

Canberra Public Schools Census

August 2017

This publication provides information on
students enrolled in Canberra public
schools at
4 August 2017.

Introduction

This publication presents the results from the Canberra school census conducted on Friday 4 August 2017. 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 2017 census, there were 46,566 students enrolled in Canberra public schools. This represented an increase of 1,649 enrolments (3.7%) since August 2016. From August 2013 to August 2017, enrolments increased by 5,519 students (13.4%).

Table 1: Enrolments by level of schooling, 2013 to 2017^{1, 2}

Level of schooling	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Preschool	4,583	4,873	4,740	4,603	4,677
Primary (K-6)	20,639	21,437	22,526	23,695	24,855
High	9,969	9,912	10,053	10,373	10,666
College	5,856	6,014	6,197	6,246	6,368
Total all schools	41,047	42,236	43,516	44,917	46,566

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 2017 census, there were 1,850 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people enrolled in Canberra public schools. This represents an increase of 73 enrolments (4.1%) since August 2016. Enrolments of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students increased by 428 students (30.1%) since August 2013.

Table 2: Enrolments Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students by level of schooling, 2013 to 2017^{1, 2}

Level of schooling	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Preschool	212	267	288	251	289
Primary (K-6)	719	776	840	905	933
High	350	352	366	406	422
College	141	173	195	215	206
Total all schools	1,422	1,568	1,689	1,777	1,850

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2 Includes students from specialist schools.

Enrolments of students with special needs

At August 2017 census, there were 2,313 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 58 students (2.6%) compared with the August 2016 census and an increase of 166 enrolments (7.7%) since August 2013.

Table 3: Enrolments of students with special needs by level of schooling, 2013 to 2017^{1, 2}

Level of schooling	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Primary schools	1,337	1,438	1,271	1,297	1,379
High schools	601	629	637	670	631
Colleges	209	207	251	288	303
Total all schools	2,147	2,274	2,159	2,255	2,313

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.

Table 4: Number of primary school enrolments by year level, network and school, 2017^{1,2,3}

	P	K	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Total
Belconnen Network									
Aranda Primary School	65	82	85	93	85	70	80	61	621
Charnwood-Dunlop School	92	44	29	48	30	28	31	30	332
Charnwood-Dunlop School IEC	na	20	5	4	8	7	3	6	53
Evatt Primary School	63	41	29	44	31	36	39	44	327
Florey Primary School	73	63	56	68	64	62	57	68	511
Fraser Primary School	65	76	66	65	65	64	59	54	514
Giralang Primary School	44	44	55	39	35	53	29	39	338
Hawker Primary School	44	47	46	56	54	37	48	49	381
Kaleen Primary School	66	68	96	77	71	82	71	71	602
Kingsford Smith School	77	51	72	69	68	66	71	66	540
Kingsford Smith Koori Preschool	14	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	14
Latham Primary School	44	40	32	43	40	39	36	44	318
Macgregor Primary School	87	72	74	95	68	69	81	50	596
Macquarie Primary School	42	54	53	60	40	53	58	48	408
Maribyrnong Primary School	86	60	71	49	65	26	36	34	427
Miles Franklin Primary School	88	74	66	80	80	72	56	52	568
Mount Rogers Primary School	107	74	82	60	53	63	49	54	542
Southern Cross Early Childhood School	87	49	36	29	na	na	na	na	201
Weetangera Primary School	58	52	61	45	63	60	68	59	466
Subtotal Belconnen	1,202	1,011	1,014	1,024	920	887	872	829	7,759
North/Gungahlin Network									
Ainslie School	58	43	47	47	42	58	57	50	402
Amaroo School	132	145	155	133	141	151	158	129	1,144
Campbell Primary School	64	58	59	45	46	41	32	48	393
Cranleigh School	18	11	15	13	17	4	9	7	94
Franklin Early Childhood School	128	78	61	35	na	na	na	na	302
Gold Creek School	119	105	85	81	75	70	81	78	694
Harrison School	132	170	168	175	172	142	156	163	1,278
Jervis Bay School	14	9	5	4	4	8	7	8	59
Lyneham Primary School	77	57	63	64	57	60	55	83	516
Majura Primary School	88	88	80	81	87	63	78	75	640
Neville Bonner Primary School	209	126	105	102	81	65	38	38	764
Ngunnawal Primary School	121	91	103	82	74	72	72	76	691
Ngunnawal Koori Preschool	14	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	14
North Ainslie Primary School	85	78	95	71	83	64	76	61	613
North Ainslie Primary School IEC	na	11	4	3	7	2	6	6	39
O'Connor Cooperative School	20	21	19	9	na	na	na	na	69
Palmerston District Primary School	110	97	93	75	68	60	59	45	607
Palmerston District Primary School IEC	na	7	3	1	4	2	3	3	23
Turner School	55	65	58	73	76	82	70	76	555
Subtotal North/Gungahlin	1,444	1,260	1,218	1,094	1,034	944	957	946	8,897

Table 4: Number of primary school enrolments by year level, network and school, 2017^{1,2,3} (continued)

	P	K	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Total
South/Weston Network									
Arawang Primary School	88	61	75	68	67	64	43	50	516
Chapman Primary School	87	83	83	85	83	79	70	77	647
Charles Weston School Coombs	68	43	33	35	18	30	29	18	274
Curtin Primary School	62	79	64	74	78	75	74	68	574
Duffy Primary School	67	54	49	51	58	51	58	38	426
Farrer Primary School	49	39	45	47	51	43	51	49	374
Forrest Primary School	44	65	57	64	76	76	70	71	523
Garran Primary School	44	69	87	99	83	87	81	82	632
Hughes Primary School	44	35	51	62	60	56	54	53	415
Hughes Primary School IEC	na	14	9	4	7	4	2	4	44
Lyons Early Childhood School	64	44	23	23	na	na	na	na	154
Malkara School	10	14	11	11	4	6	14	9	79
Mawson Primary School	66	64	73	53	64	58	37	39	454
Narrabundah Early Childhood School	79	28	20	13	na	na	na	na	140
Narrabundah Koori Preschool	20	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Red Hill Primary School	85	84	84	82	94	100	90	86	705
Telopea Park School	na	87	88	89	82	71	71	67	555
Torrens Primary School	64	52	66	77	56	65	58	62	500
Yarralumla Primary School	75	76	46	68	51	37	36	29	418
Subtotal South/Weston	1,016	991	964	1,005	932	902	838	802	7,450
Tuggeranong Network									
Bonython Primary School	44	34	47	48	44	36	40	28	321
Calwell Primary School	62	33	33	35	33	29	40	23	288
Caroline Chisholm School	45	43	48	43	40	53	48	44	364
Charles Conder Primary School	108	55	48	46	32	30	36	43	398
Fadden Primary School	43	37	40	48	52	41	55	37	353
Gilmore Primary School	22	9	20	16	16	11	16	13	123
Gordon Primary School	110	68	66	64	60	49	55	56	528
Gowrie Primary School	43	46	41	46	29	30	29	31	295
Isabella Plains Early Childhood School	87	48	38	23	na	na	na	na	196
Monash Primary School	45	58	53	64	67	41	57	56	441
Namadgi School	84	44	59	45	60	59	64	70	485
Richardson Primary School	42	20	24	11	16	25	23	26	187
Richardson Koori Preschool	20	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	20
Taylor Primary School	66	60	48	42	31	31	21	31	330
Theodore Primary School	67	51	52	52	43	43	46	34	388
Wanniassa Hills Primary School	65	49	67	42	42	44	40	53	402
Wanniassa Hills Primary School IEC	na	12	na	1	1	4	2	1	21
Wanniassa School	43	42	29	30	33	29	30	31	267
Wanniassa Koori Preschool	19	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	19
Subtotal Tuggeranong	1,015	709	713	656	599	555	602	577	5,426
Total primary schools	4,677	3,971	3,909	3,779	3,485	3,288	3,269	3,154	29,532

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 5: Number of high school enrolments by year level, network and school, 2017^{1,2}

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Total
<i>Belconnen Network</i>					
Belconnen High School	118	100	91	103	412
Canberra High School	224	212	207	194	837
Kingsford Smith School	92	85	70	89	336
Melba Copland Secondary School	91	129	105	96	421
University of Canberra High School Kaleen	66	72	88	53	279
University of Canberra Senior Secondary College Lake Ginninderra – Connect 10	na	na	na	18	18
Subtotal Belconnen	591	598	561	553	2,303
<i>North/Gungahlin Network</i>					
Amaroo School	192	189	173	150	704
Black Mountain School	17	16	14	17	64
Campbell High School	195	187	149	183	714
Dickson College – Connect 10	na	na	2	10	12
Dickson College IEC	10	7	6	17	40
Gold Creek School	151	147	138	122	558
Gungahlin College	na	na	na	23	23
Harrison School	110	139	110	123	482
Lyneham High School	278	276	273	258	1,085
Subtotal North/Gungahlin	953	961	865	903	3,682
<i>South/Weston Network</i>					
Alfred Deakin High School	239	216	225	219	899
Melrose High School	165	193	195	174	727
Mount Stromlo High School	169	155	163	152	639
Telopea Park School	223	215	208	216	862
The Woden School	11	23	17	22	73
Subtotal South/Weston	807	802	808	783	3,200
<i>Tuggeranong Network</i>					
Calwell High School	95	83	95	95	368
Caroline Chisholm School	80	89	75	79	323
Erindale College	na	na	3	46	49
Lake Tuggeranong College – Connect 10	na	na	na	16	16
Lanyon High School	80	98	71	92	341
Namadgi School	53	59	51	57	220
Wanniassa School	38	47	55	24	164
Subtotal Tuggeranong	346	376	350	409	1,481
Total high schools	2,697	2,737	2,584	2,648	10,666

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

² Includes students from specialist schools.

na - Not applicable.

Table 6: Number of college enrolments by year level, network and school, 2017^{1, 2}

	Year 11	Year 12	Older	Total
<i>Belconnen Network</i>				
Hawker College	208	221	-	429
Melba Copland Secondary School	122	51	-	173
University of Canberra Senior Secondary College Lake Ginninderra	312	271	2	585
Subtotal Belconnen	642	543	2	1,187
<i>North/Gungahlin Network</i>				
Black Mountain School	19	20	-	39
Dickson College	432	346	-	778
Dickson College Secondary IEC	21	-	-	21
Gungahlin College	603	488	-	1,091
Subtotal North/Gungahlin	1,075	854	-	1,929
<i>South/Weston Network</i>				
The Canberra College	527	444	-	971
The Canberra College - CCCares	34	13	93	140
Narrabundah College	504	460	-	964
The Woden School	9	13	-	22
Subtotal South/Weston	1,074	930	93	2,097
<i>Tuggeranong Network</i>				
Erindale College	242	220	-	462
Lake Tuggeranong College	383	308	2	693
Subtotal Tuggeranong	625	528	2	1,155
Total colleges	3,416	2,855	97	6,368

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 2017, 303 children and young people were home educated in the ACT. In addition, a further 191 students who were of school age undertook school equivalent courses at the Canberra Institute of Technology.

Explanatory Notes

Reference date

The 2017 August census was conducted on Friday 4 August 2017.

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 18 August 2017.

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 Lake Tuggeranong College, Dickson College and University of Canberra Senior Secondary College Lake Ginninderra.

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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