

EDUCATED AND SKILLED COMMUNITY

The 2012-13 Budget invests in students, teachers, schools and learning and training programs to sustain leading education and vocational outcomes. The Government continues to focus on improving students' learning experiences and results, particularly for those who do not achieve as well as expected.

The 2012-13 Budget will deliver or achieve:

Education and Training

- › Literacy and numeracy results among the best in the nation
- › 95% of young people attain Year 12 Certificate or equivalent

The School Environment

- › 93% school attendance in public schools
- › 88% overall parents' and carers' satisfaction with the education provided in public schools
- › 82.5% overall student satisfaction with education at their public school

Secondary Schools

- › 85% of Year 10 students proceed to secondary college
- › 50% of Year 12 students receive a Tertiary Entrance Statement
- › 89% of Year 12 students receive a Year 12 Certificate

Student Pathways and Transitions

- › 92.8% of Year 12 public school graduates employed or studying six months after completing Year 12

Students with Disabilities

- › 100% of students with disabilities have Individual Learning Plans

Vocational Education and Training

- › 1.8 million total hours of training programs
- › 6,800 training commencements
- › 434 enrolments of existing workers in training

New Expenditure Initiatives

The 2012-13 Budget includes:

\$5.9 MILLION over four years to support the operation of the newly built Franklin Early Childhood School;

\$5.9 MILLION over four years to support the operation of the new Bonner Primary School for preschool to year 6 students in 2013;

\$1.5 MILLION to maintain transport services for students with disabilities in public schools;

\$0.4 MILLION over four years to support the increased number of students completing the ACT Scaling Test which measures individual aptitude for tertiary study and is integral to determining university entrance scores;

\$0.5 MILLION to coordinate and deliver further maintenance and repair work in government schools; and

\$0.1 MILLION over four years to support implementation of the Excellence and Enterprise Framework including the continued development of a Virtual Learning Academy.

\$1.9 MILLION over four years for the Teacher Quality Institute to develop a business system associated with regulation and support of the teaching profession.



NEW INFRASTRUCTURE FOR SCHOOLS

The 2012-13 Budget invests in new schools and quality learning environments, upgrades existing facilities and implements measures that will help make schools carbon neutral.

New Capital Initiatives

- › \$2.8 million to accommodate additional enrolments at Duffy Primary and Preschool.
- › \$12.9 million to remove asbestos, rectify and upgrade Taylor Primary School.
- › \$1.0 million for information technology infrastructure at the Teacher Quality Institute, which manages the certification of teachers.
- › \$3.5 million over two years for Stage One of the Carbon Neutral Schools initiative.

Skills Reform

The ACT Government continues to invest in improvements to the quality, accessibility, transparency, efficiency and equity of vocational education and training, helping more Canberrans to improve their skills. Increasing the capacity of training providers, the quality of skills programs and information available to consumers and facilitating more interconnected school, training and tertiary sectors are priorities.

- › Under the National Partnership on Skills Reform, \$28 million over five years is allocated for training initiatives that meet the needs of industry and students.
- › A Training Entitlement is introduced which guarantees people who do not have a Certificate III access to a government subsidised place.
- › Increased training activity is supported with an additional 4,007 qualification completions being delivered over the next five years.
- › Students at risk of not achieving a Year 12 Certificate and those with disabilities enrolled at the CIT receive further support – \$3.2 million.