



Welcome to Futures Learning and Inclusion Support Programs Canberra College



General Information

The Futures Faculty programs are for students with specific learning needs in education. The faculty provides support for students to become the best they can be, encouraging them to develop a strong basis supporting their transition to life after college and celebrating their achievements as young individuals.

We value the diversity of all students and staff and what each brings to the teaching and learning environment.

The *Individual Learning Plan* (ILP) identifies the student's individual needs and priorities for learning. Parents also participate in a school review meeting which reviews the student's placement and progress towards achieving the goals in their ILP.

Learning Support Program

The Futures program includes a *Learning Support Unit* and *Learning Support Centre*. Students gain eligibility through the ACT Student Disability Criteria.

Students in *Learning Support Programs* attend combined Year 11 and 12 classes and can undertake a range of packages including on-line learning, work placements, specialised classes and, where possible, mainstream classes.

A student's college package is built around the individual student and responds to opportunities that the student may wish to explore. On successful completion of the two year program students graduate with a Year 12 Certificate. Students follow the BSSS guidelines for a Year 12.

Inclusion Support Program

The *Inclusion Support Program* is available to students in mainstream classes who meet the ACT Student Disability Criteria and who have generated resourcing points through the Student Centred Appraisal of Need (SCAN) process. The ACT Student Disability Criteria covers the following areas:

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| 1. Intellectual Disability | 5. Vision Impairment or Blindness |
| 2. Language Disorder | 6. Pervasive Developmental Disorder |
| 3. Physical Disability | 7. Mental Health Disorder |
| 4. Hearing Impairment or Deafness | 8. Chronic Medical Condition |

Assistance for students who meet the criteria is offered in various ways depending on the specific needs of the student.

- This decision is made through consultation with the student and staff to define the most appropriate delivery of support.
- This is frequently in the form of one to one support from an ISP Advisor, to assist students meet the requirements of their mainstream package.
- Support may include:
 - Tutorial support in off lines.
 - Direct support in the classroom.
 - Professional development for staff on particular student needs
 - Reasonable accommodations for tests and assignments
 - Co-ordination of case meetings – liaison with Student Services





Core Units – Learning Support Program

The program has a focus on the progress of the individual in conjunction with the continual development of practical maths and literacy skills. Students in *Learning Support* undertake four core units which are taught in the context of employment, community life and independent living. These units are:

- Contemporary Mathematics**
- Contemporary English**
- Pathways to Work and Learning: preparation for work.**
- Life, Leisure and Learning (LLL): personal and social development.**

Electives – Learning Support Classes

The *Learning Support* classes offer a range of elective subjects targeted at more practical or specialised areas of interest. Students can choose two elective classes each semester.

They may choose the same subject area or different subject areas each time. Elective options may include:

- Business Services
- Cooking
- Drama
- Garden and Animal Care
- History
- Media
- PE
- Photography
- Science
- Woodwork

The Business Services elective, *socialprints@canberracollege*, is a social enterprise set up to assist students to develop work skills. This is a student run fabric printing business managed from the ordering and planning stage to printing and delivery. We can professionally print any fabric items such as t-shirts and bags.

Other Options – Learning Support Program

Students are encouraged and supported to explore a range of opportunities, both within the college and broader community, such as:

- Links with post school agencies to support transition to life after college.
- Possible enrolment in a mainstream class.
- Vocational training and pathways to support the transference of classroom learning to real life situations.
- Realistic work training opportunities e.g. partnerships with Lifeline & Floriade.
- New areas of learning e.g. participating in the College Café and/or catering for functions; assistance at the Smith Family.

Work Experience – Learning Support Students

- The *Learning Support Program* prepares students for employment and for life as an independent member of the community. This is integral for students' successful transition from college to post-college life.
- One week Work Experience (WEX) blocks, twice a year, are incorporated into the learning program.
- WEX may also include: School Based Apprenticeships, traineeships, work internships and work sampling.

Enquiries and Contact Information

Any enquiries regarding enrolling into the Futures or Inclusion Support Programs. Please call the Executive Teacher: 0453 697 302 / 6142 3296 / 6142 3301