

NATION LEADING SCHOOLS FOR CANBERRA

\$1.1 billion spend for Education 

\$37.8 million for ICT in schools 

43,000 Students taught in **87** Public schools across Canberra 

\$110.4 million for Vocational Education 

\$28.5 million for Pre-schools 

Canberrans can be proud of our nation leading education system. The ACT's education system teaches over 70,000 students across both government and non-government schools.

The 2015-16 Territory Budget provides a record amount of funding to ensure our education system continues to deliver for students and teachers. This year's ACT education budget is the biggest ever, delivering over **\$1.1 billion** this financial year.

This Budget delivers over **\$160 million** for better classrooms and state-of-the-art, innovative facilities. We're also providing new funding to help support students with disability.

This Budget renews our CIT campuses to be better than ever, including a new **\$10.7 million** CIT campus in Tuggeranong, and upgrading Bruce and Reid campuses.

Modern schools for our children

This budget invests more than **\$160 million** for modern classrooms and schools right across Canberra including:

- **\$18.4 million** to modernise Belconnen High School, including extensive refurbishment and upgrading of existing facilities;
- **\$30.3 million** for the North Gungahlin Primary to Year 6 school, scheduled to open in January 2019;
- **\$3.6 million** to replace the roofs at Melrose High School and Mt Stromlo High School;
- **\$6.5 million** for a specialist learning centre at Caroline Chisholm School to provide science, technology, engineering and maths programs to students across Tuggeranong;
- **\$37.8 million** to replace and upgrade computers and expand wireless capability across primary schools whilst maintaining critical, centrally provided ICT support services; and
- **\$1 million** for feasibility studies for a Year 7-10 school in North Gungahlin and a Primary to Year 10 school in Molonglo.

Helping kids learn

This Budget boosts programs and resources to deliver even better outcomes:

- **\$3.9 million** in funding to help students with disability, including extra resources to increase participation in education, and for transport of students with disability to ACT public schools;
- **\$615,000** for the training of teachers and support staff about domestic violence, and the development of an online resource centre to connect families to support services.

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Support for teachers

Funding to support the best educators in the country:

- **\$1.3 million** for the next stage of online services for professional learning, teaching standards and professional practice through the ACT Teacher Quality Institute; and
- Almost **\$700,000** for teacher resources to assist in the delivery of the Australian Curriculum.

Vocational Education

This Budget invests \$13.3 million in CIT facilities:

- A new **\$10.7 million** Canberra Institute of Technology training centre in Tuggeranong will update CIT's course offerings and facilities for students in Canberra's south; and
- A further **\$2.6 million** will upgrade existing CIT campuses at Reid and Bruce.