

Special Programs

Canberra College offers a wide range of special programs including:

- ANU Secondary College
- CC Cares
- IB Diploma Programme
- Pre-Med Program
- Sports Academy
- Student Enrichment Program (STEP)
- Vocational Education

ANU Secondary College

The ANU Secondary College provides students with a taste of the university learning experience, and an opportunity to study courses using facilities and staff located on the ANU campus. Courses are developed and delivered by ACT college teachers and ANU staff. Students who successfully complete the program will gain credit towards their studies at ANU in each of the subject areas completed. Completed units will also be listed on the Year 12 Certificate and a completed program can be counted towards the UAI.

For 2008, classes were presented in Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Biology and Japanese. The programs have been developed by ANU and ACT DET staff and will be presented by ACT Department of Education staff in close collaboration with staff from ANU.

Under current arrangements, when completed, the course presented at ANU will be equivalent to a Minor. In the case of Mathematics, the result for the ANU course will be merged with results from a Major-Minor at the student's home college to form a Double Major. For Chemistry, Physics, Biology and Japanese students will complete a Major in the home college and a Minor at ANU.

All students in Year 10 (2008) with a confirmed enrolment at an ACT Government secondary College for 2009 and who intend to study at least one of the subjects offered, at the top level, will be able to apply. Students must normally have studied the subject at the highest level available at their current high school and achieved 'A' grades or equivalent standard.

CC Cares

The CC Cares program is designed to provide alternative individualised programs for young people, enabling Year 12 Certification to equip them for a better future.

CC Cares also provides the necessary support in addressing the needs and responsibilities of young carers and parents to enable them to succeed in education and to set and attain personal goals.

Situated at the Weston Campus of the college, CCCares, in partnership with CYCLOPS (Connecting Young Carers to Life Opportunities and Personalised Supports), ACT Health and several community agencies will design an individualised educational program, which will complement the current curriculum offerings to students.

Additional aspects of the program are likely to include:

- Adopt a grandparent
- Baby health
- Nutrition for Children
- Play for young children
- How to read to your child
- Being a kid whilst being a carer, pregnant or parenting
- Financial planning and budgeting
- Basic Household Maintenance
- Pathways to CIT, University & employment



International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Programme

This program will be offered for the first time at the college in 2009. It is an internationally recognised program which leads to the award of an IB Diploma at the end of year 12 in addition to the ACT Year 12 Certificate. The International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma is issued by the International Baccalaureate Organization to students who have completed all the academic and community requirements of the course and achieved a final score of at least 24 points from a possible maximum of 45.

The development of students as global citizens and critical thinkers who are committed to improving society are key elements of the diploma. The program provides a high level of intellectual challenge for students.

Pre-Med Program

This program helps to prepare students for careers in the health professions. These include careers in nursing, medicine, paramedic, dentistry, physiotherapy, pharmacy and many others. The course delivers professional information and careers advice to support students seeking university, TAFE or employment pathways into the health professions.

A Registered Training Organisation- Vocational Education

The college has gained Registered Training Organisation (RTO) status. In order to gain an RTO status we have had to show that our college is a quality assured organisation by undertaking a quality assurance audit. RTO status allows us to offer and deliver vocational education courses and services and issue nationally recognised qualifications through the BSSS (the Board of Senior Secondary Studies). The College offers a comprehensive vocational education program, as follows:

Business Administration (see *Business (Vocational)*, page 42)

Community Services (see *Community Services*, page 44)

Furniture Construction (see *Technology*, page 101)

General Construction (see *Technology*, page 101)

Hospitality (see *Hospitality & food Studies*, page 60)

Information Technology (see *Information Technology*, page 64)

Music Industry (see *The Arts*, page 31)

Retail (see *Business (Vocational)*, page 42)

Tourism (see *Hospitality & Food Studies*, page 59)

Please consult Faculty Areas in the table of contents for information about these vocational courses.

Vocational Education provides students with relevant skills and knowledge (nationally recognised competencies) in order to gain certification for either articulation into CIT courses or directly into further employment.

Students complete a normal Year 11 and 12 package (thus ensuring that they gain a Year 12 Certificate and if needed, a tertiary entrance ranking) and study some of their subjects at the V (vocational) level. If students complete the courses written under the National Training Packages, participate in work placements over one or two years, and are assessed as competent against the National Competencies, they will also receive a nationally recognised Certificate I or Certificate II for each vocational course completed.

Sports Academy

This program caters for competitors, coaches and officials in a range of sports who have the talent, potential, commitment and desire to develop their performance and involvement in a particular sport to a high level.

Entry to the program can be gained by application to the Sports Academy Coordinator. Students spend 75% of their course time competing in and training for their chosen sport either with the College or with a local club. The remainder of the course includes:

- **fitness testing and training principles**
- **cross-training and coaching certification**
- **goal setting and career targetting**
- **injury prevention**
- **sports nutrition**
- **sports psychology**
- **time management**

Students involved will be placed in special student pathways groups with teachers involved in the Sports Academy so that their progress in all subjects may be closely monitored.

Each year the College aims to offer specific coaching sessions in a selection of sports including:

Athletics, Basketball, Cricket, Soccer, Golf, Rugby Union and Equestrian. The College aims to provide staff expertise to run high level programs in each of these sports. Currently there are several athletes from other sports such as Mountain Biking, Netball, Ice Hockey, Gymnastics, Rowing, Rugby League, Australian Rules, Softball, Swimming and Table Tennis who are also being catered for in coaching programs outside the College.

Participants benefit from the program through:

- access to the Southern Cross Club Health Fitness Centre
- access to expert advice
- the use of specialised facilities in the College
- assistance with study programs
- opportunities to apply for Sports Academy scholarships

Student Enrichment Program (STEP)

The STEP Program is the primary means of communication between the college and students and their families. Students meet in STEP each week and all students are expected to attend these sessions. Through STEP students' progress is monitored and the STEP teacher can be used as a point of contact for pastoral care. Also this program encourages students to participate in all aspects of college and community life.