



CANBERRA GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS

Bridge to your future





Welcome

Canberra is the capital city of Australia, a purpose built and planned city, housing Australia's federal government, embassies, cultural facilities and education campuses. The city offers a safe destination for a quality academic, cultural and social experience that has the potential to challenge school age students, giving new perspectives and helping define future pathways to tertiary study and/or work.

Canberra is a geographically small education system with high quality interactions. This means we get to know each international student as an individual – their abilities, interests and concerns. We provide welfare and transition support 24/7 and help students tailor their study packages to create their futures. Studies include development of skills in creativity, collaboration and leadership as well as academic outcomes in diverse learning areas. Students experience an innovative curriculum and through continuous assessment consolidate their learning to reach their potential.

We look forward to partnering with parents and education agents to prepare international students, academically and socially, for a rewarding career.

Cathy Crook
Senior Director
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Naomi Tran Year 11 – from Vietnam

I studied in Sydney before moving to Canberra. It was not my first choice as it was known as a 'boring' place to live. However, after spending more than a year here, Canberra is a great place for education.

Besides the strong and advanced education system, Canberra offers equanimity and calmness for me as an international student. For students who would like to go to Canberra to study, you have chosen the right place to study because universities in Canberra are among the top ranked in Australia and worldwide.



WHY CHOOSE CANBERRA

Our Schools

- Canberra has excellent academic resources and a positive global reputation for education delivery and pathways.
- A continuous assessment plan for Year 11 and Year 12 means no final exam to enter universities.
- Each school with enrolled international students has an international Private Student (IPS) Coordinator who provides academic and welfare support to our students.

Our Programs

- Smaller groups of international students per school allow for accelerated English language fluency.
- Skill-based education tailored to each student's academic interests and capabilities.
- At college level, the only compulsory subject for international students is English as an Additional Language/Dialect (EALD).
- International students select from a wide range of subjects to make up their academic package, including flight, robotics, fashion design, maths, science, history, sports development, business, economics, visual and performing arts.

Our Support

- 24/7 student support services are provided by the ACT Government Education Directorate International Education Unit and a Student Assistance Line.
- Multilingual staff at the IEU office provide services in Chinese, Cantonese, Spanish, and Malay to international students and their families.
- International students receive individualised and targeted support in Canberra as they are a small cohort.
- Parents' feedback meetings are held annually on a one-to-one basis.



Daniel Mutyabule Year 12 – from Uganda

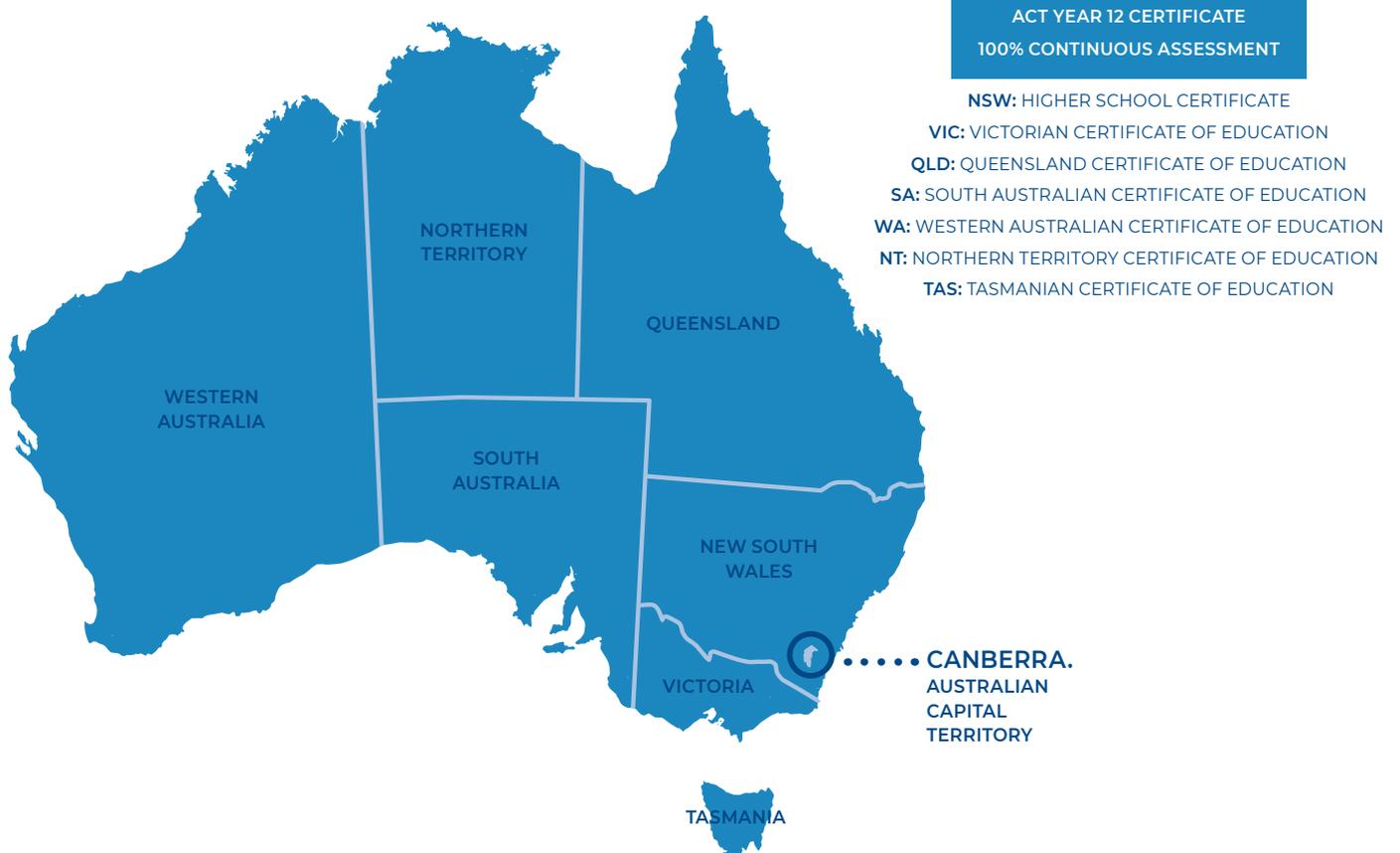
I chose Canberra because it is a small well-organised city, where you can feel more a part of the community rather than one cog in a giant machine. It is very welcoming so there's no worry about making friends or fitting in.

Studying in Canberra has been great and it has fewer schools, so gives you a very personalised experience. It's difficult to choose from the wide variety of programs and activities offered here, but there are always good opportunities for everyone.



WHAT MAKES CANBERRA DIFFERENT?

1. CONTINUOUS ASSESSMENT – UNIQUE EDUCATION SYSTEM



In most states, ATAR scores are calculated by combining students' day to day assessments and the results from the state wide final examination. However, in Canberra, our students' ATAR score is obtained 100% from students' Year 11 and Year 12 results. (Continuous Assessment).



2. SKILL FOCUSED EDUCATION

Skills development is an integrated part of the standard academic curriculum.

Canberra Government Schools support students to develop skills in:

- Creative thinking
- Problem solving
- Higher order thinking
- Leadership for the future
- Information technology
- Preparing for future employment

3. ONE STOP SHOP





Primary School (Kindergarten–Year 6)

- Maximum visa period in a primary school sector is three years.
- Children must be at least six years of age at the time of application to be eligible for a student visa.
- All primary aged international students must live in Canberra with a Department of Home Affairs approved relative. *Under Migration Regulation 1.03 a relative means a spouse, parent, brother or sister, grandparent, aunt, uncle, niece or nephew, step-uncle/aunt/niece/nephew.
- School allocation is determined by students' local residential address.

High School (Year 7–Year 10)

- High schools in Canberra cater for students between the ages of 12 and 16 who study from Year 7 to Year 10.
- All secondary school students are enrolled in mainstream schools where they attend classes with local students and are further supported through tutorials for English language and study skills.
- Students under 16 years old must live in Canberra with a Department of Home Affairs approved relative.*

For more information visit bit.ly/ACT-Government-High-Schools

College (Year 11–Year 12)

- 100% continuous assessment with no final exam at the end of secondary schooling.
- No compulsory subjects except EALD and an extensive list of subjects from which to select.
- Students can choose subjects that they like, they are good at, and are related to their career aspirations.

For more information visit bit.ly/ACT-Government-Colleges

ACADEMIC YEAR

Canberra Government Schools welcome new international students at the start of each 10-week term, and the full academic year is from late January to December. A two-week break separates each of the four terms.

- Semester 1 (Term 1 and Term 2): Late January/early February to July
- Semester 2 (Term 3 and Term 4): July to December

Year	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
2024	29 Jan – 12 Apr	29 Apr – 5 Jul	22 Jul – 27 Sept	14 Oct – 17 Dec
2025	3 Feb – 11 Apr	28 Apr – 4 Jul	21 Jul – 26 Sept	13 Oct – 18 Dec
2026	2 Feb – 10 Apr	27 Apr – 3 Jul	20 Jul – 25 Sept	12 Oct – 18 Dec
2027	1 Feb – 9 Apr	26 Apr – 2 Jul	19 Jul – 24 Sept	11 Oct – 17 Dec

Application deadline for enrolments:

Term 1 – Friday, week 7 of Term 4 the year before

Term 2 – Friday, week 2 of Term 1

Term 3 – Friday, week 2 of Term 2

Term 4 – Friday, week 2 of Term 3

Annual tuition fees for international students:

Tuition fees are valid at time of offer and are subject to change**.

For more information visit bit.ly/Annual-Tuition-Fees

****Note:** Fees cover school tuition plus curriculum related charges. They do not cover the cost of school uniforms, book packs or materials used by students to make items they take away from school or non-curricular excursion expenses.





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