

Census of ACT public schools

August 2019

This publication provides information on students enrolled in Canberra public schools at 2 August 2019.

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Introduction

This publication presents the results from the Canberra school census conducted on Friday 2 August 2019. 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 2019 census, there were 49,022 students enrolled in Canberra public schools. This represented an increase of 1,063 enrolments (2.2%) since August 2018. From August 2015 to August 2019, enrolments increased by 5,506 students (12.7%).

There were:

- 31,210 students enrolled in public primary schools. This represents an increase of 667 enrolments (2.2%) since August 2018. Preschool enrolments increased by 37 students (0.8%) to 4,716 students; while kindergarten to year 6 enrolments increased by 630 students (2.4%) to 26,494 students.
- 11,662 students enrolled in public high schools, an increase of 498 enrolments (4.5%) since August 2018.
- 6,150 students enrolled in public colleges, a decreased of 102 enrolments (1.6%) since August 2018.

Table 1: Enrolments by level of schooling, 2015 to 2019^{1, 2}

Level of schooling	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Preschool	4,740	4,603	4,677	4,679	4,716
Primary (K-6)	22,526	23,695	24,855	25,864	26,494
High	10,053	10,373	10,666	11,164	11,662
College	6,197	6,246	6,368	6,252	6,150
Total all schools	43,516	44,917	46,566	47,959	49,022

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 2019 census, there were 2,033 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people enrolled in Canberra public schools. This represents an increase of 121 enrolments (6.3%) since August 2018. Enrolments of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students increased by 344 students (20.4%) since August 2015.

Table 2: Enrolments Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students by level of schooling, 2015 to 2019^{1, 2}

Level of schooling	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Preschool	288	251	289	256	292
Primary (K-6)	840	905	933	993	1,021
High	366	406	422	452	505
College	195	215	206	211	215
Total all schools	1,689	1,777	1,850	1,912	2,033

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

2 Includes students from specialist schools.

Enrolments of students with special needs

At August 2019 census, there were 2,530 students, representing 5.2 percent of the student population, accessing special education programs at either mainstream or specialist public schools. This was an increase of 134 students (5.6%) compared with the August 2018 census and an increase of 371 enrolments (17.2%) since August 2015.

Table 3: Enrolments of students with special needs by level of schooling, 2015 to 2019^{1, 2}

Level of schooling	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Primary schools	1,271	1,297	1,379	1,404	1,480
High schools	637	670	631	672	743
Colleges	251	288	303	320	307
Total all schools	2,159	2,255	2,313	2,396	2,530

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.

Student enrolments by gender

Table 4 shows the number and proportion of male and female enrolments across various school levels from 2015 to 2019. Consistent with previous years, there were slightly more males (51.7%) than females (48.2%) in 2019. There were proportionally more male than female students in the primary and high school schooling sectors. However in college, the proportion of female (50.6%) students was greater than male (48.9%) students.

Table 4: Number of enrolments by level of schooling and sex/gender, 2015 to 2019^{1, 2}

Level of schooling	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Primary					
Male	14,159	14,703	15,292	15,830	16,181
Female	13,107	13,595	14,238	14,707	15,021
Subtotal primary	27,266	28,298	29,532	30,543	31,210 ³
<i>Proportion male (%)</i>	51.9	52.0	51.8	51.8	51.8
<i>Proportion female (%)</i>	48.1	48.0	48.2	48.2	48.1
High					
Male	5,146	5,360	5,549	5,858	6,154
Female	4,907	5,013	5,117	5,300	5,495
Subtotal high	10,053	10,373	10,666	11,164	11,662 ³
<i>Proportion male (%)</i>	51.2	51.7	52.0	52.5	52.8
<i>Proportion female (%)</i>	48.8	48.3	48.0	47.5	47.1
College					
Male	2,962	3,039	3,136	3,030	3,008
Female	3,235	3,207	3,232	3,186	3,111
Subtotal college	6,197	6,246	6,368	6,252	6,150 ³
<i>Proportion male (%)</i>	47.8	48.7	49.2	48.5	48.9
<i>Proportion female (%)</i>	52.2	51.3	50.8	51.0	50.6
All schooling levels					
Male	22,267	23,102	23,963	24,718	25,343
Female	21,249	21,815	22,571	23,193	23,627
Indeterminate/Intersex/Unspecified	na	na	32	48	52
<i>Proportion male (%)</i>	51.2	51.4	51.5	51.5	51.7
<i>Proportion female (%)</i>	48.8	48.6	48.5	48.4	48.2
Total all schools	43,516	44,917	46,566	47,959	49,022

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

² Includes students from specialist schools.

³ Includes students reported as Indeterminate/Intersex/Unspecified. Small random adjustments have been made to the male/female cell values to prevent release of identifiable Indeterminate/Intersex/Unspecified statistics. As a result, adding up column cell values to derive a total will not necessarily give the same result as published overall total.

na – Not applicable.

Table 5: Number and proportion of enrolments by level of schooling and gender, 2019^{1, 2}

There were proportionally more male than female students in all schooling sectors.

Level of schooling	Males	Females	Total Persons
Primary			
Preschool	2,470	2,240	4,712
Kindergarten	2,191	1,989	4,180
Year 1	2,136	1,988	4,124
Year 2	1,988	1,895	3,883
Year 3	1,991	1,830	3,821
Year 4	1,905	1,782	3,687
Year 5	1,809	1,642	3,451
Year 6	1,690	1,654	3,344
Subtotal primary	16,181	15,021	31,210 ³
High			
Year 7	1,636	1,410	3,046
Year 8	1,538	1,399	2,937
Year 9	1,471	1,312	2,783
Year 10	1,509	1,374	2,883
Subtotal high	6,154	5,495	11,662 ³
College			
Year 11	1,630	1,582	3,212
Year 12	1,371	1,436	2,807
Older	7	93	100
Subtotal college	3,008	3,111	6,150 ³

Total all schooling levels

Males	Females	Indeterminate/Intersex/Unspecified	Total Persons
25,343	23,627	52	49,022

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2 Includes students from specialist schools.

3 Includes students reported as Indeterminate/Intersex/Unspecified. Small random adjustments have been made to the male/female cell values to prevent release of identifiable Indeterminate/Intersex/Unspecified statistics. As a result, adding up column cell values to derive a total will not necessarily give the same result as published overall total.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander student enrolments by year level

Table 6 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 4.1 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, 2019^{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	292	6.2	4,422	2	4,716
Kindergarten	153	3.7	4,026	3	4,182
Year 1	172	4.2	3,953	-	4,125
Year 2	138	3.6	3,744	1	3,883
Year 3	161	4.2	3,658	2	3,821
Year 4	150	4.1	3,535	2	3,687
Year 5	118	3.4	3,328	5	3,451
Year 6	129	3.9	3,214	2	3,345
Subtotal primary	1,313	4.2	29,880	17	31,210
High					
Year 7	137	4.5	2,911	2	3,050
Year 8	117	4.0	2,821	4	2,942
Year 9	128	4.6	2,653	4	2,785
Year 10	123	4.3	2,760	2	2,885
Subtotal high	505	4.3	11,145	12	11,662
College					
Year 11	115	3.6	3,104	3	3,222
Year 12	83	2.9	2,733	12	2,828
Older 1	14	19.2	59	-	73
Older 2	3	11.1	24	-	27
Subtotal college	215	3.5	5,920	15	6,150
Total all schools	2,033	4.1	46,945	44	49,022

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

² Includes students from specialist schools.

- Nil.

Student enrolments

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

Table 7 shows that the proportion of enrolments in North/Gungahlin (30.9%) was the highest across public primary schools followed by Belconnen (25.7%), South Weston (25.6%) and Tuggeranong (17.8%).

Table 7: Number of primary school enrolments by year level, network and school, 2019^{1, 2}

	P	K	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Total
Belconnen Network									
Aranda Primary School	66	68	67	83	84	90	83	67	608
Charnwood-Dunlop School	90	45	50	44	29	47	36	26	367
Charnwood-Dunlop School IEC	na	16	3	4	3	2	3	2	33
Evatt Primary School	66	37	45	48	26	45	28	39	334
Florey Primary School	81	67	54	60	54	64	59	58	497
Fraser Primary School	81	77	82	76	67	66	69	60	578
Giralang Primary School	44	44	38	45	45	35	33	48	332
Hawker Primary School	43	38	48	54	50	51	58	41	383
Kaleen Primary School	65	66	67	61	75	70	62	77	543
Kingsford Smith School	81	61	57	57	72	75	76	71	550
Kingsford Smith Koori Preschool	13	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	13
Latham Primary School	59	62	42	33	38	43	39	42	358
Macgregor Primary School	87	87	72	56	85	87	61	64	599
Macquarie Primary School	44	49	39	49	43	57	33	58	372
Maribyrnong Primary School	87	90	84	64	78	57	68	43	571
Miles Franklin Primary School	87	65	79	70	70	72	80	68	591
Mount Rogers Primary School	106	94	72	68	74	61	49	60	584
Southern Cross Early Childhood School	86	52	46	31	na	na	na	na	215
Weetangera Primary School	63	61	65	60	67	51	66	58	491
Subtotal Belconnen	1,249	1,079	1,010	963	960	973	903	882	8,019
North/Gungahlin Network									
Ainslie School	42	59	59	53	45	45	41	62	406
Amaroo School	111	148	156	150	154	148	139	158	1,164
Campbell Primary School	44	59	47	55	56	44	50	47	402
Cranleigh School	12	10	9	10	16	10	17	4	88
Franklin Early Childhood School	131	86	60	66	41	na	na	na	384
Gold Creek School	120	94	90	94	73	79	76	64	690
Harrison School	133	169	163	164	156	182	172	164	1,303
Jervis Bay School	19	3	4	6	5	1	2	6	46
Lyneham Primary School	62	66	67	58	75	67	70	70	535
Majura Primary School	87	87	105	90	88	90	84	71	702
Margaret Hendry School	122	53	30	30	24	22	14	6	301
Neville Bonner Primary School	160	132	138	118	92	98	78	60	876
Ngunnawal Primary School	111	114	88	78	98	70	64	63	686
Ngunnawal Koori Preschool	20	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	20
North Ainslie Primary School	86	76	97	80	91	73	86	65	654
North Ainslie Primary School IEC	na	17	8	6	3	4	2	1	41
O'Connor Cooperative School	17	15	21	17	na	na	na	na	70
Palmerston District Primary School	129	108	92	87	88	78	60	59	701
Palmerston District Primary School IEC	na	13	6	1	3	1	1	1	26
Turner School	54	67	64	71	61	67	81	78	543
Subtotal North/Gungahlin	1,460	1,376	1,304	1,234	1,169	1,079	1,037	979	9,638

Table 7: Number of primary school enrolments by year level, network and school, 2019^{1,2} (continued)

	P	K	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Total
South/Weston Network									
Arawang Primary School	65	55	79	66	66	71	69	63	534
Chapman Primary School	84	66	80	87	84	82	80	78	641
Charles Weston School	99	92	83	56	48	53	35	35	501
Curtin Primary School	61	57	78	77	67	73	68	73	554
Duffy Primary School	61	60	61	70	55	47	49	56	459
Farrer Primary School	45	37	47	52	52	57	49	52	391
Forrest Primary School	46	73	76	76	73	75	86	81	586
Garran Primary School	44	71	84	92	96	101	78	81	647
Hughes Primary School	43	45	41	43	56	65	62	60	415
Hughes Primary School IEC	na	13	5	9	9	3	2	1	42
Lyons Early Childhood School	66	25	22	17	na	na	na	na	130
Malkara School	6	10	10	15	10	13	4	5	73
Mawson Primary School	66	72	72	56	72	47	57	50	492
Narrabundah Early Childhood School	73	33	21	18	na	na	na	na	145
Narrabundah Koori Preschool	18	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	18
Red Hill Primary School	88	88	94	100	116	103	109	116	814
Telopea Park School	na	77	83	85	78	80	84	63	550
Torrens Primary School	84	62	54	68	73	76	62	72	551
Yarralumla Primary School	78	55	64	66	47	62	47	40	459
Subtotal South/Weston	1,027	991	1,054	1,053	1,002	1,008	941	926	8,002
Tuggeranong Network									
Bonython Primary School	43	49	64	39	61	57	41	38	392
Calwell Primary School	68	42	38	30	32	37	34	36	317
Caroline Chisholm School	44	41	38	38	48	41	35	51	336
Charles Conder Primary School	97	57	77	46	51	51	33	34	446
Fadden Primary School	43	42	43	32	40	42	49	41	332
Gilmore Primary School	43	17	21	15	23	14	12	15	160
Gordon Primary School	92	66	65	56	72	55	54	50	510
Gowrie Primary School	42	41	39	51	43	47	30	32	325
Isabella Plains Early Childhood School	87	40	43	23	na	na	na	na	193
Monash Primary School	65	70	47	64	58	64	67	41	476
Namadgi School	73	53	52	47	57	46	62	56	446
Richardson Primary School	36	26	24	18	16	13	13	22	168
Richardson Koori Preschool	20	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	20
Taylor Primary School	44	58	54	52	44	37	25	31	345
Theodore Primary School	57	44	47	37	50	48	43	37	363
Wanniassa Hills Primary School	65	43	69	49	61	41	40	41	409
Wanniassa Hills Primary School IEC	na	11	3	3	1	1	1	na	20
Wanniassa School	43	36	33	33	33	33	31	33	275
Wanniassa Koori Preschool	18	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	18
Subtotal Tuggeranong	980	736	757	633	690	627	570	558	5,551
Total primary schools	4,716	4,182	4,125	3,883	3,821	3,687	3,451	3,345	31,210

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

2 Includes students from specialist schools.

na – Not applicable.

Table 8: Number of high school enrolments by year level, network and school, 2019^{1, 2}

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Total
Belconnen Network					
Belconnen High School	128	131	121	92	472
Canberra High School	226	212	214	215	867
Kingsford Smith School	119	113	94	93	419
Melba Copland Secondary School	135	132	96	138	501
University of Canberra High School Kaleen	122	106	80	76	384
University of Canberra Senior Secondary College Lake Ginninderra	na	na	na	5	5
Subtotal Belconnen	730	694	605	619	2,648
North/Gungahlin Network					
Amaroo School	222	187	197	194	800
Black Mountain School	22	24	18	16	80
Campbell High School	193	183	184	187	747
Dickson College IEC	8	3	7	8	26
Gold Creek School	166	139	144	139	588
Gungahlin College	na	na	na	28	28
Harrison School	173	148	124	153	598
Lyneham High School	239	294	281	290	1104
Subtotal North/Gungahlin	1,023	978	955	1,015	3,971
South/Weston Network					
Alfred Deakin High School	200	213	233	220	866
Melrose High School	199	229	183	196	807
Mount Stromlo High School	207	178	184	151	720
Telopea Park School	223	211	242	201	877
The Woden School	19	16	14	25	74
Subtotal South/Weston	848	847	856	793	3,344
Tuggeranong Network					
Calwell High School	108	90	114	83	395
Caroline Chisholm School	110	95	85	91	381
Erindale College	na	na	na	75	75
Lanyon High School	95	105	77	88	365
Namadgi School	74	79	54	57	264
Wanniassa School	62	54	39	64	219
Subtotal Tuggeranong	449	423	369	458	1,699
Total high schools	3,050	2,942	2,785	2,885	11,662

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

2 Includes students from specialist schools.

na – Not applicable.

Table 9: Number of college enrolments by year level, network and school, 2019^{1, 2}

	Year 11	Year 12	Older 1 ³	Older 2 ³	Total
Belconnen Network					
Hawker College	226	237	-	-	463
Melba Copland Secondary School	90	68	-	-	158
University of Canberra Senior Secondary College Lake Ginninderra	361	241	-	-	602
Subtotal Belconnen	677	546	-	-	1,223
North/Gungahlin Network					
Black Mountain School	13	19	-	-	32
Dickson College	314	390	-	-	704
Dickson College Secondary IEC	5		-	-	5
Gungahlin College	580	505	-	-	1,085
Subtotal North/Gungahlin	912	914	-	-	1,826
South/Weston Network					
The Canberra College	483	471	-	-	954
The Canberra College - CCCares	39	16	73	27	155
Narrabundah College	473	430	-	-	903
The Woden School	7	5	-	-	12
Subtotal South/Weston	1,002	922	73	27	2,024
Tuggeranong Network					
Erindale College	272	160	-	-	432
Lake Tuggeranong College	359	286	-	-	645
Subtotal Tuggeranong	631	446	-	-	1,077
Total colleges	3,222	2,828	73	27	6,150

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

2 Includes students from specialist schools.

3 See explanatory note on page 14.

- Nil.

Students to teacher ratio

Table 10 shows students to teacher ratios for Canberra public schools. The students to teacher ratio takes account of all teaching resources allocated to support students. Students to teacher ratios are calculated by dividing the total Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) students by the FTE teaching staff.

Table 10: Students to teacher ratio by school, 2019¹

School Name	Teaching staff FTE (excl preschool staff)	Student FTE (excl preschool enrolments)	Students to teacher ratio
Ainslie School	26.4	364.0	13.8
Alfred Deakin High School	64.8	866.0	13.4
Amaroo School	129.9	1,852.8	14.3
Aranda Primary School	35.3	542.0	15.3
Arawang Primary School	29.0	466.2	16.1
Belconnen High School	42.0	472.0	11.2
Black Mountain School	26.9	110.8	4.1
Bonython Primary School	25.2	349.0	13.8
Calwell High School	31.8	395.0	12.4
Calwell Primary School	16.0	249.0	15.6
Campbell High School	58.7	746.0	12.7
Campbell Primary School	22.0	358.0	16.3
Canberra College, The	77.3	1,108.6	14.3
Canberra High School	67.7	866.7	12.8
Caroline Chisholm School	59.8	673.0	11.3
Chapman Primary School	35.5	555.8	15.7
Charles Conder Primary School	24.2	349.0	14.4
Charles Weston School	30.4	400.3	13.2
Charnwood-Dunlop School	23.3	310.0	13.3
Cranleigh School	17.0	74.3	4.4
Curtin Primary School	31.8	491.8	15.5
Dickson College	61.7	734.6	11.9
Duffy Primary School	27.2	398.0	14.6
Erindale College	40.4	505.2	12.5
Evatt Primary School	25.6	267.3	10.4
Fadden Primary School	23.2	289.0	12.5
Farrer Primary School	21.2	346.0	16.3
Florey Primary School	26.7	416.0	15.6
Forrest Primary School	33.3	540.0	16.2
Franklin Early Childhood School	17.6	253.0	14.4
Fraser Primary School	36.5	497.0	13.6
Garran Primary School	36.8	603.0	16.4
Gilmore Primary School	13.2	117.0	8.9
Giralang Primary School	25.2	288.0	11.4
Gold Creek School	78.9	1,157.7	14.7

Table 10: Students to teacher ratio by school, 2019¹ (continued)

School Name	Teaching staff FTE (excl preschool staff)	Student FTE (excl preschool enrolments)	Students to teacher ratio
Gordon Primary School	27.0	418.0	15.5
Gowrie Primary School	20.6	283.0	13.7
Gungahlin College	81.1	1,067.6	13.2
Harrison School	115.4	1,768.0	15.3
Hawker College	37.2	453.1	12.2
Hawker Primary School	22.8	339.6	14.9
Hughes Primary School	31.2	414.0	13.3
Isabella Plains Early Childhood School	10.6	106.0	10.0
Jervis Bay School	4.8	27.0	5.6
Kaleen Primary School	30.0	478.0	15.9
Kingsford Smith School	67.9	888.0	13.1
Lake Tuggeranong College	56.9	643.9	11.3
Lanyon High School	32.2	364.4	11.3
Latham Primary School	21.4	299.0	14.0
Lyneham High School	83.0	1,104.0	13.3
Lyneham Primary School	28.6	473.0	16.5
Lyons Early Childhood School	7.4	64.0	8.6
Macgregor Primary School	35.0	511.2	14.6
Macquarie Primary School	21.9	328.0	15.0
Majura Primary School	38.0	615.0	16.2
Malkara School	18.4	63.8	3.5
Margaret Hendry School	17.3	179.0	10.3
Maribyrnong Primary School	29.2	484.0	16.6
Mawson Primary School	30.9	426.0	13.8
Melba Copland Secondary School	63.9	659.0	10.3
Melrose High School	64.0	807.0	12.6
Miles Franklin Primary School	28.4	504.0	17.7
Monash Primary School	32.0	411.0	12.9
Mount Rogers Primary School	34.2	477.4	14.0
Mount Stromlo High School	58.0	719.2	12.4
Namadgi School	56.6	636.4	11.2
Narrabundah College	64.3	903.0	14.0
Narrabundah Early Childhood School	6.8	72.0	10.6
Neville Bonner Primary School	53.8	716.0	13.3
Ngunnawal Primary School	44.3	575.0	13.0
North Ainslie Primary School	39.2	607.3	15.5
O'Connor Cooperative School	6.2	53.0	8.5
Palmerston District Primary School	39.7	598.0	15.1
Red Hill Primary School	44.3	725.2	16.4
Richardson Primary School	13.7	123.3	9.0

Table 10: Students to teacher ratio by school, 2019¹ (continued)

School Name	Teaching staff FTE (excl preschool staff)	Student FTE (excl preschool enrolments)	Students to teacher ratio
Southern Cross Early Childhood School	10.9	128.4	11.7
Taylor Primary School	24.0	301.0	12.5
Telopea Park School	108.1	1,427.0	13.2
Theodore Primary School	26.9	306.0	11.4
Torrens Primary School	31.1	467.0	15.0
Turner School	44.8	489.0	10.9
University of Canberra High School Kaleen	31.4	384.0	12.2
University of Canberra Senior Secondary College Lake Ginninderra	44.9	592.4	13.2
Wanniassa Hills Primary School	25.6	363.4	14.2
Wanniassa School	43.9	450.1	10.3
Weetangera Primary School	31.6	428.0	13.5
Woden School, The	24.2	86.0	3.6
Yarralumla Primary School	25.7	380.2	14.8
Canberra public schools total	3,333.9	44,199.0	13.3

¹ Excludes preschool students and preschool teaching staff.

FTE – Full-Time Equivalent.

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 2019, 310 children and young people were home educated in the ACT. In addition, a further 234 students who were of school age undertook school equivalent courses at the Canberra Institute of Technology.

Explanatory Notes

Reference date

The 2019 August census was conducted on Friday 2 August 2019.

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 16 August 2019.

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.

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.

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.

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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