



Education and Training

# ACT PUBLIC SCHOOL CENSUS

## August 2009

This publication provides information on students enrolled in ACT public schools as at 7 August 2009.

### Key Findings

In August 2009 there were 38 369 students attending the 83 ACT public schools, an increase of 344 students or 0.9% from August 2008.

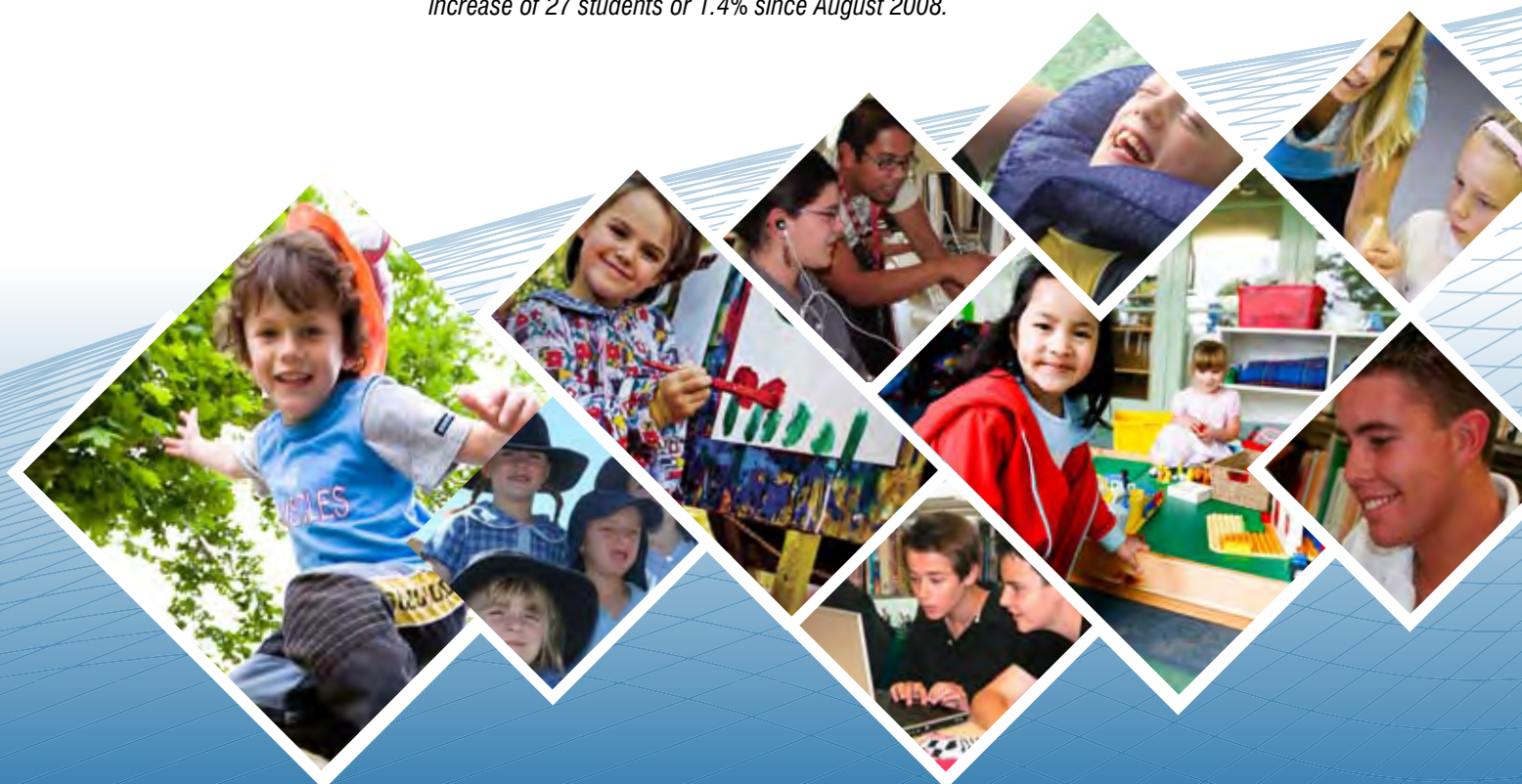
*There were 22 710 students (59.2% of all public school students) attending a public primary school, up 338 students or 1.5% since August 2008.*

Within the primary school sector the number of students at the preschool level has increased by 27 students or 0.7% since August 2008, while the number of Kindergarten students increased by 217 (8.1%).

*In August 2009, there were 9677 students (25.2% of all public school students) attending a public school at the high school level, down 132 students or 1.3% since August 2008.*

There were 5625 students (14.7% of all public school students) attending a public college, an increase of 124 students or 2.3% from August 2008.

*In August 2009, there were 1946 students accessing special education programs. This was an increase of 27 students or 1.4% since August 2008.*



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## Introduction

This publication presents the results from the ACT public school census conducted on Friday 7 August 2009. Unlike the February ACT school census, the August census conducted by the Department covers public school students only.

In 2008, the ACT Government made a policy decision to amalgamate public preschools with public primary schools, thus creating P-6 primary schools. Consequently, the results provided in this census publication for ACT public primary schools include preschool students, and a separate preschool census publication is no longer prepared.

As with the February 2009 census, this publication presents information on the number of enrolments of students of school age who undertook school equivalent courses through home education or the Canberra Institute of Technology.

## Student enrolments 2005 to 2009

In August 2009 there were 38 369 enrolments in ACT public schools, up by 344 enrolments (0.9%) from August 2008 (Table 1). This was the first year in 10 years that there has been an increase in the number of enrolments in public schools in both the February and August censuses, with the February 2009 census showing an increase of 50 enrolments (0.1%) from February 2008.

The primary, college and special sectors all showed an increase in 2009 compared with 2008, with primary school enrolments up by 338 (1.5%), college enrolments up by 124 (2.3%) and special school enrolments up by 14 (4.1%). High school was the only sector which showed a decrease from 2008 (132 enrolments or 1.3%). However, the decrease in high school enrolments this year was smaller than the previous year's decrease of 197 (2.0%).

When measured over the longer term, total enrolments have declined by 662 (1.7%) since 2005, with the most significant decrease being in the high school sector, down by 601 (5.9%) from 2005.

Over half of all public school enrolments (59.2%) were for students attending a public primary school in August 2009. This was up 0.7 percentage points from 2005 (58.5%). High schools accounted for 25.2% of enrolments in 2009, down 1.1 percentage points since 2005 (26.3%). College enrolments accounted for 14.7% of the total in 2009, up 0.4 percentage points from 14.3% in 2005.

**Table 1: Number of enrolments by level of schooling, 2005 to 2009**

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Primary schools <sup>1</sup>	22 823	22 641	22 394	22 372	22 710
High schools	10 278	10 124	10 006	9 809	9 677
Colleges	5 582	5 632	5 606	5 501	5 625
Special schools	348	331	347	343	357
<b>Total all schools</b>	<b>39 031</b>	<b>38 728</b>	<b>38 353</b>	<b>38 025</b>	<b>38 369</b>

<sup>1</sup>Includes preschool level enrolments. Includes a small number of Indigenous students or special students who attend more than one preschool.

In August 2009 the number of public school enrolments of students identifying as being of Indigenous origin increased by 148 (14.0%) since 2005 and by 161 (15.4%) since August 2008 (Table 2).

**Table 2: Number of Indigenous enrolments by level of schooling, 2005 to 2009**

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Primary schools <sup>1</sup>	695	675	679	712	820
High schools	260	244	252	247	275
Colleges	82	86	82	68	91
Special schools	22	21	20	19	21
<b>Total all schools</b>	<b>1 059</b>	<b>1 026</b>	<b>1 033</b>	<b>1 046</b>	<b>1 207</b>

<sup>1</sup>Includes preschool level enrolments. Includes a small number of Indigenous students who attend more than one preschool.

The number of enrolments of public school students with special needs increased by 106 (5.8%) to 1946 enrolments (Table 3) since 2005 and increased by 27 (1.4%) since 2008.

**Table 3: Number of special needs enrolments by level of schooling, 2005 to 2009**

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Primary schools <sup>1</sup>	1 053	1 081	1 060	1 102	1 107
High schools	318	339	354	373	359
Colleges	121	110	87	101	123
Special schools	348	331	347	343	357
<b>Total all schools</b>	<b>1 840</b>	<b>1 861</b>	<b>1 848</b>	<b>1 919</b>	<b>1 946</b>

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

Table 4 shows the numbers of males and females across the various levels of schooling from 2005 to 2009. There were slightly more males than females in ACT public schools (51.1% in 2009) although at the college level there was generally a lower proportion of males than in primary and high schools.

**Table 4: Number of enrolments by level of schooling and gender, 2005 to 2009**

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
<i>Primary schools<sup>1</sup></i>					
Male	11 586	11 501	11 390	11 392	11 567
Female	11 237	11 140	11 004	10 980	11 143
<i>Subtotal primary schools</i>	<i>22 823</i>	<i>22 641</i>	<i>22 394</i>	<i>22 372</i>	<i>22 710</i>
<i>Percent male</i>	<i>50.8%</i>	<i>50.8%</i>	<i>50.9%</i>	<i>50.9%</i>	<i>50.9%</i>
<i>Percent female</i>	<i>49.2%</i>	<i>49.2%</i>	<i>49.1%</i>	<i>49.1%</i>	<i>49.1%</i>
<i>High schools</i>					
Male	5 318	5 219	5 188	5 108	5 002
Female	4 960	4 905	4 818	4 701	4 675
<i>Subtotal high schools</i>	<i>10 278</i>	<i>10 124</i>	<i>10 006</i>	<i>9 809</i>	<i>9 677</i>
<i>Percent male</i>	<i>51.7%</i>	<i>51.6%</i>	<i>51.8%</i>	<i>52.1%</i>	<i>51.7%</i>
<i>Percent female</i>	<i>48.3%</i>	<i>48.4%</i>	<i>48.2%</i>	<i>47.9%</i>	<i>48.3%</i>
<i>Colleges</i>					
Male	2 782	2 821	2 765	2 748	2 819
Female	2 800	2 811	2 841	2 753	2 806
<i>Subtotal colleges</i>	<i>5 582</i>	<i>5 632</i>	<i>5 606</i>	<i>5 501</i>	<i>5 625</i>
<i>Percent male</i>	<i>49.8%</i>	<i>50.1%</i>	<i>49.3%</i>	<i>50.0%</i>	<i>50.1%</i>
<i>Percent female</i>	<i>50.2%</i>	<i>49.9%</i>	<i>50.7%</i>	<i>50.0%</i>	<i>49.9%</i>
<i>Special schools</i>					
Male	230	223	226	228	236
Female	118	108	121	115	121
<i>Subtotal special schools</i>	<i>348</i>	<i>331</i>	<i>347</i>	<i>343</i>	<i>357</i>
<i>Percent male</i>	<i>66.1%</i>	<i>67.4%</i>	<i>65.1%</i>	<i>66.5%</i>	<i>66.1%</i>
<i>Percent female</i>	<i>33.9%</i>	<i>32.6%</i>	<i>34.9%</i>	<i>33.5%</i>	<i>33.9%</i>
<i>All schools</i>					
Male	19 916	19 764	19 569	19 476	19 624
Female	19 115	18 964	18 784	18 549	18 745
<b>Total all schools</b>	<b>39 031</b>	<b>38 728</b>	<b>38 353</b>	<b>38 025</b>	<b>38 369</b>
<i>Percent male</i>	<i>51.0%</i>	<i>51.0%</i>	<i>51.0%</i>	<i>51.2%</i>	<i>51.1%</i>
<i>Percent female</i>	<i>49.0%</i>	<i>49.0%</i>	<i>49.0%</i>	<i>48.8%</i>	<i>48.9%</i>

<sup>1</sup>Includes preschool level enrolments. Includes a small number of Indigenous students or special students who attend more than one preschool.

**Table 5: Number of enrolments by level of schooling, grade and gender, 2009**

	Males	Females	Persons	Percentage of total
<i>Primary school<sup>1</sup></i>				
Preschool	2 056	1 906	3 962	10.3
Kindergarten	1 513	1 379	2 892	7.5
Year 1	1 364	1 295	2 659	6.9
Year 2	1 335	1 268	2 603	6.8
Year 3	1 342	1 357	2 699	7.0
Year 4	1 307	1 293	2 600	6.8
Year 5	1 364	1 308	2 672	7.0
Year 6	1 286	1 337	2 623	6.8
<i>Subtotal primary school</i>	<i>11 567</i>	<i>11 143</i>	<i>22 710</i>	<i>59.2</i>
<i>High school</i>				
Year 7	1 190	1 120	2 310	6.0
Year 8	1 267	1 136	2 403	6.3
Year 9	1 345	1 215	2 560	6.7
Year 10	1 200	1 204	2 404	6.3
<i>Subtotal high school</i>	<i>5 002</i>	<i>4 675</i>	<i>9 677</i>	<i>25.2</i>
<i>College</i>				
Year 11	1 553	1 547	3 100	8.1
Year 12	1 264	1 236	2 500	6.5
Mature	2	18	20	0.1
Older	-	5	5	0.0
<i>Subtotal college</i>	<i>2 819</i>	<i>2 806</i>	<i>5 625</i>	<i>14.7</i>
<i>Special school</i>				
Primary school level <sup>1</sup>	123	51	174	0.5
High school level	77	52	129	0.3
College level	36	18	54	0.1
<i>Subtotal special schools</i>	<i>236</i>	<i>121</i>	<i>357</i>	<i>0.9</i>
<b>Total all schools</b>	<b>19 624</b>	<b>18 745</b>	<b>38 369</b>	<b>100.0</b>

<sup>1</sup>Includes preschool level enrolments. Includes a small number of Indigenous students or special students who attend more than one preschool.

**Table 6: Number of enrolments by level of schooling, grade and Indigenous status, 2009**

	Indigenous	Percent Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	Not stated	Total
<i>Primary school<sup>1</sup></i>					
Preschool	174	4.4	3 786	2	3 962
Kindergarten	104	3.6	2 787	1	2 892
Year 1	95	3.6	2 564	-	2 659
Year 2	82	3.2	2 519	2	2 603
Year 3	92	3.4	2 606	1	2 699
Year 4	92	3.5	2 507	1	2 600
Year 5	86	3.2	2 582	4	2 672
Year 6	95	3.6	2 527	1	2 623
<i>Subtotal primary school</i>	<i>820</i>	<i>3.6</i>	<i>21 878</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>22 710</i>
<i>High school</i>					
Year 7	79	3.4	2 216	15	2 310
Year 8	69	2.9	2 334	-	2 403
Year 9	74	2.9	2 484	2	2 560
Year 10	53	2.2	2 351	-	2 404
<i>Subtotal high school</i>	<i>275</i>	<i>2.8</i>	<i>9 385</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>9 677</i>
<i>College</i>					
Year 11	48	1.5	3 021	31	3 100
Year 12	40	1.6	2 457	3	2 500
Mature	2	10.0	17	1	20
Older	1	20.0	4	-	5
<i>Subtotal college</i>	<i>91</i>	<i>1.6</i>	<i>5 499</i>	<i>35</i>	<i>5 625</i>
<i>Special schools</i>					
Primary school level <sup>1</sup>	10	5.7	161	3	174
High school level	8	6.2	121	-	129
College level	3	5.6	51	-	54
<i>Subtotal special schools</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>5.9</i>	<i>333</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>357</i>
<b>Total all schools</b>	<b>1 207</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>37 095</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>38 369</b>

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**Table 7: Number of primary school enrolments by year level, region and school, 2009**

	P	K	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Total
<i>North Canberra</i>									
Ainslie School	64	51	46	65	64	58	48	43	439
Campbell Primary School	67	49	39	41	39	27	43	27	332
Lyneham Primary School	47	50	44	61	60	62	54	60	438
Majura Primary School	78	82	65	58	57	41	47	42	470
North Ainslie Primary School	61	30	31	35	35	34	34	35	295
Northside IEC	-	33	12	16	10	8	10	12	101
O'Connor Cooperative School	25	23	17	16	-	-	-	-	81
Turner School	74	67	51	63	61	74	74	48	512
<i>Subtotal North Canberra</i>	<i>416</i>	<i>385</i>	<i>305</i>	<i>355</i>	<i>326</i>	<i>304</i>	<i>310</i>	<i>267</i>	<i>2 668</i>
<i>South Canberra</i>									
Forrest Primary School	41	42	56	67	58	65	69	78	476
Narrabundah Early Childhood School	59	10	4	4	-	-	-	-	77
Narrabundah Koori Program	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17
Red Hill Primary School	94	65	81	94	69	82	86	68	639
Telopea Park School	-	55	62	59	52	63	56	55	402
Yarralumla Primary School	55	42	26	33	25	22	27	23	253
<i>Subtotal South Canberra</i>	<i>266</i>	<i>214</i>	<i>229</i>	<i>257</i>	<i>204</i>	<i>232</i>	<i>238</i>	<i>224</i>	<i>1 864</i>
<i>Woden Valley</i>									
Curtin Primary School	72	35	66	57	56	69	47	68	470
Farrer Primary School	46	46	37	37	51	44	37	44	342
Garran Primary School	49	73	64	71	64	46	84	46	497
Hughes Primary School	39	28	27	27	43	31	31	34	260
Southside IEC	-	34	7	14	6	7	11	8	87
Lyons Early Childhood School	32	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	38
Mawson Primary School	43	23	31	21	27	24	21	23	213
Torrens Primary School	76	60	63	55	67	53	55	63	492
<i>Subtotal Woden Valley</i>	<i>357</i>	<i>305</i>	<i>295</i>	<i>282</i>	<i>314</i>	<i>274</i>	<i>286</i>	<i>286</i>	<i>2 399</i>
<i>Weston Creek</i>									
Arawang Primary School	108	52	45	41	51	58	74	47	476
Chapman Primary School	96	73	62	75	62	57	54	55	534
Duffy Primary School	49	37	32	23	34	24	21	15	235
Stromlo High School	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	45	45
<i>Subtotal Weston Creek</i>	<i>253</i>	<i>162</i>	<i>139</i>	<i>139</i>	<i>147</i>	<i>139</i>	<i>149</i>	<i>162</i>	<i>1 290</i>
<i>Belconnen North</i>									
Charnwood-Dunlop School	93	53	44	29	26	24	36	39	344
Evatt Primary School	46	47	40	50	48	27	53	38	349
Fraser Primary School	59	52	59	66	43	54	52	55	440
Giralang Primary School	25	30	21	18	15	22	13	10	154
Kaleen Primary School	75	45	64	66	73	74	61	62	520
Maribyrnong Primary School	25	37	26	22	39	32	36	36	253
Miles Franklin Primary School	69	54	41	62	61	43	50	53	433
Mount Rogers Primary School	77	42	25	21	23	25	31	24	268
<i>Subtotal Belconnen North</i>	<i>469</i>	<i>360</i>	<i>320</i>	<i>334</i>	<i>328</i>	<i>301</i>	<i>332</i>	<i>317</i>	<i>2 761</i>



Table 7 continued

	P	K	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Total
<i>Belconnen South</i>									
Aranda Primary School	74	68	62	59	61	57	39	47	467
Florey Primary School	88	54	40	35	55	47	44	63	426
Hawker Primary School	45	34	29	47	28	38	34	47	302
Kingsford Smith School	91	77	55	74	84	70	81	86	618
Holt Koori Program	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7
Latham Primary School	44	30	38	32	32	26	39	20	261
Macgregor Primary School	68	31	56	43	41	39	40	54	372
Macquarie Primary School	49	41	38	23	45	27	35	35	293
Southern Cross Early Childhood School	49	18	13	7	-	-	-	-	87
Weetangera Primary School	62	59	49	47	47	46	54	24	388
<i>Subtotal Belconnen South</i>	<i>577</i>	<i>412</i>	<i>380</i>	<i>367</i>	<i>393</i>	<i>350</i>	<i>366</i>	<i>376</i>	<i>3 221</i>
<i>Tuggeranong North</i>									
Fadden Primary School	45	40	44	34	44	40	44	40	331
Gowrie Primary School	47	19	34	16	31	31	28	19	225
Monash Primary School	67	66	56	53	63	56	62	62	485
Taylor Primary School	60	39	35	34	26	22	32	18	266
Urambi Primary School	79	30	31	32	36	36	37	43	324
Tuggeranong Primary IEC	-	12	2	6	8	1	-	2	31
Wanniassa Hills Primary School	68	52	50	41	53	52	53	43	412
Wanniassa Koori Program	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14
Wanniassa School	42	29	26	24	30	33	30	36	250
<i>Subtotal Tuggeranong North</i>	<i>422</i>	<i>287</i>	<i>278</i>	<i>240</i>	<i>291</i>	<i>271</i>	<i>286</i>	<i>263</i>	<i>2 338</i>
<i>Tuggeranong South</i>									
Bonython Primary School	58	45	64	55	53	63	56	45	439
Calwell Primary School	69	47	50	46	59	45	57	72	445
Calwell Koori Program	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Caroline Chisholm School	39	21	28	26	32	29	35	37	247
Charles Conder Primary School	114	68	38	49	47	53	63	73	505
Gilmore Primary School	35	33	32	24	29	28	29	34	244
Gordon Primary School	108	68	41	50	58	60	62	74	521
Isabella Plains Early Childhood School	61	18	5	2	-	-	-	-	86
Richardson Primary School	47	22	28	21	27	38	30	32	245
Theodore Primary School	50	34	38	31	43	50	44	50	340
<i>Subtotal Tuggeranong South</i>	<i>593</i>	<i>356</i>	<i>324</i>	<i>304</i>	<i>348</i>	<i>366</i>	<i>376</i>	<i>417</i>	<i>3 084</i>
<i>Gungahlin</i>									
Amaroo School	183	113	111	107	102	122	95	107	940
Gold Creek School	125	47	51	60	57	55	50	114	559
Harrison School	99	113	87	58	53	54	44	25	533
Ngunnawal Primary School	91	75	73	50	64	71	65	32	521
Ngunnawal Koori Program	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Palmerston Primary School	65	56	54	45	60	50	66	30	426
<i>Subtotal Gungahlin</i>	<i>581</i>	<i>404</i>	<i>376</i>	<i>320</i>	<i>336</i>	<i>352</i>	<i>320</i>	<i>308</i>	<i>2 997</i>
<i>Other ACT Areas</i>									
Jervis Bay School	28	7	13	5	12	11	9	3	88
<i>Subtotal other ACT areas</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>88</i>
<b>Total primary schools</b>	<b>3 962</b>	<b>2 892</b>	<b>2 659</b>	<b>2 603</b>	<b>2 699</b>	<b>2 600</b>	<b>2 672</b>	<b>2 623</b>	<b>22 710</b>

<sup>1</sup>Includes preschool level enrolments. Includes a small number of Indigenous students or special students who attend more than one preschool.



**Table 8: Number of high school enrolments by year level, region and school, 2009**

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Total
<i>North Canberra</i>					
Campbell High School	160	144	171	148	623
Connect10 Central	-	-	3	8	11
Secondary IEC	13	7	17	10	47
Lyneham High School	240	256	258	252	1 006
<i>Subtotal North Canberra</i>	<i>413</i>	<i>407</i>	<i>449</i>	<i>418</i>	<i>1 687</i>
<i>South Canberra</i>					
Alfred Deakin High School	181	194	201	202	778
Telopea Park School	177	176	178	167	698
<i>Subtotal South Canberra</i>	<i>358</i>	<i>370</i>	<i>379</i>	<i>369</i>	<i>1 476</i>
<i>Woden Valley</i>					
Melrose High School	213	195	212	202	822
<i>Subtotal Woden Valley</i>	<i>213</i>	<i>195</i>	<i>212</i>	<i>202</i>	<i>822</i>
<i>Weston Creek</i>					
Stromlo High School	156	185	149	166	656
<i>Subtotal Weston Creek</i>	<i>156</i>	<i>185</i>	<i>149</i>	<i>166</i>	<i>656</i>
<i>Belconnen North</i>					
Kaleen High School	44	46	56	65	211
Melba Copland Secondary School	127	197	179	189	692
<i>Subtotal Belconnen North</i>	<i>171</i>	<i>243</i>	<i>235</i>	<i>254</i>	<i>903</i>
<i>Belconnen South</i>					
Belconnen High School	96	146	184	164	590
Canberra High School	107	142	182	184	615
Kingsford Smith School	116	-	-	-	116
Connect10 Northern	-	-	4	14	18
<i>Subtotal Belconnen South</i>	<i>319</i>	<i>288</i>	<i>370</i>	<i>362</i>	<i>1 339</i>
<i>Tuggeranong North</i>					
Wanniassa School	80	83	94	55	312
Connect10 Southern	-	-	4	9	13
<i>Subtotal Tuggeranong North</i>	<i>80</i>	<i>83</i>	<i>98</i>	<i>64</i>	<i>325</i>
<i>Tuggeranong South</i>					
Calwell High School	94	120	132	106	452
Caroline Chisholm School	90	102	108	120	420
Lanyon High School	138	143	190	148	619
<i>Subtotal Tuggeranong South</i>	<i>322</i>	<i>365</i>	<i>430</i>	<i>374</i>	<i>1 491</i>
<i>Gungahlin</i>					
Amaroo School	138	125	101	87	451
Gold Creek School	140	142	137	108	527
<i>Subtotal Gungahlin</i>	<i>278</i>	<i>267</i>	<i>238</i>	<i>195</i>	<i>978</i>
<b>Total high schools</b>	<b>2 310</b>	<b>2 403</b>	<b>2 560</b>	<b>2 404</b>	<b>9 677</b>

**Table 9: Number of college enrolments by year level, region and school, 2009**

	Year 11	Year 12	Mature	Older	Total
<i>North Canberra</i>					
Dickson College	377	316	-	-	693
Secondary IEC	16	1	-	-	17
<i>Subtotal North Canberra</i>	<i>393</i>	<i>317</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>710</i>
<i>South Canberra</i>					
Narrabundah College	497	409	-	-	906
<i>Subtotal South Canberra</i>	<i>497</i>	<i>409</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>906</i>
<i>Woden Valley</i>					
The Canberra College	447	418	20	5	890
<i>Subtotal Woden Valley</i>	<i>447</i>	<i>418</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>890</i>
<i>Belconnen North</i>					
Melba Copland Secondary School	134	152	-	-	286
<i>Subtotal Belconnen North</i>	<i>134</i>	<i>152</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>286</i>
<i>Belconnen South</i>					
Hawker College	390	313	-	-	703
Lake Ginninderra College	435	208	-	-	643
<i>Subtotal Belconnen South</i>	<i>825</i>	<i>521</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>1 346</i>
<i>Tuggeranong</i>					
Erindale College	395	317	-	-	712
Lake Tuggeranong College	409	366	-	-	775
<i>Subtotal Tuggeranong</i>	<i>804</i>	<i>683</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>1 487</i>
<b>Total colleges</b>	<b>3 100</b>	<b>2 500</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5 625</b>

**Table 10: Number of special school enrolments by school and level of schooling, 2009**

	Primary	High	College	Total
<i>North Canberra</i>				
Black Mountain School	-	52	54	106
<i>South Canberra</i>				
The Woden School	-	77	-	77
<i>Woden Valley</i>				
Malkara School	97	-	-	97
<i>Belconnen</i>				
Cranleigh School	77	-	-	77
<b>Total special schools</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>357</b>

## 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. For students residing in the ACT as at August 2009, 140 were home educated. In addition, a further 289 students, who were of school age, undertook school equivalent courses at the Canberra Institute of Technology.

## **Explanatory Notes**

### **Reference date**

The 2009 August census was conducted on 7 August 2009.

### **Scope and coverage**

The August census includes all ACT public schools providing primary, secondary and special education. Jervis Bay School is included in ACT public primary schools as the ACT Department of Education and Training administers the Jervis Bay School for the Australian Government under a service agreement.

### **Collection**

ACT public school census data was electronically downloaded from the Department's centralised administrative system.

### **Student enrolments**

The census includes students who were officially enrolled in a school on census day and who were active in a primary, secondary or special 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 Monday 17 August 2009.

### **Connect10**

The Connect10 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.

Connect10 programs are conducted at Lake Tuggeranong College (Connect10 Southern), Lake Ginninderra College (Connect10 Northern) and Dickson College (Connect10 Central).

### **Introductory English Centres (IECs)**

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

There are three IECs in the primary sector, conducted at North Ainslie Primary School (Northside Primary IEC), Hughes Primary School (Southside Primary IEC) and Urambi Primary School (Tuggeranong Primary IEC). There is one IEC in the high school sector and the college sector, conducted at Dickson College (Secondary IEC).

### **Mature students**

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

## **Explanatory Notes continued**

### **Older students**

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, are classified as Older.

### **Primary school sector**

The primary school sector includes students from preschool to year 6. Preschool level data may include students who are aged three and attending a preschool program.

### **High school sector**

High schools include those students in years 7, 8, 9 and 10.

### **College sector**

The college sector includes those students in years 11 and 12 as well as those students defined as mature and older.

### **Special schools**

Special 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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