

# Canberra Public Schools Census

## August 2015

### Additional Tables

This publication provides information on students enrolled in ACT public schools on 7 August 2015.

## Introduction

This publication presents the results from the Canberra Public School Census conducted on Friday 7 August 2015. Unlike the February School Census that includes all ACT schools, the August census conducted by the Directorate covers Canberra public schools only.

## Student enrolments

At the August 2015 census, there were 43,516 enrolments in Canberra public schools (Table 1), an increase of 1,280 (3.0%) enrolments since August 2014. There were:

- 27,266 students enrolled in public primary schools, an increase of 956 enrolments (3.6%) since August 2014;
- 10,053 students enrolled in public high schools, an increase of 141 enrolments (1.4%) since August 2014;
- 6,197 students enrolled in public colleges, an increase of 183 enrolments (3.0%) since August 2014.

**Table 1: Number of enrolments by level of schooling, 2011 to 2015<sup>1, 2</sup>**

Level of schooling	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Primary school	23,514	24,458	25,222	26,310	27,266
High school	9,709	9,787	9,969	9,912	10,053
College	5,769	5,881	5,856	6,014	6,197
<b>Total all schools</b>	<b>38,992</b>	<b>40,126</b>	<b>41,047</b>	<b>42,236</b>	<b>43,516</b>

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

2. Includes students from specialist schools.

In August 2015, 62.7 percent of public school enrolments were at the primary school level, compared with 60.3 percent in 2011. High schools accounted for 23.1 percent of public school enrolments in 2015, compared with 24.9 percent in 2011. College enrolments accounted for 14.2 percent of the total in 2015, compared with 14.8 percent in 2011.

When measured over the longer term, total enrolments increased by 4,524 (11.6%) since August 2011.

## Enrolments of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students

In August 2015, there were 1,689 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students enrolled in public schools. This represented an increase of 121 enrolments (7.7%) since August 2014 and 382 enrolments (29.2%) since August 2011 (Table 2).

**Table 2: Number of enrolments of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students by level of schooling, 2011 to 2015<sup>1, 2</sup>**

Level of schooling	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Primary school	859	927	931	1,043	1,128
High school	312	316	350	352	366
College	136	153	141	173	195
<b>Total all schools</b>	<b>1,307</b>	<b>1,396</b>	<b>1,422</b>	<b>1,568</b>	<b>1,689</b>

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

In 2015, there were 2,159 students with special needs enrolled in public schools (Table 3). When measured over the longer term, the number of students with special education needs increased by 166 (8.3%) since August 2011.

**Table 3: Number of special needs enrolments by level of schooling, 2011 to 2015<sup>1, 2</sup>**

Level of schooling	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Primary school	1,291	1,267	1,337	1,438	1,271
High school	516	526	601	629	637
College	186	204	209	207	251
<b>Total all schools</b>	<b>1,993</b>	<b>1,997</b>	<b>2,147</b>	<b>2,274</b>	<b>2,159</b>

1. Includes all students flagged as special needs, including those students not formally assessed at the time of the census.

2. In 2015, public school Early Intervention programs were provided under the National Disability Insurance Scheme and have not been included in the 2015 August Census as in previous years.

## Student enrolments by gender

Tables 4 and 5 show the numbers of male and female students across the various levels of schooling from 2011 to 2015. Consistent with previous years, there were slightly more males (51.2% in 2015) than females in Canberra public schools. There were proportionally more male than female students in the primary and high school schooling sectors. However in college, the proportion of female students was greater than male students.

**Table 4: Number of enrolments by level of schooling and gender, 2011 to 2015<sup>1,2</sup>**

Level of schooling	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
<b>Primary school</b>					
Male	12,144	12,626	13,117	13,658	14,159
Proportion male (%)	51.6	51.6	52.0	51.9	51.9
Female	11,370	11,832	12,105	12,652	13,107
Proportion female (%)	48.4	48.4	48.0	48.1	48.1
Subtotal primary	23,514	24,458	25,222	26,310	27,266
<b>High school</b>					
Male	5,019	5,067	5,088	5,084	5,146
Proportion male (%)	51.7	51.8	51.0	51.3	51.2
Female	4,690	4,720	4,881	4,828	4,907
Proportion female (%)	48.3	48.2	49.0	48.7	48.8
Subtotal high	9,709	9,787	9,969	9,912	10,053
<b>College</b>					
Male	2,823	2,991	2,854	2,898	2,962
Proportion male (%)	48.9	50.9	48.7	48.2	47.8
Female	2,946	2,890	3,002	3,116	3,235
Proportion female (%)	51.1	49.1	51.3	51.8	52.2
Subtotal college	5,769	5,881	5,856	6,014	6,197
<b>All schools</b>					
Male	19,986	20,684	21,059	21,640	22,267
Proportion male (%)	51.3	51.5	51.3	51.2	51.2
Female	19,006	19,442	19,988	20,596	21,249
Proportion female (%)	48.7	48.5	48.7	48.8	48.8
<b>Total all schools</b>	<b>38,992</b>	<b>40,126</b>	<b>41,047</b>	<b>42,236</b>	<b>43,516</b>

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

2. Includes students from specialist schools.

**Table 5: Number of enrolments by gender, level of schooling and year level, 2015<sup>1, 2</sup>**

Level of schooling	Males	Females	Persons
<b>Primary school</b>			
Preschool	2,536	2,204	4,740
Kindergarten	1,923	1,826	3,749
Year 1	1,813	1,630	3,443
Year 2	1,716	1,647	3,363
Year 3	1,704	1,526	3,230
Year 4	1,580	1,527	3,107
Year 5	1,444	1,379	2,823
Year 6	1,443	1,368	2,811
Subtotal primary	14,159	13,107	27,266
<b>High school</b>			
Year 7	1,233	1,208	2,441
Year 8	1,236	1,172	2,408
Year 9	1,323	1,241	2,564
Year 10	1,354	1,286	2,640
Subtotal high	5,146	4,907	10,053
<b>College</b>			
Year 11	1,604	1,715	3,319
Year 12	1,356	1,465	2,821
Mature/Older	2	55	57
Subtotal college	2,962	3,235	6,197
<b>Total all schools</b>	<b>22,267</b>	<b>21,249</b>	<b>43,516</b>

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

2. Includes students from specialist schools.

## Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander student enrolments by year level, 2015

Table 6 shows the number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander student enrolments compared to the student population across that level of schooling. The number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students represents 3.9 percent of total enrolments across all schooling.

**Table 6: Number of enrolments by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status, level of schooling and year level, 2011 to 2015<sup>1, 2</sup>**

Level of Schooling	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students	Proportion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students (%)	Non-Indigenous	Not stated	Total
<b>Primary school</b>					
Preschool	288	6.1	4,447	5	4,740
Kindergarten	139	3.7	3,607	3	3,749
Year 1	122	3.5	3,318	3	3,443
Year 2	118	3.5	3,244	1	3,363
Year 3	126	3.9	3,102	2	3,230
Year 4	111	3.6	2,988	8	3,107
Year 5	105	3.7	2,712	6	2,823
Year 6	119	4.2	2,687	5	2,811
Subtotal primary school	1,128	4.1	26,105	33	27,266
<b>High School</b>					
Year 7	86	3.5	2,348	7	2,441
Year 8	97	4.0	2,302	9	2,408
Year 9	97	3.8	2,449	18	2,564
Year 10	86	3.3	2,531	23	2,640
Subtotal high school	366	3.6	9,630	57	10,053
<b>College</b>					
Year 11	117	3.5	3,177	25	3,319
Year 12	78	2.7	2,775	25	2,878
Subtotal college	195	3.1	5,952	50	6,197
<b>Total all schools</b>	<b>1,689</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>41,687</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>43,516</b>

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

2. Includes students from specialist schools.

## Student enrolments, August 2015

**Table 7: Number of primary school enrolments by network, school and year level, 2015<sup>1, 2, 3</sup>**

	P	K	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Total
<b><i>Belconnen Network</i></b>									
Aranda Primary School	74	84	84	68	75	53	66	69	573
Charnwood-Dunlop School	81	46	46	31	32	31	24	36	327
Charnwood-Dunlop School IEC	na	12	3	na	3	3	1	4	26
Evatt Primary School	44	47	35	40	40	42	35	31	314
Florey Primary School	75	72	64	59	64	64	67	53	518
Fraser Primary School	68	67	58	65	57	52	46	43	456
Giralang Primary School	68	43	32	47	25	34	24	20	293
Hawker Primary School	48	54	46	38	44	51	51	34	366
Kaleen Primary School	99	78	73	80	77	73	75	51	606
Kingsford Smith School	99	73	73	70	64	64	65	64	572
Kingsford Smith Koori Preschool	17	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	17
Latham Primary School	50	46	42	47	40	45	30	36	336
Macgregor Primary School	90	91	62	69	78	49	55	40	534
Macquarie Primary School	50	53	37	52	53	52	39	49	385
Maribyrnong Primary School	68	51	55	30	44	35	30	36	349
Miles Franklin Primary School	75	70	73	69	55	53	52	51	498
Mount Rogers Primary School	118	61	57	66	49	54	39	47	491
Southern Cross Early Childhood School	89	51	48	24	na	na	na	na	212
Weetangera Primary School	46	40	49	57	61	63	49	64	429
Subtotal Belconnen	<b>1,259</b>	<b>1,039</b>	<b>937</b>	<b>912</b>	<b>861</b>	<b>818</b>	<b>748</b>	<b>728</b>	<b>7,302</b>
<b><i>North/Gungahlin Network</i></b>									
Ainslie School	39	47	46	60	50	49	56	55	402
Amaroo School	141	117	118	145	149	123	152	168	1,113
Campbell Primary School	82	47	39	44	39	46	24	34	355
Cranleigh School	24	15	19	8	9	7	6	6	94
Franklin Early Childhood School	136	60	40	16	na	na	na	na	252
Gold Creek School	131	78	63	70	70	71	64	64	611
Harrison School	149	168	135	147	162	148	131	130	1,170
Lyneham Primary School	75	67	57	52	50	73	55	61	490
Majura Primary School	85	78	79	66	72	69	73	66	588
Neville Bonner Primary School	132	96	87	67	30	36	33	8	489
Ngunnawal Primary School	130	93	80	71	85	87	67	73	686
Ngunnawal Koori Preschool	12	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	12
North Ainslie Primary School	93	65	82	64	75	58	57	39	533
North Ainslie Primary School IEC	na	14	5	1	5	2	4	3	34
O'Connor Cooperative School	19	20	19	15	na	na	na	na	73
Palmerston District Primary School	99	85	68	64	56	40	48	39	499
Palmerston District Primary School IEC	na	9	4	1	na	3	2	3	22
Turner School	58	63	68	83	63	85	68	73	561
Subtotal North/Gungahlin	<b>1,405</b>	<b>1,122</b>	<b>1,009</b>	<b>974</b>	<b>915</b>	<b>897</b>	<b>840</b>	<b>822</b>	<b>7,984</b>

	P	K	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Total
<b>South/Weston Network</b>									
Arawang Primary School	89	66	60	70	43	58	48	49	483
Chapman Primary School	95	81	79	83	75	72	72	58	615
Curtin Primary School	64	55	65	66	80	70	71	55	526
Duffy Primary School	50	45	57	46	64	37	46	42	387
Farrer Primary School	49	44	39	41	48	51	34	50	356
Forrest Primary School	49	53	57	79	71	68	76	64	517
Garran Primary School	46	77	81	83	84	89	67	83	610
Hughes Primary School	46	47	49	47	53	52	45	47	386
Hughes Primary School IEC	na	23	7	15	6	7	6	2	66
Jervis Bay School <sup>3</sup>	26	7	6	10	8	9	4	5	75
Lyons Early Childhood School	64	45	34	27	na	na	na	na	170
Malkara School	20	12	4	7	14	10	14	5	86
Mawson Primary School	50	52	61	45	40	39	38	28	353
Narrabundah Early Childhood School	73	26	21	13	na	na	na	na	133
Narrabundah Koori Preschool	22	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	22
Red Hill Primary School	83	72	72	93	94	91	85	74	664
Telopea Park School	na	87	80	68	68	67	43	52	465
Torrens Primary School	92	67	52	57	62	59	60	58	507
Yarralumla Primary School	87	61	57	42	30	38	33	35	383
<b>Subtotal South/Weston</b>	<b>1,005</b>	<b>920</b>	<b>881</b>	<b>892</b>	<b>840</b>	<b>817</b>	<b>742</b>	<b>707</b>	<b>6,804</b>
<b>Tuggeranong Network</b>									
Bonython Primary School	49	44	31	45	38	31	35	30	303
Calwell Primary School	69	36	34	35	38	27	35	47	321
Caroline Chisholm School	49	40	34	43	40	39	33	36	314
Charles Conder Primary School	88	46	32	30	38	44	30	41	349
Fadden Primary School	43	51	62	45	61	41	37	36	376
Gilmore Primary School	25	15	14	10	17	14	12	24	131
Gordon Primary School	111	62	71	52	65	57	42	44	504
Gowrie Primary School	42	47	30	34	28	37	30	25	273
Isabella Plains Early Childhood School	82	48	29	22	na	na	na	na	181
Monash Primary School	62	60	69	47	64	57	39	66	464
Namadgi School	99	42	58	61	66	62	41	51	480
Richardson Primary School	40	16	20	25	19	21	26	18	185
Richardson Koori Preschool	20	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	20
Taylor Primary School	70	39	28	30	21	28	26	27	269
Theodore Primary School	66	42	28	31	43	34	38	32	314
Wanniassa Hills Primary School	87	42	39	45	43	53	35	50	394
Wanniassa Hills Primary School IEC	na	7	na	1	1	na	2	na	11
Wanniassa School	50	31	37	29	32	30	32	27	268
Wanniassa Koori Preschool	19	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	19
<b>Subtotal Tuggeranong</b>	<b>1,071</b>	<b>668</b>	<b>616</b>	<b>585</b>	<b>614</b>	<b>575</b>	<b>493</b>	<b>554</b>	<b>5,176</b>
<b>Subtotal public primary schools</b>	<b>4,740</b>	<b>3,749</b>	<b>3,443</b>	<b>3,363</b>	<b>3,230</b>	<b>3,107</b>	<b>2,823</b>	<b>2,811</b>	<b>27,266</b>

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 and Training Directorate under a Memorandum of Understanding with the Australian Government.

na Not applicable.



**Table 8: Number of high school enrolments by network, school and year level, 2015<sup>1</sup>**

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Total
<b><i>Belconnen Network</i></b>					
Belconnen High School	83	95	85	93	356
Canberra High School	197	204	221	194	816
Kingsford Smith School	77	82	81	95	335
Melba Copland Secondary School	102	78	98	107	385
University of Canberra High School Kaleen	79	50	55	54	238
University of Canberra Senior Secondary College Lake Ginninderra – Connect 10	na	na	1	10	11
Subtotal Belconnen	<b>538</b>	<b>509</b>	<b>541</b>	<b>553</b>	<b>2,141</b>
<b><i>North/Gungahlin Network</i></b>					
Amaroo School	162	152	150	144	608
Black Mountain School	12	15	19	20	66
Campbell High School	162	178	183	196	719
Dickson College – Connect 10	na	na	5	5	10
Dickson College IEC	9	10	14	25	58
Gold Creek School	130	119	134	134	517
Gungahlin College	na	na	na	23	23
Harrison School	98	105	104	101	408
Lyneham High School	265	255	269	259	1,048
Subtotal North/Gungahlin	<b>838</b>	<b>834</b>	<b>878</b>	<b>907</b>	<b>3,457</b>
<b><i>South/Weston Network</i></b>					
Alfred Deakin High School	201	200	199	195	795
Melrose High School	183	153	196	175	707
Mount Stromlo High School	157	142	123	152	574
Telopea Park School	194	215	204	198	811
The Woden School	13	23	26	16	78
Subtotal South/Weston	<b>748</b>	<b>733</b>	<b>748</b>	<b>736</b>	<b>2,965</b>
<b><i>Tuggeranong Network</i></b>					
Calwell High School	74	81	95	97	347
Caroline Chisholm School	76	77	81	87	321
Erindale College	na	na	2	37	39
Lake Tuggeranong College	na	na	3	8	11
Lanyon High School	69	94	94	97	354
Namadgi School	43	44	60	67	214
Wanniassa School	55	36	62	51	204
Subtotal Tuggeranong	<b>317</b>	<b>332</b>	<b>397</b>	<b>444</b>	<b>1,490</b>
<b>Subtotal public high schools</b>	<b>2,441</b>	<b>2,408</b>	<b>2,564</b>	<b>2,640</b>	<b>10,053</b>

1. Includes students from specialist schools.

na Not applicable.

**Table 9: Number of college enrolments by year level, network and school, 2015<sup>1</sup>**

	Year 11	Year 12	Mature/ Older	Total
<b><i>Belconnen Network</i></b>				
Hawker College	221	197	-	418
Melba Copland Secondary School	87	75	-	162
University of Canberra Senior Secondary College Lake Ginninderra	311	234	-	545
Subtotal Belconnen	<b>619</b>	<b>506</b>	-	<b>1,125</b>
<b><i>North/Gungahlin Network</i></b>				
Black Mountain School	7	26	-	33
Dickson College	441	385	-	826
Dickson College Secondary IEC	12	1	-	13
Gungahlin College	474	457	-	931
Subtotal North/Gungahlin	<b>934</b>	<b>869</b>	-	<b>1,803</b>
<b><i>South/Weston Network</i></b>				
The Canberra College	524	456	56	1,036
Narrabundah College	505	416	-	921
The Woden School	14	6	-	20
Subtotal South/Weston	<b>1,043</b>	<b>878</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>1,977</b>
<b><i>Tuggeranong Network</i></b>				
Erindale College	276	208	1	485
Lake Tuggeranong College	447	360	-	807
Subtotal Tuggeranong	<b>723</b>	<b>568</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1,292</b>
<b>Subtotal public colleges</b>	<b>3,319</b>	<b>2,821</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>6,197</b>

1. Includes students from specialist schools.

- Nil.

## Non-school education

Alternative educational pathways are recognised for students to undertake school level courses other than by attending an ACT public or non-government school. For students residing in the ACT as at August 2015, 234 were home educated. In addition, a further 309 school-age students undertook school equivalent courses at the Canberra Institute of Technology.

## Students to teacher ratio

Table 10 shows students to teacher ratios for ACT public schools. The students to teacher ratio take 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, 2015<sup>1</sup>**

School	Teaching Staff FTE (excl preschool staff)	Student FTE (excl preschool enrolments)	Students to teacher ratio
Ainslie School	26.1	363	13.9
Alfred Deakin High School	61.4	795	12.9
Amaroo School	103.2	1580	15.3
Aranda Primary School	29.7	499	16.8
Arawang Primary School	18.8	393.5	20.9
Belconnen High School	33.0	355.3	10.8
Black Mountain School	29.0	99	3.4
Bonython Primary School	20.6	254	12.3
Calwell High School	31.3	347	11.1
Calwell Primary School	16.4	252	15.4
Campbell High School	57.4	719	12.5
Campbell Primary School	19.7	273	13.9
Canberra High School	65.4	814.9	12.5
Caroline Chisholm School	51.8	585.3	11.3
Chapman Primary School	31.8	519.4	16.3
Charles Conder Primary School	20.6	261	12.7
Charnwood-Dunlop School	24.3	272	11.2
Cranleigh School	17.6	68.2	3.9
Curtin Primary School	29.1	462	15.9
Dickson College	69.82	907	13.0
Duffy Primary School	21.6	337	15.6
Erindale College	38.2	524	13.7
Evatt Primary School	20.29	268.9	13.3
Fadden Primary School	20.4	332.8	16.3
Farrer Primary School	19.6	307	15.7
Florey Primary School	27.2	443	16.3
Forrest Primary School	28.8	468	16.2
Franklin Early Childhood School	10.0	115.5	11.6
Fraser Primary School	25.9	388	15.0
Garran Primary School	33.85	564	16.7
Gilmore Primary School	10.6	105.2	9.9
Giralang Primary School	19.4	225	11.6
Gold Creek School	68.8	997	14.5
Gordon Primary School	27.6	388.5	14.1
Gowrie Primary School	19.5	230.5	11.8
Gungahlin College	67.5	954	14.1
Harrison School	98.3	1429	14.5
Hawker College	36.7	415.2	11.3
Hawker Primary School	19.9	318	16.0

Hughes Primary School	29.2	406	13.9
Isabella Plains Early Childhood School	8.2	97.6	11.9
Jervis Bay School	8.4	49	5.8
Kaleen Primary School	30.0	507	16.9
Kingsford Smith School	62.8	808	12.9
Lake Tuggeranong College	62.0	818	13.2
Lanyon High School	31.8	354	11.1
Latham Primary School	18.9	286	15.1
Lyneham High School	76.6	1048	13.7
Lyneham Primary School	26.9	415	15.4
Lyons Early Childhood School	12.6	106	8.4
Macgregor Primary School	34.3	443.1	12.9
Macquarie Primary School	21.0	335	16.0
Majura Primary School	32.3	503	15.6
Malkara School	17.2	65.6	3.8
Maribyrnong Primary School	19.9	281	14.1
Mawson Primary School	20.2	303	15.0
Melba Copland Secondary School	55.0	547	9.9
Melrose High School	54.0	705.6	13.1
Miles Franklin Primary School	25.0	421.3	16.9
Monash Primary School	29.4	402	13.7
Mount Rogers Primary School	26.5	370.2	14.0
Mount Stromlo High School	50.6	574	11.3
Namadgi School	51.1	595	11.6
Narrabundah College	71.1	921	13.0
Narrabundah Early Childhood School	5.5	60	10.9
Neville Bonner Primary School	29.2	357	12.2
Ngunnawal Primary School	38.2	555.2	14.5
North Ainslie Primary School	33.3	474	14.2
O'Connor Cooperative School	5.4	54	10.0
Palmerston District Primary School	28.5	421.5	14.8
Red Hill Primary School	37.9	581	15.3
Richardson Primary School	14.2	139.8	9.8
Southern Cross Early Childhood School	12.0	123	10.3
Taylor Primary School	15.8	198.5	12.6
Telopea Park School	98.9	1276	12.9
The Canberra College	73.5	1036	14.1
The Woden School	26.2	98	3.7
Theodore Primary School	19.7	248	12.6
Torrens Primary School	25.0	414.1	16.6
Turner School	41.0	503	12.3
University of Canberra High School Kaleen	25.4	237.4	9.3
University of Canberra Senior Secondary College Lake Ginninderra	51.6	537.1	10.4
Wanniassa Hills Primary School	21.9	316.3	14.4
Wanniassa School	43.1	422	9.8
Weetangera Primary School	25.2	366.5	14.5
Yarralumla Primary School	20.0	296	14.8
<b>Canberra public schools</b>	<b>2,937.7</b>	<b>38,706</b>	<b>13.2</b>

1 Excludes preschool students and preschool teaching staff.

## **Explanatory Notes**

### **Reference date**

The 2015 August census was conducted on Friday 7 August 2015.

### **Scope and coverage**

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

### **Collection**

ACT 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 21 August 2015.

### **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 mature and 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.

## **Explanatory Notes (continued)**

### **Mature students (M)**

Students in public schools aged 20 years or over on 31 January in the year of commencement of their college studies were classified as Mature.

### **Older students (O)**

Students in public schools aged 18 years by 31 December in the year prior to the commencement of their college studies, but not aged 20 years or over on 31 January in the year of commencement of their college studies, were classified as Older (O).

### **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 Lake Tuggeranong College, the University of Canberra Senior Secondary College Lake Ginninderra and Dickson 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 School and Wanniasa Hills Primary School. There was one IEC in the high school sector and the college sector, conducted at Dickson College.

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