caroline Chisholm School	43	41	40	47	39	33	50	47	340
Charles Conder Primary School	91	80	53	52	46	35	37	36	430
Fadden Primary School	39	44	31	41	44	49	42	56	346
Gilmore Primary School	25	16	13	21	17	14	13	13	132
Gordon Primary School	99	67	58	70	58	52	49	53	506
Gowrie Primary School	42	41	47	43	53	31	31	29	317
Isabella Plains Early Childhood School	77	52	31	26	na	na	na	na	186
Monash Primary School	61	41	57	58	63	65	42	55	442
Namadgi School	80	51	47	56	49	60	53	65	461
Richardson Primary School	38	27	16	16	11	12	21	20	161
Richardson Koori Preschool	18	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	18
Taylor Primary School	65	56	60	46	45	27	32	19	350
Theodore Primary School	58	55	47	56	55	47	44	50	412
Wanniassa Hills Primary School	50	62	49	61	41	37	41	41	382
Wanniassa Hills Primary School IEC	na	14	5	2	2	4	na	2	29
Wanniassa School	41	32	39	27	33	30	31	34	267
Wanniassa Koori Preschool	19	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	19
Subtotal Tuggeranong	950	775	665	702	649	572	555	593	5,461
Total primary schools	4,679	4,184	3,928	3,905	3,752	3,445	3,339	3,311	30,543

1 Includes a small number of students who attended more than one school.

2 Includes students from specialist schools.

3 Educational services at Jervis Bay School are provided by the ACT Education Directorate under a Memorandum of Understanding with the Australian Government.

IEC - Intensive English Centre.

na - Not applicable.

Table 8: Number of high school enrolments by year level, network and school, 2018^{1,2}

High schools	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Total
Belconnen Network					
Belconnen High School	127	124	96	94	441
Canberra High School	214	215	215	202	846
Kingsford Smith School	104	91	90	75	360
Melba Copland Secondary School	125	98	131	106	460
University of Canberra High School Kaleen	108	74	76	91	349
University of Canberra Senior Secondary College Lake Ginninderra – Connect 10	na	na	na	3	3
Subtotal Belconnen	678	602	608	571	2,459
North/Gungahlin Network					
Amaroo School	177	197	202	162	738
Black Mountain School	22	18	17	15	72
Campbell High School	187	196	188	145	716
Dickson College – Connect 10	na	na	na	11	11
Dickson College IEC	10	3	12	4	29
Gold Creek School	146	151	148	139	584
Gungahlin College	na	na	na	27	27
Harrison School	160	129	147	107	543
Lyneham High School	288	277	292	261	1,118
Subtotal North/Gungahlin	990	971	1,006	871	3,838
South/Weston Network					
Alfred Deakin High School	205	235	210	229	879
Melrose High School	232	174	200	204	810
Mount Stromlo High School	170	178	161	163	672
Telopea Park School	198	241	204	201	844
The Woden School	17	11	23	16	67
Subtotal South/Weston	822	839	798	813	3,272
Tuggeranong Network					
Calwell High School	92	107	85	83	367
Caroline Chisholm School	96	81	87	80	344
Erindale College	na	na	3	73	76
Lake Tuggeranong College	na	na	na	3	3
Lanyon High School	94	86	104	77	361
Namadgi School	78	56	63	52	249
Wanniassa School	51	32	62	50	195
Subtotal Tuggeranong	411	362	404	418	1,595
Total high schools	2,901	2,774	2,816	2,673	11,164

¹ Includes a small number of students who attended more than one school.

² Includes students from specialist schools.

na - Not applicable.

Table 9: Number of college enrolments by year level, network and school, 2018^{1, 2}

	Year 11	Year 12	Older 1	Older 2	Total
Belconnen Network					
Hawker College	292	168	-	-	460
Melba Copland Secondary School	95	78	-	-	173
University of Canberra Senior Secondary College Lake Ginninderra	273	252	-	-	525
Subtotal Belconnen	660	498	-	-	1,158
North/Gungahlin Network					
Black Mountain School	18	19	-	-	37
Dickson College	453	347	-	-	800
Dickson College Secondary IEC	13	-	-	-	13
Gungahlin College	574	513	-	-	1087
Subtotal North/Gungahlin	1,058	879	-	-	1,937
South/Weston Network					
The Canberra College	536	453	-	-	989
The Canberra College - CCCares	30	12	68	36	146
Narrabundah College	453	469	-	-	922
The Woden School	6	9	-	-	15
Subtotal South/Weston	1,025	943	68	36	2,072
Tuggeranong Network					
Erindale College	206	196	-	-	402
Lake Tuggeranong College	365	318	-	-	683
Subtotal Tuggeranong	571	514	-	-	1085
Subtotal public colleges	3,314	2,834	68	36	6,252

1 Includes a small number of students who attended more than one school.

2 Includes students from specialist schools.

- Nil.

Students to teacher ratio

Table 10 shows students to teacher ratios for Canberra public schools. The students to teacher ratio takes account of all teaching resources allocated to support students. Students to teacher ratios are calculated by dividing the total Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) students by the FTE teaching staff.

Table 10: Students to teacher ratio by school, 2018¹

School Name	Teaching staff FTE (excl preschool enrolments)	Student FTE (excl preschool enrolments)	Students to teacher ratio
Ainslie School	24.8	367.0	14.8
Alfred Deakin High School	63.8	879.0	13.8
Amaroo School	129.1	1,839.5	14.2
Aranda Primary School	37.0	566.0	15.3
Arawang Primary School	27.4	457.0	16.7
Belconnen High School	38.0	440.6	11.6
Black Mountain School	24.6	108.4	4.4
Bonython Primary School	22.4	322.0	14.4
Calwell High School	33.0	367.0	11.1
Calwell Primary School	16.6	237.0	14.3
Campbell High School	59.3	716.0	12.1
Campbell Primary School	20.4	333.0	16.3
Canberra College, The	76.8	1,134.2	14.8
Canberra High School	62.4	845.7	13.6
Caroline Chisholm School	57.7	641.0	11.1
Chapman Primary School	34.1	564.8	16.6
Charles Conder Primary School	20.3	339.0	16.7
Charles Weston School	22.6	294.3	13.0
Charnwood-Dunlop School	25.4	302.8	11.9
Cranleigh School	16.6	73.4	4.4
Curtin Primary School	32.5	514.6	15.8
Dickson College	63.2	852.2	13.5
Duffy Primary School	24.4	404.0	16.6
Erindale College	37.5	477.4	12.7
Evatt Primary School	26.0	267.3	10.3
Fadden Primary School	21.6	307.0	14.2
Farrer Primary School	20.8	338.0	16.3
Florey Primary School	26.3	414.0	15.7
Forrest Primary School	32.0	507.0	15.8
Franklin Early Childhood School	16.4	180.0	11.0
Fraser Primary School	27.9	476.0	17.1
Garran Primary School	35.4	588.0	16.6
Gilmore Primary School	10.3	107.0	10.4
Giralang Primary School	19.1	285.0	14.9
Gold Creek School	80.8	1,180.6	14.6

Table 10: Students to teacher ratio by school, 2018¹ (continued)

School Name	Teaching staff FTE (excl preschool enrolments)	Student FTE (excl preschool enrolments)	Students to teacher ratio
Gordon Primary School	28.4	407.0	14.3
Gowrie Primary School	21.8	275.0	12.6
Gungahlin College	84.1	1,084.7	12.9
Harrison School	104.7	1,706.0	16.3
Hawker College	34.8	453.8	13.0
Hawker Primary School	21.8	348.6	16.0
Hughes Primary School	31.0	433.0	14.0
Isabella Plains Early Childhood School	7.0	109.0	15.6
Jervis Bay School	7.1	45.0	6.3
Kaleen Primary School	31.1	515.0	16.6
Kingsford Smith School	67.7	827.0	12.2
Lake Tuggeranong College	53.4	686.0	12.8
Lanyon High School	30.8	360.4	11.7
Latham Primary School	19.0	267.0	14.1
Lyneham High School	79.6	1,118.0	14.0
Lyneham Primary School	28.2	460.0	16.3
Lyons Early Childhood School	10.6	72.0	6.8
Macgregor Primary School	34.2	513.0	15.0
Macquarie Primary School	22.3	364.1	16.3
Majura Primary School	35.7	586.2	16.4
Malkara School	15.4	70.1	4.6
Maribyrnong Primary School	27.0	421.4	15.6
Mawson Primary School	28.8	417.0	14.5
Melba Copland Secondary School	59.4	633.0	10.6
Melrose High School	57.0	810.0	14.2
Miles Franklin Primary School	27.6	507.0	18.4
Monash Primary School	26.4	381.0	14.4
Mount Rogers Primary School	29.3	453.4	15.5
Mount Stromlo High School	56.5	672.0	11.9
Namadgi School	52.8	628.6	11.9
Narrabundah College	58.0	922.0	15.9
Narrabundah Early Childhood School	7.6	64.0	8.4
Neville Bonner Primary School	50.1	658.4	13.1
Ngunnawal Primary School	41.9	565.0	13.5
North Ainslie Primary School	39.0	600.6	15.4
O'Connor Cooperative School	6.6	60.0	9.1
Palmerston District Primary School	41.7	555.0	13.3
Red Hill Primary School	38.2	664.0	17.4
Richardson Primary School	14.0	123.0	8.8

Table 10: Students to teacher ratio by school, 2018¹ (continued)

School Name	Teaching staff FTE (excl preschool enrolments)	Student FTE (excl preschool enrolments)	Students to teacher ratio
Southern Cross Early Childhood School	9.2	130.2	14.2
Taylor Primary School	21.2	285.0	13.4
Telopea Park School	103.6	1,390.0	13.4
Theodore Primary School	27.0	354.0	13.1
Torrens Primary School	28.0	457.0	16.3
Turner School	44.4	493.0	11.1
University of Canberra High School Kaleen	29.6	348.4	11.8
University of Canberra Senior Secondary College Lake Ginninderra	41.8	497.9	11.9
Wanniassa Hills Primary School	25.8	361.0	14.0
Wanniassa School	42.1	421.0	10.0
Weetangera Primary School	28.6	433.0	15.1
Woden School, The	21.4	82.0	3.8
Yarralumla Primary School	25.3	377.2	14.9
Canberra public schools total	3,165.2	43,191.8	13.6

¹ Excludes preschool students and preschool teaching staff.

Non-school education

It is recognised that there are alternative educational pathways for students to undertake school level courses other than by attending an ACT public or non-government school. At August 2018, 297 children and young people were home educated in the ACT. In addition, a further 231 students who were of school age undertook school equivalent courses at the Canberra Institute of Technology.

Explanatory Notes

Reference date

The 2018 August census was conducted on Friday 3 August 2018.

Scope and coverage

The August census included all ACT public schools providing primary, secondary and specialist education. Jervis Bay School was included in Canberra public primary schools as the ACT Education Directorate administers the Jervis Bay School for the Australian Government under a service agreement.

Collection

Canberra public school census data was electronically downloaded from the Directorate's centralised administrative system.

Student enrolments

The census included students who were officially enrolled in a school on census day and who were active in a primary, secondary or specialist education program at that school. Students who were absent for more than four continuous school weeks prior to census date were included if the principal received written documentation signed by the guardian indicating that the student was to return to school on or before 17 August 2018.

Primary school level

The primary school level of schooling included students from preschool to year 6. Preschool level data also included students who were attending a preschool program as an early entry student.

High school level

The high school level of schooling included those students in years 7, 8, 9 and 10.

College level

The college level of schooling included those students in years 11 and 12 as well as those students defined as older.

Specialist schools

Specialist schools cater for students with a moderate to profound intellectual disability, severe Autism Spectrum Disorder or with multiple disabilities that require intensive levels of support.

Older students (O)

A student who is commencing or recommencing studies after their original cohort has graduated is eligible to study an abridged package. Such students are classified as Older. Students studying an abridged package in secondary colleges fall into two categories:

- Students who study an abridged package over one year. These students are identified with an academic year of O.

- Students who study an abridged package over two years. These students are identified with an academic year of O2 in their final year of study and an academic year of O1 prior to their final year.

Connect 10

The Connect 10 program supports students to develop a personal pathway plan that may include one or more of the following goals: completion of year 10 Certificate, transition to years 11 and 12, vocational learning, employment and/or re-engagement with high school. Students in the program are an appropriate age for year 9 or 10 and their participation must be approved by a referral panel. The length of placement is long term, designed to engage students in learning and training and transition to future pathways.

Connect 10 programs were conducted at Dickson College and Lake Tuggeranong College.

Introductory English Centres

Introductory English Centres (IECs) are for students who require intensive full-time English language instruction.

There were five IECs in the primary sector, conducted at Charnwood-Dunlop School, Hughes Primary School, North Ainslie Primary School, Palmerston District Primary School and Wanniasa Hills Primary School. There was one IEC in the secondary sector, conducted at Dickson College.

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