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# 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 20171, 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 20171, 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** |

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 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 20171, 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, 20171,2,3

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **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, 20171,2,3 (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, 20171,2  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | |  | **Year 7** | **Year 8** | **Year 9** | **Year 10** | **Total** | | ***Belconnen Network*** |  |  |  |  |  | | 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 | | ***North/Gungahlin Network*** |  |  |  |  |  | | 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 | | ***South/Weston Network*** |  |  |  |  |  | | 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 | | ***Tuggeranong Network*** |  |  |  |  |  | | 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, 20171, 2

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Year 11** | **Year 12** | **Older** | **Total** |
| ***Belconnen Network*** |  |  |  |  |
| 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 |
| ***North/Gungahlin Network*** |  |  |  |  |
| 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 |
| ***South/Weston Network*** |  |  |  |  |
| 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 |
| ***Tuggeranong Network*** |  |  |  |  |
| 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 Wanniassa Hills Primary School. There was one IEC in the secondary sector, conducted at Dickson College.

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