

# Census of ACT schools

## February 2021

This publication provides information on students enrolled at ACT schools at 19 February 2021.

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## Introduction

This publication presents the results from the census of ACT schools conducted on Friday, 19 February 2021. The census covers public, catholic and independent 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 February census 2021, there were 81,874 students enrolled in ACT public and non-government schools (Table 1), representing an increase of 1,458 students (1.8%) since February 2020. From February 2017 to February 2021, enrolments increased by 6,466 students (8.6%).

Public school enrolments increased by 881 students (1.8%) continuing the trend of increases each year since 2017. Public schools accounted for 62.5 percent of the total student population. Public school enrolments increased by 4,596 students (9.9%) since February 2017.

Non-government school enrolments increased by 577 students (1.9%) compared with 2020. From 2017 to 2021, non-government school enrolments increased by 1,870 students (6.5%).

**Table 1: Number of enrolments by level of schooling, 2017 to 2021<sup>1</sup>**

Level of Schooling	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Public					
Preschool	4,567	4,597	4,641	4,560	4,640
Primary (K-6)	24,739	25,762	26,486	27,212	27,574
High	10,571	11,062	11,598	11,844	12,253
College	6,680	6,524	6,427	6,656	6,686
Subtotal public	46,557	47,945	49,152	50,272	51,153
Non-government					
Independent schools					
Preschool	629	774	857	917	841
Primary (K-6)	5,359	5,476	5,682	5,756	5,872
High	5,896	5,890	6,002	6,063	6,219
College	2,434	2,401	2,371	2,402	2,458
Subtotal independent schools	14,318	14,541	14,912	15,138	15,390
Catholic systemic schools					
Preschool	552	593	590	613	611
Primary (K-6)	8,660	8,658	8,586	8,722	8,787
High	3,944	4,041	4,195	4,368	4,527
College	1,377	1,364	1,317	1,303	1,406
Subtotal Catholic systemic schools	14,533	14,656	14,688	15,006	15,331
Subtotal non-government schools	28,851	29,197	29,600	30,144	30,721
<b>Total all schools</b>	<b>75,408</b>	<b>77,142</b>	<b>78,752</b>	<b>80,416</b>	<b>81,874</b>

<sup>1</sup> Includes a small number of students who attend more than one school.

## Enrolments of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students

At the February 2021 census, there were 2,728 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students enrolled in ACT schools (Table 2), an increase of 83 students (3.1%) compared with 2020. There were:

- 2,157 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students (79.1% of total) enrolled in public schools, an increase of 52 students (2.5%) from 2020;
- 571 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students (20.9% of total) enrolled in non-government schools, with 385 enrolments in Catholic systemic schools and 186 enrolments in independent schools;
- From 2017 to 2021, enrolments of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students increased by 420 students (18.2%) to 2,728 with growth across both the public and non-government sectors;
- 84 students enrolled in a Koori preschool program; with 51 students enrolled in both Koori and universal preschool programs.

**Table 2: Number of enrolments of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students by sector 2017 to 2021<sup>1</sup>**

Sector	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
<b>Public schools</b>	1,844	1,887	1,997	2,105	2,157
<b>Non-government schools</b>					
Independent schools	151	167	186	181	186
Catholic systemic schools	313	347	344	359	385
Subtotal non-government schools	464	514	530	540	571
<b>Total all schools</b>	<b>2,308</b>	<b>2,401</b>	<b>2,527</b>	<b>2,645</b>	<b>2,728</b>

<sup>1</sup> Includes a small number of students who attend more than one school.

## Student enrolments by year level and sector

Table three shows the number and proportion of enrolments by level of schooling and year level for both public and non-government sectors.

**Table 3: Number and proportion of enrolments by level of schooling, year level and sector, 2021<sup>1</sup>**

Level of schooling	Public	Non -government	Total persons	Proportion of total (%)
<b>Primary</b>				
Preschool	4,640	1,452	6,092	7.4
Kindergarten	4,115	1,935	6,050	7.4
Year 1	4,195	1,931	6,126	7.5
Year 2	4,083	2,018	6,101	7.5
Year 3	4,031	2,083	6,114	7.5
Year 4	3,742	2,162	5,904	7.2
Year 5	3,747	2,239	5,986	7.3
Year 6	3,661	2,291	5,952	7.3
Subtotal primary	32,214	16,111	48,325	59.0
<b>High</b>				
Year 7	3,173	2,729	5,902	7.2
Year 8	3,014	2,746	5,760	7.0
Year 9	3,064	2,701	5,765	7.0
Year 10	3,002	2,570	5,572	6.8
Subtotal high	12,253	10,746	22,999	28.1
<b>College</b>				
Year 11	3,281	2,006	5,287	6.5
Year 12	3,297	1,858	5,155	6.3
Older	108	-	108	0.1
Subtotal college	6,686	3,864	10,550	12.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>51,153</b>	<b>30,721</b>	<b>81,874</b>	<b>100.0</b>

<sup>1</sup> Includes a small number of students who attend more than one school.

- Nil.

## Student enrolments and proportion by gender

Table four shows the number and proportion of male and female enrolments across various school levels from 2017 to 2021. Consistent with previous years, there were slightly more males (51.2%) than females (48.5%) in 2021. There were proportionally more male than female students in primary, high school and college, however, in college the proportion of male (49.9%) students was only slightly greater than female (49.7%) students.

**Table 4: Number and proportion of enrolments by level of schooling and gender, 2017-2021<sup>1,2</sup>**

Level of schooling	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
<b>Primary</b>					
Male	22,961	23,646	24,019	24,548	24,857
Female	21,542	22,205	22,687	23,107	23,338
Subtotal primary	44,503	45,860	46,842	47,780	48,325
Proportion male (%)	51.6	51.6	51.3	51.4	51.4
Proportion female (%)	48.4	48.4	48.4	48.4	48.3
<b>High</b>					
Male	10,479	10,792	11,226	11,438	11,824
Female	9,929	10,192	10,557	10,818	11,136
Subtotal high	20,408	20,993	21,795	22,275	22,999
Proportion male (%)	51.3	51.4	51.5	51.3	51.4
Proportion female (%)	48.7	48.5	48.4	48.6	48.4
<b>College</b>					
Male	5,260	5,142	5,030	5,212	5,260
Female	5,212	5,110	5,054	5,124	5,246
Subtotal college	10,472	10,289	10,115	10,361	10,550
Proportion male (%)	50.2	50.0	49.7	50.3	49.9
Proportion female (%)	49.8	49.7	50.0	49.5	49.7
<b>All schooling levels</b>					
Male	38,700	39,580	40,275	41,198	41,941
Female	36,683	37,507	38,298	39,049	39,720
Proportion male (%)	51.3	51.3	51.1	51.2	51.2
Proportion female (%)	48.6	48.6	48.6	48.6	48.5
Interminate/Intersex/Unspecified	25	55	179	169	213
<b>Total all schools</b>	<b>75,408</b>	<b>77,142</b>	<b>78,752</b>	<b>80,416</b>	<b>81,874</b>

<sup>1</sup> Includes a small number of students who attended more than one school.

<sup>2</sup> Subtotals and totals include students reported as Non-binary/Other.

There were more male than female students in every year level from preschool to year 12.

**Table 5: Number of enrolments by level of schooling and gender, 2021<sup>1, 2</sup>**

Level of schooling	Males	Females	Total Persons
<b>Primary</b>			
Preschool	3,096	2,878	5,974
Kindergarten	3,118	2,930	6,048
Year 1	3,188	2,937	6,125
Year 2	3,100	3,000	6,100
Year 3	3,137	2,977	6,114
Year 4	3,023	2,879	5,902
Year 5	3,125	2,860	5,985
Year 6	3,070	2,877	5,947
Subtotal primary	24,857	23,338	48,325
<b>High</b>			
Year 7	3,043	2,856	5,899
Year 8	2,913	2,839	5,752
Year 9	3,009	2,745	5,754
Year 10	2,859	2,696	5,555
Subtotal high	11,824	11,136	22,999
<b>College</b>			
Year 11	2,669	2,593	5,262
Year 12	2,580	2,556	5,136
Older	11	97	108
Subtotal college	5,260	5,246	10,550

**Total all schooling levels**

Males	Females	Non-binary/Other	Total Persons
41,941	39,720	213	81,874

<sup>1</sup> Includes a small number of students who attended more than one school.

<sup>2</sup> Year level totals exclude students reported as Non-binary/Other, however subtotals include Non-binary/Other.

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

Table six shows the number and proportion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander student enrolments across the levels of schooling. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students represented 3.3 percent of total enrolments across all levels of schooling.

**Table 6: Number and proportion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander enrolments by level of schooling, year level and sector, 2021<sup>1</sup>**

Level of Schooling	Public	Non-government	Total Persons	Proportion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander enrolments (%)
<b>Primary</b>				
Preschool	285	13	298	10.9
Kindergarten	164	40	204	7.5
Year 1	175	30	205	7.5
Year 2	158	37	195	7.2
Year 3	172	38	210	7.7
Year 4	133	40	173	6.3
Year 5	158	47	205	7.5
Year 6	157	37	194	7.1
Subtotal primary	1,402	282	1,684	61.7
<b>High</b>				
Year 7	115	56	171	6.3
Year 8	122	49	171	6.3
Year 9	136	66	202	7.4
Year 10	119	58	177	6.5
Subtotal high	492	229	721	26.4
<b>College</b>				
Year 11	129	39	168	6.2
Year 12	115	21	136	5.0
Older	19	-	19	0.7
Subtotal college	263	60	323	11.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,157</b>	<b>571</b>	<b>2,728</b>	<b>100.0</b>

<sup>1</sup> Includes a small number of students who attended more than one school.

– Nil.

## Student enrolments by school

Tables 7 to 9 show the distribution of student enrolments by schooling level, region and school.

### Primary school enrolments

The proportion of enrolments in North/Gungahlin (31.4%) was the highest across public primary schools followed by Belconnen (25.6%), South Weston (25.5%) and Tuggeranong (17.5%).

**Table 7: Number of primary school enrolments by year level, network and school, 2021<sup>1</sup>**

Primary schools	P	K	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Total
<b>Public schools</b>									
<b>Belconnen Network</b>									
Aranda Primary School	66	54	82	74	79	87	88	87	617
Charnwood-Dunlop School	79	66	59	41	49	44	28	47	413
Charnwood-Dunlop School IEC	-	15	2	-	-	1	-	1	19
Cranleigh School	14	13	13	9	9	7	14	10	89
Evatt Primary School	53	35	55	42	47	47	27	44	350
Florey Primary School	87	73	58	60	51	56	59	65	509
Fraser Primary School	78	72	84	75	84	76	71	68	608
Giralang Primary School	42	45	52	42	37	45	44	36	343
Hawker Primary School	43	37	47	41	49	53	49	54	373
Kaleen Primary School	66	57	71	69	68	67	70	69	537
Kingsford Smith School	74	53	48	55	55	54	67	77	483
Kingsford Smith Koori Preschool	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15
Latham Primary School	63	44	61	54	55	36	39	43	395
Macgregor Primary School	87	81	88	85	65	57	80	83	626
Macquarie Primary School	44	36	35	49	41	48	40	54	347
Maribyrnong Primary School	81	65	68	79	73	62	69	55	552
Miles Franklin Primary School	84	64	76	70	76	74	64	74	582
Mount Rogers Primary School	104	78	83	88	65	72	68	59	617
Southern Cross Early Childhood School	86	59	43	29	-	-	-	-	217
Weetangera Primary School	64	69	71	65	81	75	72	46	543
Subtotal Belconnen	1,230	1,016	1,096	1,027	984	961	949	972	8,235
<b>North/Gungahlin Network</b>									
Ainslie School	37	50	41	63	63	44	46	49	393
Amaroo School	126	105	98	144	156	154	155	156	1,094
Campbell Primary School	46	44	37	55	37	53	52	47	371
Franklin School	123	96	74	65	49	46	33	-	486
Gold Creek School	119	94	91	88	83	82	72	72	701
Harrison School	128	150	162	163	165	150	171	188	1,277
Jervis Bay School <sup>2</sup>	18	7	8	2	5	5	4	1	50
Lyneham Primary School	63	62	58	67	71	59	83	69	532
Majura Primary School	86	120	101	97	119	91	90	100	804
Margaret Hendry School	129	118	112	79	48	37	47	32	602
Neville Bonner Primary School	151	103	125	122	115	102	89	88	895
Ngunnawal Primary School	129	121	91	98	82	80	87	67	755
Ngunnawal Koori Preschool	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	19
North Ainslie Primary School	88	80	94	84	100	76	96	74	692
North Ainslie Primary School IEC	-	7	1	1	-	1	1	-	11
O'Connor Cooperative School	20	21	17	10	-	-	-	-	68
Palmerston District Primary School	127	117	128	123	98	90	92	82	857
Palmerston District Primary School IEC	-	4	-	-	2	-	-	-	6
Turner School	51	60	53	64	71	77	63	75	514
Subtotal North/Gungahlin	1,460	1,359	1,291	1,325	1,264	1,147	1,181	1,100	10,127



**Table 7: Number of primary school enrolments by year level, network and school, 2021<sup>1</sup>**  
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Primary schools	P	K	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Total
<b>South/Weston Network</b>									
Arawang Primary School	87	70	73	60	79	67	66	72	574
Chapman Primary School	84	78	80	75	82	72	75	76	622
Charles Weston School	86	69	84	86	71	60	45	56	557
Curtin Primary School	60	61	57	61	81	74	70	75	539
Duffy Primary School	65	49	64	58	62	55	49	45	447
Evelyn Scott School	64	34	31	21	14	12	12	-	188
Farrer Primary School	40	37	46	44	53	53	44	57	374
Forrest Primary School	40	65	71	74	89	86	75	70	570
Garran Primary School	44	67	82	86	85	90	88	104	646
Hughes Primary School	44	42	50	49	46	45	53	62	391
Hughes Primary School IEC	-	17	4	5	7	4	4	9	50
Lyons Early Childhood School	56	33	29	18	-	-	-	-	136
Malkara School	4	10	8	11	6	13	9	11	72
Mawson Primary School	80	77	65	71	75	55	61	38	522
Narrabundah Early Childhood School	57	27	21	15	-	-	-	-	120
Narrabundah Koori Preschool	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15
Red Hill Primary School	86	84	109	97	109	117	123	105	830
Telopea Park School	-	85	82	81	84	87	83	76	578
Torrens Primary School	60	62	57	70	61	72	67	78	527
Yarralumla Primary School	73	59	63	53	59	64	40	54	465
Subtotal South/Weston	1,045	1,026	1,076	1,035	1,063	1,026	964	988	8,223
<b>Tuggeranong Network</b>									
Bonython Primary School	44	53	50	53	80	40	61	53	434
Calwell Primary School	58	41	45	42	42	29	31	37	325
Caroline Chisholm School	31	28	45	38	39	38	44	37	300
Charles Conder Primary School	90	68	78	60	76	56	49	53	530
Fadden Primary School	43	42	42	42	33	32	35	43	312
Gilmore Primary School	20	19	28	13	25	13	20	16	154
Gordon Primary School	103	77	62	63	63	52	67	53	540
Gowrie Primary School	34	35	43	44	41	52	40	45	334
Isabella Plains Early Childhood School	72	50	36	25	-	-	-	-	183
Monash Primary School	80	54	62	67	54	68	63	58	506
Namadgi School	58	62	61	54	52	46	54	45	432
Richardson Primary School	42	23	17	22	26	18	18	12	178
Richardson Koori Preschool	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17
Taylor Primary School	43	45	46	58	49	48	46	34	369
Theodore Primary School	54	31	36	38	37	34	43	42	315
Wanniassa Hills Primary School	55	51	54	46	70	46	55	40	417
Wanniassa Hills Primary School IEC	-	6	-	-	-	1	-	-	7
Wanniassa School	43	29	27	31	33	35	27	33	258
Wanniassa Koori Preschool	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Subtotal Tuggeranong	905	714	732	696	720	608	653	601	5,629
Subtotal public primary schools	4,640	4,115	4,195	4,083	4,031	3,742	3,747	3,661	32,214

**Table 7: Number of primary school enrolments by year level, network and school, 2021<sup>1</sup>**  
(continued)

Primary schools	P	K	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Total
<b>Non-government schools</b>									
<i><b>Independent schools</b></i>									
Blue Gum Community School	116	25	23	19	16	13	14	12	238
Brindabella Christian College	62	60	71	66	72	82	79	73	565
Burgmann Anglican School	42	98	103	111	112	111	111	112	800
Canberra Christian School	31	28	29	39	33	17	28	17	222
Canberra Girls' Grammar School	139	59	49	63	60	58	69	78	575
Canberra Grammar School	115	94	100	97	120	122	142	124	914
Canberra Montessori School	27	22	20	12	15	7	3	2	108
Covenant Christian School	16	22	12	18	18	15	15	20	136
Emmaus Christian School	73	45	50	50	47	45	52	37	399
Islamic School of Canberra	-	27	26	30	30	25	41	28	207
Marist College Canberra	-	-	-	-	-	110	156	162	428
Orana Steiner School	61	33	38	37	52	48	47	52	368
Radford College	88	91	92	92	123	122	124	125	857
St Edmund's College Canberra	-	-	-	-	-	31	52	59	142
Taqwa School	-	20	23	21	15	19	13	14	125
Trinity Christian School	71	84	76	72	81	83	81	81	629
<b>Subtotal independent schools</b>	<b>841</b>	<b>708</b>	<b>712</b>	<b>727</b>	<b>794</b>	<b>908</b>	<b>1,027</b>	<b>996</b>	<b>6,713</b>
<i><b>Catholic systemic schools</b></i>									
Good Shepherd Primary School	-	111	107	113	104	105	103	101	744
Holy Family Primary School	106	91	82	94	81	71	65	97	687
Holy Spirit Primary School	105	111	111	109	105	104	94	104	843
Holy Trinity Primary School	57	64	65	62	47	47	46	37	425
Mother Teresa School	106	97	102	100	113	100	87	109	814
Rosary Primary School	-	46	39	50	41	35	48	51	310
Sacred Heart Primary School	-	20	29	30	49	16	27	31	202
St Anthony's Parish Primary School	61	64	62	61	73	44	74	48	487
St Bede's Primary School	-	16	24	22	24	14	18	18	136
St Benedict's Primary School	-	24	21	25	25	16	28	25	164
St Clare of Assisi Primary School	-	67	62	73	85	81	73	96	537
St Francis of Assisi Primary School	-	62	64	59	58	75	76	69	463
St John the Apostle Primary School	-	36	42	51	57	53	54	59	352
St John Vianney's Primary School	-	18	17	17	27	13	15	18	125
St Joseph's Primary School	51	52	29	46	45	35	42	44	344
St Jude's Primary School	64	73	66	74	59	74	51	44	505
St Matthew's Primary School	-	36	41	50	34	58	50	56	325
St Michael's Primary School	-	20	25	23	26	42	26	31	193
St Monica's Primary School	-	39	53	52	48	69	56	73	390
St Thomas Aquinas Primary School	61	40	46	48	51	49	54	44	393
St Thomas More's Primary School	-	25	21	27	22	27	24	21	167
St Thomas The Apostle Primary School	-	44	42	38	39	49	38	45	295
St Vincent's Primary School	-	28	28	26	35	28	21	30	196
Sts Peter & Paul Primary School	-	43	41	41	41	49	42	44	301
<b>Subtotal Catholic systemic schools</b>	<b>611</b>	<b>1,227</b>	<b>1,219</b>	<b>1,291</b>	<b>1,289</b>	<b>1,254</b>	<b>1,212</b>	<b>1,295</b>	<b>9,398</b>
<b>Subtotal non-government schools</b>	<b>1,452</b>	<b>1,935</b>	<b>1,931</b>	<b>2,018</b>	<b>2,083</b>	<b>2,162</b>	<b>2,239</b>	<b>2,291</b>	<b>16,111</b>
<b>Total all ACT schools</b>	<b>6,090</b>	<b>6,050</b>	<b>6,126</b>	<b>6,101</b>	<b>6,114</b>	<b>5,904</b>	<b>5,986</b>	<b>5,952</b>	<b>48,325</b>

<sup>1</sup> Includes a small number of students who attend more than one school.

<sup>2</sup> 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.

- Nil.

## High school enrolments

The proportion of enrolments in North/Gungahlin (32.1%) was the highest across public high schools followed by South Weston (28.9%), Belconnen (24.2%) and Tuggeranong (14.8%).

**Table 8: Number of high school enrolments by year level, network and school, 2021<sup>1</sup>**

High schools	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Total
<b>Public schools</b>					
<b>Belconnen Network</b>					
Belconnen High School	144	140	131	136	551
Canberra High School	206	221	221	207	855
Kingsford Smith School	119	111	113	104	447
Melba Copland Secondary School	196	160	128	135	619
University of Canberra High School Kaleen	129	122	127	113	491
Subtotal Belconnen	794	754	720	695	2,963
<b>North/Gungahlin Network</b>					
Amaroo School	239	212	233	180	864
Black Mountain School	26	17	25	28	96
Campbell High School	149	159	191	178	677
Dickson College IEC	1	1	2	3	7
Gold Creek School	130	146	144	138	558
Gungahlin College	-	-	-	23	23
Harrison School	169	147	164	156	636
Lyneham High School	271	265	241	301	1,078
Subtotal North/Gungahlin	985	947	1,000	1,007	3,939
<b>South/Weston Network</b>					
Alfred Deakin High School	199	214	222	210	845
Melrose High School	208	220	200	211	839
Mount Stromlo High School	236	199	204	170	809
Telopea Park School	279	246	227	218	970
Woden School, The	12	19	20	21	72
Subtotal South/Weston	934	898	873	830	3,535
<b>Tuggeranong Network</b>					
Calwell High School	115	94	111	99	419
Caroline Chisholm School	96	100	119	81	396
Erindale College	-	-	-	58	58
Lanyon High School	105	99	100	98	402
Namadgi School	64	63	69	80	276
Wanniassa School	80	59	72	54	265
Subtotal Tuggeranong	460	415	471	470	1,816
<b>Subtotal public high schools</b>	<b>3,173</b>	<b>3,014</b>	<b>3,064</b>	<b>3,002</b>	<b>12,253</b>

<sup>1</sup> Includes a small number of students who attend more than one school.

– Nil.

**Table 8: Number of high school enrolments by year level, network and school, 2021<sup>1</sup>**  
**(continued)**

High Schools	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Total
<b>Non-government schools</b>					
<b>Independent schools</b>					
Blue Gum Community School	11	12	10	5	38
Brindabella Christian College	74	79	75	64	292
Burgmann Anglican School	112	112	138	139	501
Canberra Girls Grammar School	95	114	109	118	436
Canberra Grammar School	218	209	201	205	833
Communities@Work Galilee School <sup>2</sup>	1	6	7	24	38
Covenant Christian School	19	24	18	10	71
Daramalan College	256	256	264	263	1,039
Emmaus Christian School	26	29	24	23	102
Islamic School of Canberra	17	16	15	10	58
Marist College Canberra	250	239	234	224	947
Orana Steiner School	55	41	51	47	194
Radford College	207	208	206	207	828
St Edmund's College Canberra	115	108	88	102	413
Trinity Christian School	106	110	108	105	429
Subtotal independent schools	1,562	1,563	1,548	1,546	6,219
<b>Catholic systemic schools</b>					
Merici College	154	150	134	84	522
St Clare's College	214	231	228	191	864
St Francis Xavier College	240	237	234	230	941
St John Paul II College	199	201	200	194	794
St Mary MacKillop College	360	364	357	325	1,406
Subtotal Catholic systemic schools	1,167	1,183	1,153	1,024	4,527
<b>Subtotal non-government schools</b>	<b>2,729</b>	<b>2,746</b>	<b>2,701</b>	<b>2,570</b>	<b>10,746</b>
<b>Total high schools</b>	<b>5,902</b>	<b>5,760</b>	<b>5,765</b>	<b>5,572</b>	<b>22,999</b>

<sup>1</sup> Includes a small number of students who attend more than one school.

<sup>2</sup> Formerly known as The Galilee School.

– Nil.

### College (Senior Secondary) enrolments

The proportion of enrolments in South/Weston (32.6%) was the highest across public colleges followed by North/Gungahlin (28.6%), Belconnen (20.9%) and Tuggeranong (17.9%).

**Table 9: Number of college enrolments by year level, network and school, 2021<sup>1</sup>**

Colleges	Year 11	Year 12	Older	Total
<b>Public schools</b>				
<b>Belconnen</b>				
Hawker College	293	239	-	532
Melba Copland Secondary School	92	110	-	202
University of Canberra Senior Secondary College Lake Ginninderra	319	345	-	664
Subtotal Belconnen	704	694	-	1,398
<b>North/Gungahlin</b>				
Black Mountain School	21	16	-	37
Dickson College (incl. SIEC)	356	386	-	742
Gungahlin College	556	580	-	1,136
Subtotal North/Gungahlin	933	982	-	1,915
<b>South Weston</b>				
Narrabundah College	503	464	-	967
The Canberra College	543	514	-	1,057
The Canberra College - CCCares	10	20	108	138
The Woden School	9	8	-	17
Subtotal South/Weston	1,065	1,006	108	2,179
<b>Tuggeranong</b>				
Erindale College	272	307	-	579
Lake Tuggeranong College	307	308	-	615
Subtotal Tuggeranong	579	615	-	1,194
<b>Subtotal public schools</b>	<b>3,281</b>	<b>3,297</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>6,686</b>
<b>Non-government schools</b>				
<b>Independent schools</b>				
Brindabella Christian College	34	32	-	66
Burgmann Anglican School	127	114	-	241
Canberra Girls Grammar School	114	127	-	241
Canberra Grammar School	211	197	-	408
Communities@Work Galilee School	19	-	-	19
Daramalan College	209	196	-	405
Marist College Canberra	159	183	-	342
Orana Steiner School	14	16	-	30
Radford College	202	199	-	401
St Edmund's College Canberra	83	79	-	162
Trinity Christian School	80	63	-	143
Subtotal independent schools	1,252	1,206	-	2,458
<b>Catholic systemic schools</b>				
Merici College	117	75	-	192
St Clare's College	105	108	-	213
St Francis Xavier College	157	144	-	301
St John Paul II College	98	63	-	161
St Mary MacKillop College	277	262	-	539
Subtotal Catholic systemic schools	754	652	-	1,406
<b>Subtotal non-government schools</b>	<b>2,006</b>	<b>1,858</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,864</b>
<b>Total colleges</b>	<b>5,287</b>	<b>5,155</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>10,550</b>

<sup>1</sup> Includes a small number of students who attend more than one school.

– Nil.

## Public school 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. The students to teacher ratio is calculated by dividing the total Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) students by the FTE teaching staff.

**Table 10: Students to teacher ratio by school, 2021<sup>1</sup>**

School	Teaching staff FTE (excl preschool staff)	Student FTE (excl preschool enrolments)	Students to teacher ratio
Ainslie School	22.8	356.0	15.6
Alfred Deakin High School	60.2	844.5	14.0
Amaroo School	129.2	1,832.0	14.2
Aranda Primary School	34.3	551.0	16.1
Arawang Primary School	31.9	486.2	15.2
Belconnen High School	47.4	551.0	11.6
Black Mountain School	32.4	132.6	4.1
Bonython Primary School	28.4	390.0	13.7
Calwell High School	36.6	419.0	11.5
Calwell Primary School	19.6	267.0	13.6
Campbell High School	53.7	675.5	12.6
Campbell Primary School	21.8	325.0	14.9
Canberra College, The	79.1	1,195.0	15.1
Canberra High School	67.8	854.4	12.6
Caroline Chisholm School	56.3	665.0	11.8
Chapman Primary School	38.5	536.8	13.9
Charles Conder Primary School	28.9	439.4	15.2
Charles Weston School	35.4	468.3	13.2
Charnwood-Dunlop School	28.6	353.0	12.3
Cranleigh School	17.0	73.2	4.3
Curtin Primary School	31.0	477.8	15.4
Dickson College	58.3	747.8	12.8
Duffy Primary School	31.4	382.0	12.2
Erindale College	48.6	636.4	13.1
Evatt Primary School	25.6	296.3	11.6
Evelyn Scott School	9.4	124.0	13.2
Fadden Primary School	23.4	269.0	11.5
Farrer Primary School	22.3	334.0	15.0
Florey Primary School	28.1	420.2	14.9
Forrest Primary School	36.4	530.0	14.5
Franklin School	29.9	363.0	12.1
Fraser Primary School	34.6	530.0	15.3
Garran Primary School	41.0	602.0	14.7
Gilmore Primary School	15.2	134.0	8.8
Giralang Primary School	23.2	300.4	12.9
Gold Creek School	85.5	1,140.0	13.3

**Table 10: Students to teacher ratio by school, 2021<sup>1</sup> (continued)**

School	Teaching staff FTE (excl preschool staff)	Student FTE (excl preschool enrolments)	Students to teacher ratio
Gordon Primary School	33.0	437.0	13.2
Gowrie Primary School	23.4	300.0	12.8
Gungahlin College	78.6	1,155.3	14.7
Harrison School	118.0	1,784.6	15.1
Hawker College	36.0	531.2	14.8
Hawker Primary School	22.9	329.6	14.4
Hughes Primary School	26.6	397.0	14.9
Isabella Plains Early Childhood School	8.8	111.0	12.6
Jervis Bay School	8.6	32.0	3.7
Kaleen Primary School	29.6	471.0	15.9
Kingsford Smith School	77.3	855.4	11.1
Lake Tuggeranong College	49.7	611.5	12.3
Lanyon High School	38.7	402.0	10.4
Latham Primary School	27.4	332.0	12.1
Lyneham High School	79.0	1,078.0	13.6
Lyneham Primary School	34.0	468.6	13.8
Lyons Early Childhood School	8.6	80.0	9.3
Macgregor Primary School	41.2	537.5	13.0
Macquarie Primary School	21.7	303.0	14.0
Majura Primary School	45.4	718.0	15.8
Malkara School	20.7	65.8	3.2
Margaret Hendry School	42.0	473.0	11.3
Maribyrnong Primary School	35.9	471.0	13.1
Mawson Primary School	35.8	442.0	12.3
Melba Copland Secondary School	73.8	821.0	11.1
Melrose High School	61.2	839.0	13.7
Miles Franklin Primary School	27.7	497.5	18.0
Monash Primary School	33.1	425.4	12.8
Mount Rogers Primary School	35.8	512.4	14.3
Mount Stromlo High School	60.4	809.0	13.4
Namadgi School	59.2	649.4	11.0
Narrabundah College	63.4	967.0	15.3
Narrabundah Early Childhood School	7.6	63.0	8.3
Neville Bonner Primary School	51.0	744.0	14.6
Ngunnawal Primary School	47.0	625.1	13.3
North Ainslie Primary School	43.2	614.2	14.2
O'Connor Cooperative School	6.0	48.0	8.0
Palmerston District Primary School	53.8	736.0	13.7
Red Hill Primary School	43.8	744.0	17.0
Richardson Primary School	14.1	135.2	9.6
Southern Cross Early Childhood School	13.3	131.0	9.9
Taylor Primary School	26.0	326.0	12.5

**Table 10: Students to teacher ratio by school, 2021<sup>1</sup> (continued)**

School	Teaching staff FTE (excl preschool staff)	Student FTE (excl preschool enrolments)	Students to teacher ratio
Telopea Park School	113.5	1,547.4	13.6
Theodore Primary School	24.5	261.0	10.7
Torrens Primary School	33.4	467.0	14.0
Turner School	41.9	463.0	11.1
University of Canberra High School Kaleen	41.2	491.0	11.9
University of Canberra Senior Secondary College Lake Ginninderra	44.0	659.8	15.0
Wanniassa Hills Primary School	27.2	369.0	13.6
Wanniassa School	45.8	479.5	10.5
Weetangera Primary School	31.8	479.0	15.1
Woden School, The	23.0	88.4	3.8
Yarralumla Primary School	28.8	392.0	13.6
<b>Canberra public schools total</b>	<b>3,532.2</b>	<b>46,472.6</b>	<b>13.2</b>

<sup>1</sup> Excludes preschool students and preschool teaching staff.

## Non-school education

It is recognized 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 February 2021 census, 395 students were home educated in the ACT. In addition, a further 146 students of school age undertook school equivalent courses at the Canberra Institute of Technology.



**Annex 1: ACT public school capacities, 2021**

School Name <sup>1</sup>	Capacity 2021 <sup>2</sup>
Ainslie Primary School	550
Alfred Deakin High School	974
Amaroo School	2,151
Aranda Primary School	625
Arawang Primary School	558
Belconnen High School	600
Bonython Primary School	514
Calwell High School	738
Calwell Primary School	525
Campbell High School	831
Campbell Primary School	450
Canberra College, The	1,009
Canberra College Cares	200
Canberra High School	985
Caroline Chisholm School	1,293
Chapman Primary School	650
Charles Conder Primary School	546
Charles Weston School	800
Charnwood-Dunlop Primary School	528
Curtin Primary School	590
Dickson College	1,110
Duffy Primary School	537
Erindale College	1,004
Evatt Primary School	553
Evelyn Scott School	600
Fadden Primary School	431
Farrer Primary School	456
Florey Primary School	583
Forrest Primary School	733
Franklin School	347
Fraser Primary School	600
Garran Primary School	783
Gilmore Primary School	308
Giralang Primary School	357
Gold Creek School	1,770
Gordon Primary School	628
Gowrie Primary School	518
Gungahlin College	1,280
Harrison School	2,187
Hawker College	893
Hawker Primary School	350
Hughes Primary School	576
Isabella Plains Early Childhood School	189

<sup>1</sup> Specialist schools are not included in these data.

<sup>2</sup> Preschools are excluded from these capacity numbers.

School Name <sup>1</sup>	Capacity 2021 <sup>2</sup>
Jervis Bay Primary School	125
Kaleen Primary School	558
Kingsford Smith School	1,265
Lake Tuggeranong College	966
Lanyon High School	795
Latham Primary School	438
Lyneham High School	1,126
Lyneham Primary School	625
Lyons Early Childhood School	126
Macgregor Primary School	747
Macquarie Primary School	433
Majura Primary School	906
Margaret Hendry School	600
Maribyrnong Primary School	689
Mawson Primary School	558
Melba Copland Secondary School	1,634
Melrose High School	1,069
Miles Franklin Primary School	550
Monash Primary School	516
Mount Rogers Primary School	633
Mount Stromlo High School	1,113
Namadgi School	1,231
Narrabundah College	1,102
Narrabundah Early Childhood School	105
Neville Bonner Primary School	1,116
Ngunnawal Primary School	724
North Ainslie Primary School	736
O' Connor Cooperative School	84
Palmerston District Primary School	871
Red Hill Primary School	850
Richardson Primary School	358
Southern Cross Early Childhood School	147
Taylor Primary School	370
Telopea Park School	1,618
Theodore Primary School	433
Torrens Primary School	583
Turner Primary School	581
University of Canberra High School Kaleen	679
University of Canberra Senior Secondary College Lake Ginninderra	806
Wanniassa Hills Primary School	578
Wanniassa School	935
Weetangera Primary School	581
Yarralumla Primary School	431

## **Explanatory Notes**

### **Reference date**

The 2021 February census was conducted on Friday 19 February 2021.

### **Scope and coverage**

The February census includes all ACT public schools providing primary, secondary and specialist education. Jervis Bay School was included in ACT public primary schools as the Education 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. Non-government school census data was electronically submitted to the Directorate.

### **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 26 February 2021.

### **Preschool**

Preschool includes three, four, and five-year-old children enrolled in school prior to starting kindergarten. Please note, children can be enrolled in more than one preschool program.

### **Primary school level**

The primary school level of schooling included students from preschool to year 6, unless 'K-6' was specified. 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 is equivalent to the lower secondary level of education of the Australian Standard Classification of Education and includes students in years 7, 8, 9 and 10. A small number of year 10 students undertake early access programs at an ACT college.

### **College level**

The college level of schooling is equivalent to the senior secondary level of education of the Australian Standard Classification of Education and includes students in years 11 and 12 as well as those students defined as older. A small number of year 10 students undertake early access programs at an ACT college.

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

Students in public schools aged 18 years by 31 December in the year prior to the commencement of their college studies, were classified as Older (O).

### **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 North Ainslie Primary School, Hughes Primary School, Wanniasa Hills Primary School, Charnwood-Dunlop Primary School and Palmerston District Primary School. There was one IEC in the high school sector and the college sector, conducted at Dickson College.

### **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.

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