

Canberra Public Schools Census August 2016

This publication provides information on students enrolled at Canberra public schools at 5 August 2016. Release date: 30 September 2016

Introduction

This publication presents the results from the Canberra Public School Census conducted on Friday 5 August 2016. Unlike the February School Census that includes all Canberra schools, the August census conducted by the Directorate covers Canberra public schools only.

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 (Table 1)

At August 2016 census, there were 44,917 enrolments in Canberra public schools, an increase of 1,401 (3.2%) enrolments since August 2015. There were:

- 28,298 students were enrolled in public primary schools as at the August 2016 census. This represents an increase of 1,032 enrolments (3.8%) since August 2015. Preschool enrolments decreased by 137 students (-2.9%) to 4603 students; while kindergarten to year 6 enrolments increased by 1,169 students (5.2%) to 23,695 students.
- 10,373 students were enrolled in public high schools in August 2016, an increase of 320 enrolments (3.2%) since August 2015.
- 6,246 students were enrolled in public colleges as at the August 2016 census, an increase of 49 enrolments (0.8%) since August 2015.

Level of schooling	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Preschool	4,477	4,583	4,873	4,740	4,603
Primary (K-6)	19,981	20,639	21,437	22,526	23,695
High	9,787	9,969	9,912	10,053	10,373
College	5,881	5,856	6,014	6,197	6,246
Total all schools	40,126	41,047	42,236	43,516	44,917

Table 1: Number of enrolments by level of schooling, 2012 to 2016^{1, 2}

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

2 Includes students from specialist schools.

In August 2016, 63 percent of public school enrolments were at the primary school level, compared with 61 percent in 2012. High schools accounted for 23.1 percent of public school enrolments in 2016, compared with 24.4 percent in 2012. College enrolments accounted for 13.9 percent of the total in 2016, compared with 14.7 percent in 2012.

When measured over the longer term, total enrolments increased by 4,791 (11.9%) since August 2012.

Enrolments of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students (Table 2)

In August 2016, there were 1,777 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students enrolled in Canberra public schools. This represents an increase of 88 enrolments (5.2%) since August 2015. Enrolments of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students increased by 381 students (27.3%) since August 2012 as compared with the overall increase of enrolments by 4,791 students (11.9%) in the same period. There were 82 students enrolled in a Koori preschool program; with 42 students enrolled in both Koori and mainstream preschool programs.

Table 2: Number of enrolments of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students by level of schooling, 2012 to 2016^{1, 2}

Level of schooling	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Primary school	927	931	1,043	1,128	1,156
High school	316	350	352	366	406
College	153	141	173	195	215
Total all schools	1,396	1,422	1,568	1,689	1,777

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

2 Includes students from specialist schools.

Enrolments of Students with Special Education Needs (Table 3)

In August 2016, there were 2,255 students, representing 5.0 percent of the student population, accessing public special education programs at either mainstream or specialist schools. This was an increase of 96 students (4.4%) compared with the August 2015 census and an increase of 258 enrolments (12.9%) since August 2012.

Level of schooling	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Primary school	1,267	1,337	1,438	1,271	1,297
High school	526	601	629	637	670
College	204	209	207	251	288
Total all schools	1,997	2,147	2,274	2,159	2,255

Table 3: Number of special needs enrolments by level of schooling, 2012 to 2016^{1, 2}

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

2 In 2016, public school Early Intervention programs were provided under the National Disability Insurance Scheme and have not been included in the 2016 August Census as in previous years.

Student enrolments by gender

Table 4 shows the number and proportion of male and female enrolments across various school levels from 2012 to 2016. Consistent with previous years, there were slightly more males (51.4%) than females (48.6%) in 2016. There were proportionally more male than female students in the primary and high school schooling sectors. However in college, the proportion of female (51.3%) students was greater than male (48.7%) students.

Level of schooling	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016					
Primary	Primary									
Male	12,626	13,117	13,658	14,159	14,703					
Female	11,832	12,105	12,652	13,107	13,595					
Subtotal primary	24,458	25,222	26,310	27,266	28,298					
Proportion male (%)	51.6	52.0	51.9	51.9	52.0					
Proportion female (%)	48.4	48.0	48.1	48.1	48.0					
High										
Male	5,067	5,088	5,084	5,146	5,360					
Female	4,720	4,881	4,828	4,907	5,013					
Subtotal high	9,787	9,969	9,912	10,053	10,373					
Proportion male (%)	51.8	51.0	51.3	51.2	51.7					
Proportion female (%)	48.2	49.0	48.7	48.8	48.3					
College										
Male	2,991	2,854	2,898	2,962	3,039					
Female	2,890	3,002	3,116	3,235	3,207					
Subtotal college	5,881	5,856	6,014	6,197	6,246					
Proportion male (%)	50.9	48.7	48.2	47.8	48.7					
Proportion female (%)	49.1	51.3	51.8	52.2	51.3					
All schools										
Male	20,684	21,059	21,640	22,267	23,102					
Female	19,442	19,988	20,596	21,249	21,815					
Total all schools	40,126	41,047	42,236	43,516	44,917					
Proportion male (%)	51.5	51.3	51.2	51.2	51.4					
Proportion female (%)	48.5	48.7	48.8	48.8	48.6					

Table 4: Number and proportion of enrolments b	v level of schooling and gender. 2012 to 2016 ^{1, 2}
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1 Includes a small number of students who attended more than one school.

2 Includes students from specialist schools.

Table 5 shows the number of males and females across the various levels of schooling. In all level of schooling (except college) there were proportionally more male than female students.

Level of schooling	Males	Females	Total Persons	Proportion of total (%)					
Primary									
Preschool	2,433	2,170	4,603	10.2					
Kindergarten	2,042	1,860	3,902	8.7					
Year 1	1,940	1,800	3,740	8.3					
Year 2	1,851	1,631	3,482	7.8					
Year 3	1,663	1,641	3,304	7.4					
Year 4	1,711	1,547	3,258	7.3					
Year 5	1,598	1,546	3,144	7.0					
Year 6	1,465	1,400	2,865	6.4					
Subtotal primary	14,703	13,595	28,298	63.0					
High									
Year 7	1,403	1,285	2,688	6.0					
Year 8	1,253	1,238	2,491	5.5					
Year 9	1,288	1,200	2,488	5.5					
Year 10	1,416	1,290	2,706	6.0					
Subtotal high	5,360	5,013	10,373	23.1					
College									
Year 11	1,679	1,751	3,430	7.6					
Year 12	1,356	1,397	2,753	6.1					
Older	4	59	63	0.1					
Subtotal college	3,039	3,207	6,246	13.9					
Total all schools	23,102	21,815	44,917						

Table 5: Number and proportion of enrolments by level of schooling and gender, 2016^{1, 2}

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

2 Includes students from specialist schools.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and Non-Indigenous students

Table 6 shows the number and proportion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and Non-Indigenous student enrolments across that level of schooling. The proportion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students represents 4.0 percent of total enrolments across all levels of schooling.

Table 6: Number and proportion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander enrolments and Non-Indigenous students by level of schooling and year level, 2016^{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	251	5.5	4,351	1	4,603
Kindergarten	166	4.3	3,732	4	3,902
Year 1	136	3.6	3,602	2	3,740
Year 2	127	3.6	3,352	3	3,482
Year 3	117	3.5	3,186	1	3,304
Year 4	136	4.2	3,120	2	3,258
Year 5	111	3.5	3,025	8	3,144
Year 6	112	3.9	2,748	5	2,865
Subtotal primary	1,156	4.1	27,116	26	28,298
High	1				
Year 7	120	4.5	2,565	3	2,688
Year 8	88	3.5	2,396	7	2,491
Year 9	104	4.2	2,375	9	2,488
Year 10	94	3.5	2,587	25	2,706
Subtotal high	406	3.9	9,923	44	10,373
College	1				
Year 11	134	3.9	3,279	17	3,430
Year 12	72	2.6	2,658	23	2,753
Older	9	14.3	54	na	63
Subtotal college	215	3.4	5,991	40	6,246
Total all schools	1,777	4.0	43,030	110	44,917

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

2 Includes students from specialist schools.

na Not applicable.

Student enrolments

Tables 7 to 9 show the distribution of students enrolled in Canberra public schools. The North/ Gungahlin area's proportion (29.8%) of public primary school enrolments is the highest region followed closely by Belconnen (26.7%).

Primary schools	Р	к	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Total
Belconnen Network									
Aranda Primary School	86	86	89	89	69	83	57	67	626
Charnwood-Dunlop School	94	32	50	32	24	31	27	24	314
Charnwood-Dunlop School IEC	na	8	8	4	3	1	3	1	28
Evatt Primary School	66	35	46	34	41	41	44	34	341
Florey Primary School	85	59	70	67	61	60	65	64	531
Fraser Primary School	66	60	61	61	65	56	52	47	468
Giralang Primary School	65	57	41	31	55	30	37	24	340
Hawker Primary School	44	47	54	51	39	46	49	49	379
Kaleen Primary School	66	93	77	76	81	73	70	70	606
Kingsford Smith School	85	69	72	66	69	67	64	72	564
Kingsford Smith Koori Preschool	14	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	14
Latham Primary School	44	36	44	38	39	34	46	27	308
Macgregor Primary School	80	78	91	62	70	76	52	54	563
Macquarie Primary School	44	49	59	39	53	57	50	43	394
Maribyrnong Primary School	84	65	45	60	23	38	33	26	374
Miles Franklin Primary School	87	66	75	78	73	57	55	53	544
Mount Rogers Primary School	109	77	56	51	63	47	56	39	498
Southern Cross Early Childhood School	88	52	37	35	na	na	na	na	212
Weetangera Primary School	59	48	47	57	60	63	60	50	444
Subtotal Belconnen	1,266	1,017	1,022	931	888	860	820	744	7,548
North/Gungahlin Network									
Ainslie School	41	38	51	41	62	56	46	64	399
Amaroo School	132	127	115	122	147	151	125	149	1068
Campbell Primary School	70	59	40	43	40	36	41	23	352
Cranleigh School	12	17	12	19	3	10	8	5	86
Franklin Early Childhood School	150	69	47	29	na	na	na	na	295
Gold Creek School	128	86	90	69	75	85	72	74	679
Harrison School	149	171	179	151	146	165	165	142	1268
Jervis Bay School	26	7	4	5	10	7	8	4	71
Lyneham Primary School	61	61	64	55	59	50	79	54	483
Majura Primary School	86	73	78	79	62	76	74	74	602
Neville Bonner Primary School	144	107	97	85	55	34	43	32	597
Ngunnawal Primary School	129	110	90	76	75	87	85	69	721
Ngunnawal Koori Preschool	16	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	16
North Ainslie Primary School	83	93	71	85	64	74	59	61	590
North Ainslie Primary School IEC	na	12	8	5	4	4	1	3	37
O'Connor Cooperative School	21	19	15	19	na	na	na	na	74
Palmerston District Primary School	99	92	69	64	58	50	38	48	518
Palmerston District Primary School IEC	na	6	2	1	1	1	na	2	13
Turner School	56	61	73	66	87	67	82	73	565
Subtotal North/Gungahlin	1,403	1,208	1,105	1,014	948	953	926	877	8,434

Table 7: Number of primary school enrolments by school, network and year level, 2016^{1, 2, 3}

Table 7: Number of primary school enrolments by school, network and year level, 2016^{1, 2, 3} (continued)

Primary schools	Р	к	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Total
South/Weston Network									
Arawang Primary School	85	69	68	68	65	47	57	55	514
Chapman Primary School	88	79	86	83	81	72	76	76	641
Charles Weston School	45	27	26	12	22	23	16	10	181
Curtin Primary School	66	54	63	70	72	78	76	69	548
Duffy Primary School	49	46	45	55	47	57	40	39	378
Farrer Primary School	45	39	46	47	42	48	52	34	353
Forrest Primary School	46	58	56	63	78	70	69	77	517
Garran Primary School	45	73	88	88	82	76	89	66	607
Hughes Primary School	44	43	56	56	59	52	54	50	414
Hughes Primary School IEC	na	11	5	6	5	4	3	1	35
Lyons Early Childhood School	62	40	32	25	na	na	na	na	159
Malkara School	14	12	11	3	7	13	10	12	82
Mawson Primary School	65	71	60	69	56	39	42	46	448
Narrabundah Early Childhood School	74	23	23	14	na	na	na	na	134
Narrabundah Koori Preschool	19	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	19
Red Hill Primary School	88	86	73	86	104	96	87	84	704
Telopea Park School	na	86	91	79	70	72	69	47	514
Torrens Primary School	67	70	74	57	64	61	59	60	512
Yarralumla Primary School	79	52	57	53	42	35	33	28	379
Subtotal South/Weston	981	939	960	934	896	843	832	754	7,139
Tuggeranong Network									
Bonython Primary School	33	46	49	35	42	37	31	32	305
Calwell Primary School	59	36	32	36	34	40	21	34	292
Caroline Chisholm School	45	45	35	37	45	47	41	37	332
Charles Conder Primary School	85	49	46	30	28	36	45	28	347
Fadden Primary School	43	40	50	59	46	56	40	35	369
Gilmore Primary School	13	17	14	15	9	14	14	7	103
Gordon Primary School	102	68	62	63	47	62	55	44	503
Gowrie Primary School	41	43	47	25	33	27	33	28	277
Isabella Plains Early Childhood School	81	51	31	22	na	na	na	na	185
Monash Primary School	66	55	65	68	51	61	56	36	458
Namadgi School	86	59	49	61	60	67	63	49	494
Richardson Primary School	29	25	13	17	23	20	20	24	171
Richardson Koori Preschool	16	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	16
Taylor Primary School	66	48	39	26	34	20	28	26	287
Theodore Primary School	63	51	47	29	44	45	33	42	354
Wanniassa Hills Primary School	64	62	40	41	42	39	54	32	374
Wanniassa Hills Primary School IEC	na	12	2	1	1	na	na	4	20
Wanniassa School	44	31	32	38	33	31	32	32	273
Wanniassa Koori Preschool	17	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	17
Subtotal Tuggeranong	953	738	653	603	572	602	566	490	5,177
Total primary schools	4,603	3,902	3,740	3,482	3,304	3,258	3,144	2,865	28,298

Includes students from specialist schools.
Educational services at Jervis Bay School are provided by the ACT Education Directorate under a Memorandum of Understanding with the Australian Government.
Not applicable.

Table 8 shows that the North/Gungahlin area's proportion (34.3%) of public high school enrolments is the highest region followed closely by South/Weston (30.0%).

High schools	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Total
Belconnen Network					
Belconnen High School	98	95	97	82	372
Canberra High School	214	198	200	214	826
Kingsford Smith School	83	70	86	77	316
Melba Copland Secondary School	121	93	89	110	413
University of Canberra High School Kaleen	68	88	60	62	278
University of Canberra Senior Secondary College Lake Ginninderra – Connect 10	na	na	3	21	24
Subtotal Belconnen	584	544	535	566	2,229
North/Gungahlin Network					
Amaroo School	184	163	152	133	632
Black Mountain School	13	12	15	18	58
Campbell High School	198	149	184	186	717
Dickson College – Connect 10	na	na	2	11	13
Dickson College IEC	12	8	10	8	38
Gold Creek School	148	134	126	144	552
Gungahlin College	na	na	na	24	24
Harrison School	130	99	116	108	453
Lyneham High School	278	266	257	272	1,073
Subtotal North/Gungahlin	963	832	862	904	3,560
South/Weston Network	1				
Alfred Deakin High School	209	213	206	213	841
Melrose High School	188	191	163	205	747
Mount Stromlo High School	152	166	137	141	596
Telopea Park School	211	200	218	215	844
The Woden School	17	15	23	26	81
Subtotal South/Weston	777	785	747	800	3,109
Tuggeranong Network	1	1			
Calwell High School	76	84	91	89	340
Caroline Chisholm School	86	79	80	87	332
Erindale College	na	na	na	49	49
Lake Tuggeranong College – Connect 10	na	na	na	13	13
Lanyon High School	88	69	92	88	337
Namadgi School	56	48	51	60	215
Wanniassa School	58	51	30	50	189
Subtotal Tuggeranong	364	331	344	436	1,475
Total high schools	2,688	2,493	2,487	2,706	10,373

Table 8: Number of high school enrolments by school, network and year level, 2016^{1, 2}

Includes a small number of students who attended more than one school.
Includes students from specialist schools.

na Not applicable.

Table 9 shows that the South/Weston area's proportion (32.3%) of public college enrolments is the highest region followed closely by North/Gungahlin (29.4%).

Colleges	Year 11	Year 12	Older	Total					
Belconnen Network									
Hawker College	246	186	-	432					
Melba Copland Secondary School	72	82	-	154					
University of Canberra Senior Secondary College Lake Ginninderra	343	245	-	588					
Subtotal Belconnen	661	513	-	1,174					
North/Gungahlin Network									
Black Mountain School	20	18	-	38					
Dickson College	421	369	-	790					
Dickson College Secondary IEC	13	-	-	13					
Gungahlin College	573	420	-	993					
Subtotal North/Gungahlin	1,027	807	-	1,834					
South/Weston Network									
The Canberra College	512	361	1	874					
The Canberra College - CCCares	75	9	61	145					
Narrabundah College	495	478	-	973					
The Woden School	13	11	-	24					
Subtotal South/Weston	1,095	859	62	2,016					
Tuggeranong Network									
Erindale College	259	208	-	467					
Lake Tuggeranong College	388	366	1	755					
Subtotal Tuggeranong	647	574	1	1,222					
Total colleges	3,430	2,753	63	6,246					

Table 9: Number of college enrolments by school, network and year level, 2016^{1, 2}

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

2 Includes students from specialist schools.

- Nil.

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 2016, 295 students were home educated in the ACT. In addition, a further 225 students who were of school age undertook school equivalent courses at the Canberra Institute of Technology.

Students to teacher ratio

Table 10 shows students to teacher ratios for Canberra 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.

School	Teaching staff FTE (excl preschool staff)	Student FTE (excl preschool enrolments)	Students to teacher ratio
Ainslie School	23.4	358.0	15.3
Alfred Deakin High School	60.0	840.6	14.0
Amaroo School	111.5	1,568.0	14.1
Aranda Primary School	34.6	540.0	15.6
Arawang Primary School	25.8	427.4	16.6
Belconnen High School	33.2	371.3	11.2
Black Mountain School	24.2	97.0	4.0
Bonython Primary School	20.0	272.0	13.6
Calwell High School	27.6	340.0	12.3
Calwell Primary School	16.2	233.0	14.4
Campbell High School	56.6	717.0	12.7
Campbell Primary School	18.2	281.4	15.5
Canberra College, The	69.3	1,017.2	14.7
Canberra High School	67.1	825.0	12.3
Caroline Chisholm School	53.2	618.3	11.6
Chapman Primary School	32.2	551.8	17.1
Charles Conder Primary School	20.8	262.0	12.6
Charles Weston School	8.8	136.0	15.5
Charnwood-Dunlop School	19.2	248.0	12.9
Cranleigh School	17.1	73.3	4.3
Curtin Primary School	27.7	482.0	17.4
Dickson College	71.2	854.0	12.0
Duffy Primary School	24.0	329.0	13.7
Erindale College	41.1	515.4	12.5
Evatt Primary School	22.9	272.9	11.9
Fadden Primary School	22.2	325.2	14.6
Farrer Primary School	20.2	308.0	15.2
Florey Primary School	27.8	446.0	16.0
Forrest Primary School	28.2	471.0	16.7
Franklin Early Childhood School	11.6	145.0	12.5
Fraser Primary School	26.5	402.0	15.2
Garran Primary School	33.0	561.4	17.0
Gilmore Primary School	7.4	89.2	12.1
Giralang Primary School	23.8	275.0	11.6

Table 10: Students to teacher ratio by school, 2016¹

School	Teaching staff FTE (excl preschool staff)	Student FTE (excl preschool enrolments)	Students to teacher ratio
Gold Creek School	76.4	1,103.0	14.4
Gordon Primary School	28.8	401.0	13.9
Gowrie Primary School	20.2	236.0	11.7
Gungahlin College	72.4	1,003.1	13.9
Harrison School	106.8	1,572.0	14.7
Hawker College	31.9	430.8	13.5
Hawker Primary School	18.4	335.0	18.2
Hughes Primary School	29.0	405.0	14.0
Isabella Plains Early Childhood School	8.0	103.2	12.9
Jervis Bay School	8.6	45.0	5.2
Kaleen Primary School	32.8	540.0	16.5
Kingsford Smith School	66.8	795.0	11.9
Lake Tuggeranong College	57.9	768.0	13.3
Lanyon High School	32.0	337.0	10.5
Latham Primary School	23.3	264.0	11.3
Lyneham High School	77.7	1,073.0	13.8
Lyneham Primary School	26.4	421.2	16.0
Lyons Early Childhood School	10.2	97.0	9.5
Macgregor Primary School	32.9	483.0	14.7
Macquarie Primary School	23.5	350.0	14.9
Majura Primary School	33.5	516.0	15.4
Malkara School	15.8	67.4	4.3
Maribyrnong Primary School	21.7	290.0	13.4
Mawson Primary School	26.2	383.0	14.6
Melba Copland Secondary School	57.5	565.4	10.2
Melrose High School	55.6	747.0	13.4
Miles Franklin Primary School	26.4	457.0	17.3
Monash Primary School	26.4	392.0	14.8
Mount Rogers Primary School	28.0	386.2	13.8
Mount Stromlo High School	51.8	595.3	11.5
Namadgi School	52.2	623.0	11.9
Narrabundah College	66.8	973.0	14.6
Narrabundah Early Childhood School	6.8	60.0	8.8
Neville Bonner Primary School	35.9	453.0	12.6
Ngunnawal Primary School	40.5	589.0	14.5
North Ainslie Primary School	34.5	544.0	15.8
O'Connor Cooperative School	5.4	53.0	9.8
Palmerston District Primary School	33.5	432.0	12.9

Table 10: Students to teacher ratio by school, 2016¹ (continued)

School	Teaching staff FTE (excl preschool staff)	Student FTE (excl preschool enrolments)	Students to teacher ratio
Red Hill Primary School	35.4	616.0	17.4
Richardson Primary School	12.4	125.3	10.1
Southern Cross Early Childhood School	12.0	123.4	10.3
Taylor Primary School	17.4	199.5	11.5
Telopea Park School	101.5	1,358.0	13.4
Theodore Primary School	22.8	289.8	12.7
Torrens Primary School	26.2	443.9	16.9
Turner School	42.2	509.0	12.1
University of Canberra High School Kaleen	29.0	277.0	9.5
University of Canberra Senior Secondary College Lake Ginninderra	48.0	590.1	12.3
Wanniassa Hills Primary School	22.0	328.7	14.9
Wanniassa School	40.7	418.0	10.3
Weetangera Primary School	25.1	384.2	15.3
Woden School, The	25.8	105.0	4.1
Yarralumla Primary School	23.5	300.0	12.8
Total all schools	3,011.0	40,209.9	13.4

Table 10: Students to teacher ratio by school, 2016¹ (continued)

1 Excludes preschool students and preschool teaching staff.

Explanatory Notes

Reference date

The 2016 August census was conducted on Friday 5 August 2016.

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 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 19 August 2016.

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)

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).

Explanatory Notes (continued)

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 year 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, 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 Primary School and Wanniassa Hills Primary School. There was one IEC in the secondary sector, conducted at Dickson College.

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