

Welcome to Canberra College



This slideshow will also be available on the college website.



Role of the Connect Group and Connect Teacher

- Connect Group provides a consistent point of contact through a weekly catch-up for 30 minutes each Monday
- The Connect Group teacher facilitates pastoral care, provides academic progress advice and passes on college information
- Connect group teachers will also monitor absences and contact parents with concerns
- The Student Services team and Student Advisors are the main source for significant pastoral care and package advice and will work with Connect group teachers
- Students in Disability Support programs will also have a designated support teacher.

Attendance

ACT Board of Senior Secondary Studies requires that families notify the college of student absences by using this email address canberrac.absences@ed.act.edu.au

The email **must** come from the parent/carer email address registered on college records

The message must include:

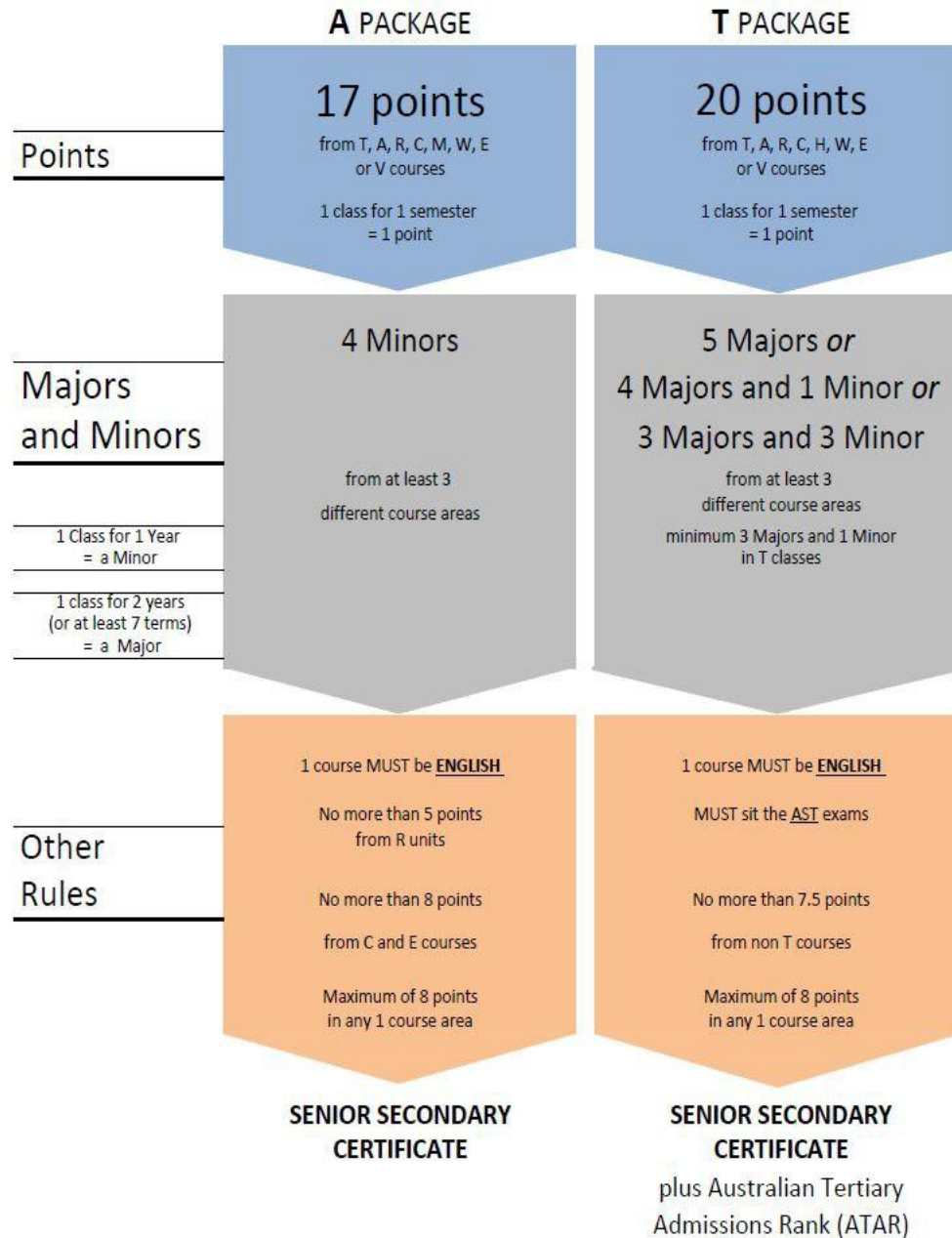
- Full student name
- period of absence (state exact days/ time of lessons missed)
- Acceptable reason and/or medical certificate



Communication

- Connect group notices are emailed home every week
- Newsletters occur twice a term
- Social Media - Facebook and Instagram celebrate college success and are also a main form of communication
- Students will be contacted on their school email address so it's important to encourage them to check this regularly
- Teachers will contact parents via email and telephone for any issues

Requirements for a Senior Secondary Certificate



ACT Senior Secondary Certificate BSSS Requirements

ACCREDITED Package

- Minimum of 17 standard units
- Minimum of 4 minors from three different course areas

TERTIARY Package

- Minimum of 20 standard units
- Minimum of 3 “T” majors and 3 “T” minors
- Must sit the AST (ACT Scaling Test)

ATAR is calculated from the

- 3 best scoring “T” major course scores and
- 0.6 from the next best course score (“T” major or minor)



VOCATIONAL Courses

Some can count towards a “T” or “A” package

We offer Business Administration, Information Technology, Music Industry, Hospitality, Tourism

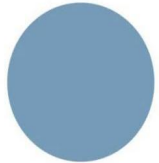
Australian School Based Apprenticeship

Students can achieve certification of competencies towards the apprenticeship of their choice. This can be counted towards a major in the ACT Senior Secondary Certificate.



Majors and Minors - Packages

SEMESTER UNIT



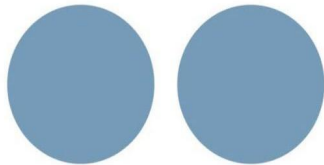
1 Standard Unit
or 1 point

HALF SEMESTER UNIT



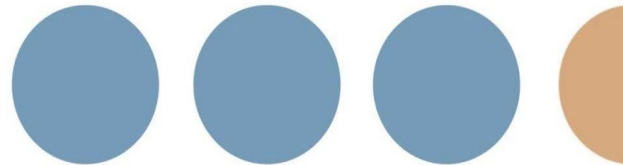
0.5 Standard Unit
or 0.5 point

MINOR



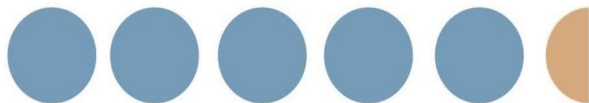
2 points

MAJOR



3.5 points

MAJOR MINOR



5.5 points

DOUBLE MAJOR



7 points



Google Classroom

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- All students should access this for each class
- Parents can be invited to the classroom, and will receive a weekly email summary of classroom notifications (but not full access to the platform)
- Teachers use this learning platform to share learning resources, assessment tasks and notices with their children

Unit outlines/Assessment schedules

- All teachers post unit outlines on Google Classroom and students can also access them through their login on the BSSS website.
- Unit Outlines contain information about the content of each course as well as assessment requirements and deadlines. It may be helpful to remind students to refer to this document
- All courses must meet the requirements of the BSSSS
- Please go to ACT BSSS website for more information about polices and courses. <http://www.bsss.act.edu.au/>

Important dates for Term 1, 2022

Connections Day

Extended Connect Group session
12:25-1:15 Monday 21st February

Study Hacks Workshop for Parents and Carers

4:30 - 5:30 pm Thursday 24 February or
9:00 – 10:00 am Friday 25 February (repeat session)

Moderation Day 1

Tuesday 1 March – no classes

**Study Hacks for parents/carers – Online
practical strategies to help your child at college**

Thursday 24 February 4.30 -5:30 pm

Friday 25 February 9.00-10.00 am

(repeat sessions)

RSVP to email invitation is Essential



Canberra College values learning

How you can provide support to your College Student

- Encourage and support attendance and punctuality
- Remind them of due dates and assist with time management - encourage them to plan and start assessment tasks early!
- Encourage students to draft work and conference with teachers if applicable
- Use teachers as resources and check Google Classroom for extra information and class materials
- Ask questions if unsure
- Encourage students to work towards a study/life balance – keep pursuing their interests, get some exercise, eat well and get enough sleep