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Schools

History of schools in the Australian Capital Territory

Early 19th century schools in the ACT were based on stations or churches, such as Church of St John the Baptist Schoolhouse, Reid; Palmerville, Yarralumla¹ or Ginninderra². Later public schools included Parkwood (1871), Majura³ (1874), Weetangera⁴ (1875), Stone Hut⁵ (on Edward Crace's Gungahlin 1878 later known as Gungahleen⁶ School), Canberra School⁷ (previously Spring Bank⁸), Duntroon School⁹, Nerrabunda¹⁰ (on Long Gully 1886), Church Rock Valley¹¹, Kowen¹², Uriarra¹³, Tharwa¹⁴, Williamsdale¹⁵, Mulligans Flat Provisional School¹⁶ (1896), Jervis Bay¹⁷, Hall¹⁸ and Tuggeranong¹⁹. The records for these, and other schools²⁰ including proposed schools²¹, are in the State Records Office of New South Wales. State Records has produced an Archives in Brief dealing with Schools 1788-c1979²² that is of

¹ State Records of NSW. Yarralumla School file 5/18250.2

² State Records of NSW. Ginninderra School file 5/15993.1

³ State Records of NSW. Majura School file 5/16715.2

⁴ State Records of NSW. Weetangera School file 5/18068.1

⁵ State Records of NSW. Stone Hut School file 5/17688.3

⁶ State Records of NSW. Gungahleen School file 5/16195.2

⁷ State Records of NSW. Canberra School file 5/15265.1

⁸ State Records of NSW. Spring Bank School file 5/17652.4

⁹ State Records of NSW. Duntroon School file 5/15769.3; 14/7470

¹⁰ State Records of NSW. Nerrabunda School file 5/17089.5

¹¹ State Records of NSW. Church Rock Valley School file 5/15385.6

¹² State Records of NSW. Kowen School file 5/16510.4

¹³ State Records of NSW. Uriarra School file 5/17949.2; 14/7896

¹⁴ State Records of NSW. Tharwa School file 5/17824.2

¹⁵ State Records of NSW. Williamsdale School file 5/18118.3; 14/7933

¹⁶ State Records of NSW. Mulligans Flat School file 5/16993.3

¹⁷ State Records of NSW. Jervis Bay School file 5/16388.3; 14/7592: Jervis Bay Aboriginal School file 5/16388.4

¹⁸ State Records of NSW. Hall School file 5/16214.4

¹⁹ State Records of NSW. Tuggeranong School file pre 1939 5/17898.1; Tuggeranong School file post 1939 14/7885

²⁰ State Records of NSW. Naas School file 5/17043.2; Upper Naas School file 5/17043.3

²¹ State Records of NSW. Oaks Estate 5/18297

²² <http://www.records.nsw.gov.au/state-archives/guides-and-finding-aids/archives-in-brief/archives-in-brief-26/>

great assistance in tracing early school records of relevance to the ACT. Another series in the State Records Office dealing with schools is the Site Register Cards.²³ These cards detail purchase and disposal of school sites since 1880, often with a site map, full address including parish and county and include schools in the ACT, such as Dickson High, Ginninderra, Jervis Bay, Kowen, Majura, Mulligans Flat, Narrabundah, Tharwa, Williamsdale (formerly McDonalds Flat)

With the *Seat of Government Surrender Act 1909 (NSW)* land was granted to the Commonwealth, and so the schools were transferred to the Commonwealth. However, little changed as the schools continued to be run by New South Wales. In 1910 Hall School opened and in 1913 the second Mulligans Flat School was built and in 1923 Telopea Park School²⁴ opened. In the period before 1973, the Commonwealth administered preschools and the school buildings. New South Wales continued to provide curriculum and teachers. The Commonwealth Teaching Service was established in April 1972²⁵ and, from then, provided preschool teachers. In 1973²⁶, New South Wales continued to provide curriculum services and most of the teachers to government schools while the Commonwealth Teaching Service provided a minority of teachers. The Interim ACT Schools Authority administered most aspects of government schools from the beginning of 1974; its Ordinance came into effect at the beginning of 1977.²⁷ New South Wales provided the Higher School Certificate for ACT Year 12 students until the end of 1976. The Commonwealth Department of Education continued to have a role with school buildings until about 1978 and over sighted non-government schools until 1989. The Commonwealth Teaching Service provided all teachers for government schools from 1974. Although the Office of the Commonwealth Teaching Service Commissioner was abolished in 1981, the legislative framework remained. From 1989, with self-government, “Australian Capital Territory” replaced “Commonwealth” in its title, but the *Teaching Service Act 1972* was not repealed until 1994 when the ACT Government subsumed it in its *Public Sector Management Act 1994*.

²³ State Records of NSW. Series 3988 Site Register Cards

²⁴ State Records of NSW. Telopea Park School file 5/17797; 14/7870

²⁵ State Records of NSW. Commonwealth Teaching Service 70/25183; National Archives of Australia. Establishment of a Commonwealth Teaching Service A5882/1

²⁶ *Secondary education for Canberra: report of the Working Committee on College Proposals for the Australian Capital Territory*. Canberra: Working Committee on College Proposals for the Australian Capital Territory, 1973. Chairman Rev Richard James Campbell. Also issued as Parliamentary paper no. 62 of 1973; *The restructuring of senior secondary education in the Australian Capital Territory. Part A. an A.C.T. system of senior secondary education. part B. the Australian Capital Territory entrance score study no.1* by Douglas E. Morgan. Canberra, 1978. A field study submitted in partial fulfilment of the requirements for the degree of Master of Education, Canberra College of Advanced Education.

²⁷ National Archives of Australia. Submission 609: Establishment of an ACT Schools Authority Decision 1426

Some of the schools maintain their own archives and should be approached directly.²⁸ For an overview of sources see the paper by Barry Price.²⁹

Legislative history

The *Education Act 1937* incorporated and was read as one with the *Public Instruction Act 1880* (NSW) and the *Free Education Act 1906* (NSW).³⁰

The *Public Instruction Act 1880* No 23(NSW) and the *Free Education Act 1906* (NSW) were in force in NSW immediately before 1 January 1911 (the date of establishment of the ACT) and were continued in force by the *Seat of Government Acceptance Act 1909* (Cwlth), s 6 in the ACT. Under the *Seat of Government (Administration) Act 1910* (Cwlth), s 4 the Act had effect in the ACT as if it were an ACT law (subject to ordinances made under the *Seat of Government (Administration) Act 1910*).³¹

The *Australian Capital Territory (Self-Government) Act 1988* (Cwlth), s 34 (4) converted most former NSW laws in force in the ACT into ACT enactments. These Acts was converted into an ACT enactment on 11 May 1989 (self-government day).

The *Education Act 1937* was originally a Commonwealth ordinance – the *Education Ordinance 1937* No 25 (Cwlth). The *Australian Capital Territory (Self-Government) Act 1988* (Cwlth), s 34 (4) converted most former Commonwealth ordinances in force in the ACT into ACT enactments on 11 May 1989 (self-government day). As with most ordinances in force in the ACT, the name was changed from *Ordinance* to *Act* by the *Self-Government (Citation of Laws) Act 1989* No 21, s 5.

These Acts were repealed by the *Education Act 2004*.

Non-government schools

Some government records were made on non-government schools. The Registrar of Schools maintained a register of non-government schools.³² Many

²⁸ For instance Canberra High School

http://www.canberrahs.act.edu.au/about_us/history_snippets;

Aranda Public School http://www.arandaps.act.edu.au/school_overview/suburb_history;

Torrens Primary School <http://www.torrensp.s.act.edu.au/home/history>

²⁹ Price, Barry Archival sources for the A.C.T. Government school system: talk to the Australian Society of Archivists Seminar, 24 May 2007

³⁰ *Education Act 1937* (repealed) <http://www.legislation.act.gov.au/a/1937-25/default.asp>

³¹ *Public Instruction Act 1880* (repealed) <http://www.legislation.act.gov.au/a/1880-23/default.asp>

Free Education Act 1906 (repealed) <http://www.legislation.act.gov.au/a/1906-12/default.asp>

³² On loan to the Australian National Museum of Education, University of Canberra.

of the non-government schools maintain their own archives and the individual schools should be approached directly³³. The Non-Government Schools Education Council has a directory of member schools on their website. <http://www.ngsec.act.edu.au/links>

The earliest school was Canberra Girls' Grammar School (then known as St Gabriel's Church of England Grammar School) which commenced on 10 June 1926 in Glebe House. The senior school moved to its current premises on Melbourne Avenue, Deakin where the foundation stone was laid 8 May 1927 by Bishop Radford.³⁴

Pre-schools

Pre-schools are provided through a collaboration between each individual Pre-school Parent Association and the ACT Government. The Department of Education and Training provides the teaching staff and purpose-built facilities. The Pre-school Parent Association is responsible for financial and operational management including the provision and management of resources.

Since the 7th of July, in 1943, the Canberra Pre-School Society Incorporated (formerly the Canberra Nursery Kindergarten Society)

<http://canberrapreschools.org/default.asp?contentID=581> has been providing this service.

The National Capital Development Commission during the year 1967-68 agreed to build future pre-schools when it was building primary schools and to locate them either within or adjacent to primary school grounds. Also the suburban mothercraft clinic had been located in the same building as the pre-school, but after this date they were included in the separate school health facility. The first of these was at Scullin.³⁵

School buildings

Records on the design and placement of schools can be found in the NCDC and subsequent planning agencies' files.³⁶ Some of these records are in the National Archives of Australia and should be sought on RecordSearch <http://www.naa.gov.au/collection/recordsearch.aspx>

³³ For instance Canberra Grammar <http://www.collectionsaustralia.net/org/1550/about>; Canberra Girls Grammar <http://www.archivists.org.au/canberra-girls-grammar-school> ; Canberra Montessori School <http://www.canberramontessori.com/Aboutus/History.aspx> ; St Clare's College <http://www.stclaresc.act.edu.au/html/history.html>; Marist College <http://www.maristc.act.edu.au/history>; St Edmunds College <http://www.stedmunds.act.edu.au/pages/page169.asp>

³⁴ Canberra Girls Grammar School history <http://cggs.act.edu.au/pages/page237.asp>

³⁵ National Capital Development Commission. Eleventh annual report for the period 1 July 1967 - 30 June 1968 page 18.

³⁶ For instance 84/3436 Residential Leases Branch. Transfer of land to N.C.D.C. Chisholm Primary School

List of government schools

The following list comprises schools in the ACT originally conducted by the New South Wales Department of Education until December 1973, schools opened by the NCDC and the ACT Government, also includes closing dates.³⁷

As seen from the list, schools have been opened and closed since the 1870s. The pedagogic philosophy and population mix of the time determined the type and placement of schools. The most recent is the introduction of Early Childhood Schools Framework catering for children from birth to 8 years.³⁸ A list of ACT Government schools as at 12 February 2010 is at http://www.det.act.gov.au/school_education/directory_of_schools

Secondary sources on ACT Government schools are available.³⁹

³⁷ Fletcher, J. and J. Burnswood (1983) *Government schools of New South Wales 1848-1983*. Sydney; Government Printer of NSW for Directorate of Planning Services, Department of Education.; ACT Department of Education and Training list of schools in the ACT 2003 http://www.library.act.gov.au/find/history/frequentlyaskedquestions/Place_Stories/schools

³⁸ Early Childhood Schools (Public) http://www.det.act.gov.au/school_education/directory_of_schools/early_childhood_schools_public

³⁹ Price, Barry *Closures of ACT Government Schools 1979-1990*. *Canberra Historical Journal*, March 2001; Gillespie, Lyall L. *Early education and schools in the Canberra Region*. The Wizard Canberra Local History Series, 1999.

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ACT Institute of Technical and Further Education 1987-1993 absorbed Canberra College of Technical and Further Education, Bruce College of Technical and Further Education and Woden College of Technical and Further Education. Renamed Canberra Institute of Technology 1993-

Acton 1920-Oct 1923

Ainslie Primary School April 1880-March 1881; public school March 1881-March 1891; half-time with Narrabundah April 1891-November 1892; provisional December 1892-January 1894; half-time with Narrabundah February 1894-July 1895; public school July 1895-September 1914, August 1927-

Ainslie North Primary School 1958-

Alfred Deakin High School 1989- an amalgamation of Deakin and Woden Valley High Schools on the site of Deakin High School

Amaroo School May 2004-

Aranda Pre-School 1970-

Aranda Primary School January 1969-

Arawang (formerly Waramanga) Primary School 1989-

Baker Gardens Pre-School (Ainslie) June 1950-

Bannister Gardens Pre-School (Griffith) May 1950-

Barnes Creek May house to house school 1889-May 1891; half time with Naas March 1895 -March 1898; half-time with Church Rock Valley April 1898-August 1899; provisional school August 1899-April 1902

Black Mountain Special School 2003- known as Koomari before 2003

Bonython Primary School 1991-

Belconnen High May 1971-

Bruce College of Technical and Further Education 1977-1987 absorbed into ACT Institute of Technical and Further Education

Calwell Primary School 1989-

Calwell High School 1990-

Campbell Pre-School Oct 1960-

Campbell Primary School January 1961-

Campbell High 1965⁴⁰-

Canberra College 1996- formed by amalgamation of Phillip and Stirling Colleges

⁴⁰ National Capital Development Commission. Eight annual report for the period 1st July 1964 to 30th June 1965 page 28

Canberra College of Technical and Further Education 1975-1987 when absorbed into ACT Institute of Technical and Further Education

Canberra Community Hospital September 1965 – to at least January 1974

Canberra Evening 1927-1945 Known as Telopea Park Evening until 1938

Canberra High January 1938-

Canberra Institute of Technology 1993- ACT Institute of Technical and Further Education changed its name to Canberra Institute of Technology

Canberra Technical College 1939-1975 renamed Canberra College of Technical and Further Education

Caroline Chisholm High School 1985-2007 included Chisholm Community School 2008⁴¹

Chapman Primary School 1975-

Charles Conder Primary School 1994-

Charnwood Primary School 1975-

Chifley Primary School January 1962-1988 closed and reopened as Melrose Primary School 1989-

Chisholm Community School 2008- Amalgamation of Chisholm Pre-School, Chisholm Primary School, Caroline Chisholm High

Chisholm Primary School 1986-2007

Church Rock Valley half-time with Barnes Creek April 1898-August 1899; half-time with Tharwa August 1899-November 1899; half-time with Naas November 1899-December 1904

Cook Preschool - 2007⁴²

Cook Primary School January 1969-December 2007⁴³

Copland College 1978 -2007; merged with Melba High School to become Melba Copland Secondary School

Cotter River March 1914-August 1917

Cranleigh School 1974-

Curtin Primary School 1983-

⁴¹ Department of Education and Training. Annual report 2007-2008 page 10. http://www.det.act.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0016/33190/DET_Annual_Report_2007-08_Section_A.pdf

⁴² Department of Education and Training. Annual report 2007-2008 page 10. http://www.det.act.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0016/33190/DET_Annual_Report_2007-08_Section_A.pdf

⁴³ Department of Education and Training. Annual report 2007-2008 page 10. http://www.det.act.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0016/33190/DET_Annual_Report_2007-08_Section_A.pdf

Curtin North Primary School May 1966- 1982
 Curtin South January 1965-1982 Curtin Primary School opened on the site 1983-
 Deakin High January 1966-1988 Renamed Alfred Deakin High School after
 amalgamation with Woden Valley High School 1989- on the Deakin High campus
 Dickson College 1976-
 Dickson High January 1962-1976 renamed Dickson Secondary College
 Downer January 1962⁴⁴-1989
 Downer Pre-School (Cotton Street) 1963⁴⁵-1988
 Downer Pre-School (Duffield Place) 1968-1978
 Duffy Primary School January 1973-
 Duntroon September 1914 - December 1970
 Duntroon Pre-School Mar 1948-
 Erindale College 1982-
 Evatt Primary School 1969-
 Fadden Primary School 1985-
 Fairbairn Pre-School June 1952-
 Farrer Pre-School 1970⁴⁶-
 Farrer Primary School January 1970-
 Fisher Pre-School 1972-
 Fisher Primary School January 1972-1989
 Florey Primary School 1989-
 Flynn Primary School 1974-2006
 Forrest Primary School January 1958⁴⁷-
 Fraser Primary School 1979-
 Garran Primary School January 1967-
 Gibraltar June 1886-May 1891 house to house; provisional school February 1907-
 December 1941
 Gilmore Primary School 1987-

⁴⁴ Downer Community Association. Downer @50: the suburb and community, past and present. Canberra: Downer Community Association, 2010

⁴⁵ Downer Community Association. Downer @50: the suburb and community, past and present. Canberra: Downer Community Association, 2010 page 47

⁴⁶ National Capital Development Commission. Thirteenth annual report 1 July 1969-1 July 1970 page 37

⁴⁷ Forrest Memories <http://www.forrestps.act.edu.au/home/history>

Ginninderra provisional April 1870-November 1870; half-time with Parkwood May 1871-1873; provisional 1873-October 1877; public school November 1877-June 1894; half-time with Gunghaleen July 1894-November 1906; public school December 1906-March 1911

Ginninderra High 1974-2005

Giralang Primary School 1977-

Gold Creek School 1996-

Gordon Primary School 1993-

Gowrie Primary School 1983-

Griffith Pre-School (Stokes Street) January 1948-1988

Griffith Pre-School (Bannister Gardens) May 1950 -

Griffith Pre-School (Throsby Street) November 1951- 1982 amalgamated with Bannister Gardens

Griffith Primary school January 1955-1995

Gunghaleen provisional school November 1873-December 1883; public school January 1884-July 1894; half-time with Ginninderra July 1894-November 1906; provisional school February 1907-may 1923. * Stone Hut until September 1888

Gungahlin College 2011-

Hackett Pre-School 1965-

Hackett Primary School May 1964-1990

Hall Primary School January 1911-2006

Harrison Primary School January 2008 -

Hartley Street 1971-

Hawker Primary School 1976-

Hawker College 1976-

Higgins Primary School January 1971-2008⁴⁸

Holder Pre-School 1972-

Holder Primary School January 1972-1990

Holder High School 1975-1991 Amalgamated with Weston Creek to become Stromlo High School. Holder campus closed in 1993

Holt Primary School January 1973-2008⁴⁹

⁴⁸ Department of Education and Training. Annual report 2008-2009 page 6
http://www.det.act.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0011/88274/DET_Annual_Report_2008-2009.pdf

⁴⁹ Department of Education and Training. Annual report 2008-2009 page 6
http://www.det.act.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0011/88274/DET_Annual_Report_2008-2009.pdf

Hughes Primary School January 1964⁵⁰-
Isabella Plains Early Childhood School 2009-
Kambah High 1976-2007⁵¹
Isabella Plains Primary School 1988-
Kaleen Primary School 1976-
Kaleen High School 1978-
Kingsford Smith School 2009⁵²-
Koomari 1954-2003 now known as Black Mountain School
Kowen provisional school July 1882-December 1882; public school December
1882-October 1906
Lake Ginninderra College 1987-
Lake Tuggeranong College 1990-
Lanyon High School 1996-
Latham Pre-School 1972-
Latham Primary School January 1972-
Lyneham Pre-School 1950s-
Lyneham Primary School January 1959-
Lyneham High January 1959⁵³-
Lyons Early Childhood School 2009-
Lyons Primary School May 1966-
Macarthur Preschool -2007⁵⁴
Macgregor Primary School 1968-
Macquarie Primary School January 1968-

⁵⁰ National Capital Development Commission. Eight annual report for the period 1st July 1964 to 30th June 1965 page 28

⁵¹ Department of Education and Training. Annual report 2007-2008 page 10. http://www.det.act.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0016/33190/DET_Annual_Report_2007-08_Section_A.pdf

⁵² Department of Education and Training. Annual report 2008-2009 page 6 http://www.det.act.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0011/88274/DET_Annual_Report_2008-2009.pdf

⁵³ National Capital Development Commission. Third annual report 1st July 1959 to 30th June 1960. Page 19

⁵⁴ Department of Education and Training. Annual report 2007-2008 page 10. http://www.det.act.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0016/33190/DET_Annual_Report_2007-08_Section_A.pdf

Majura Primary School (formerly Watson Primary School) 1989-
 Malcolm Vale half-time with Majura April 1892-October 1897; half-time with
 Googong October 1897-July 1901; half-time with Narrabundah August 1901-June
 1903

Malkara School 1970-

Maribyrnong Primary School 1979-

Mawson Primary School January 1968-

McPherson Street (O'Connor) Oct 1952-

Melba Primary School January 1973-1991 renamed Mount Rogers Primary and
 later Mount Rogers Community School 1998

Melba High School 1976-2007 merged with Copland College; renamed Melba
 Copland Secondary School

Melrose Primary School 1989-2006

Melrose High January 1970-

Miles Franklin Primary School 1980-

Monash Primary School 1982-

Molonglo Camp January 1922-September 1942

Monaro Crescent Pre-School Apr 1948-

Mount Neighbour Primary School 1975-2006

Mount Rogers Community School 1998

Mulligans Flat provisional April 1896-June 1900; half-time with Sutton July 1900-
 March 1903; provisional March 1903-May 1915; half-time with Tallagandra July
 1915-December 1916; provisional January 1917-September 1933; half-time with
 Tallagandra September 1922-August 1927; provisional August 1927-May 1931

Naas June 1886-May 1891; half-time with Barnes Creek March 1895 -March 1898;
 half-time with Church Rock Valley November 1899-December 1904; half-time
 with Tharwa January 1905-May 1905; provisional June 1905-January 1906; public
 school February 1906-October 1910; half-time with Naas Upper August 1911-
 December 1924

Naas Upper half-time with Naas August 1911-December 1924

Narrabundah half-time with Ainslie April 1894-July 1895; half-time with Malcolm
 Vale August 1901-June 1903; provisional June 1903-December 1903; public school
 January 1904-September 1923; infants school January 1952-December 1963; public
 school January 1964-

Narrabundah College 1976- renamed from Narrabundah High

Narrabundah Early Childhood School 2009-

Narrabundah High January 1961⁵⁵-1976 became Narrabundah College

Narrabundah Pre-School Sep 1951-

Nerrabunda provisional January 1886-March 1891; half-time with Ainslie April 1891-November 1892; provisional February 1893-October 1893, January 1897-October 1897; half-time with Yarralumla February 1898-November 1900

Ngunnawal 1997-

North Ainslie Pre-School (Rutherford Crescent) 1955-1992 when moved to Sherbrooke Street 1992-

North Curtin Primary School May 1966-1983 renamed Curtin

O'Connor Co-operative School 2009-

Page Pre-School 1970⁵⁶-

Page Primary School January 1970-1989

Palmerston District School 1995-

Pearce Primary School January 1967-1989

Phillip College 1976-1996 amalgamated with Stirling College to become Phillip Campus of Canberra College

Red Hill Primary School January 1960⁵⁷-

Reid Pre-School Oct 1945-

Richardson Primary School 1984-

Rivett Pre-School 1972-

Rivett Primary School January 1972-2006

Royalla half-time May 1879-May 1892; provision June 1892-December 1896; half-time January 1897-February 1897, November 1900-June 1904; public school July 1904-September 1925; half-time September 1925-June 1927; provisional June 1927-May 1929; half-time May 1929-July 1935. Known as Rob Roy until August 1892

Russell Hill August 1927-March 1930

School Without Walls 1974-1997

Scullin Pre-School 1970-

Scullin Primary School January 1970-1988

⁵⁵ National Capital Development Commission. Third annual report 1st July 1959 to 30th June 1960. Page 19 and National Capital Development Commission. Fourth annual report 1st July 1960 to 30th June 1961 page 19

⁵⁶ National Capital Development Commission. Thirteenth annual report 1 July 1969-1 July 1970

⁵⁷ National Capital Development Commission. Third annual report 1st July 1959 to 30th June 1960. Page 19

Southern Cross Early Childhood School 2009-

Southern Cross Primary School 1989-

Spence Primary School 1977-1990

Stirling College 1977-1996 amalgamated with Phillip College to become Weston Campus of Canberra College

Stromlo High School 1991- Holder amalgamated with Weston Creek. Holder campus closed in 1993

Taylor Primary School 1978-

Telopea Park School September 1923; district school January 1927-december 1928; intermediate high school January 1929-December 1937; public school January 1938-December 1943; central school January 1944-December 1954; primary classes moved to Griffith and Forrest Primary Schools⁵⁸

Telopea Park High January 1955-; became Telopea Park School (French-Australian) with primary component 1984-

Tharwa half-time with Church Rock Valley August 1899-November 1899; provisional January 1900-December 1904; half-time with Naas January 1905-May 1905; provisional June 1905-February 1907; half-time with Tuggranong February 1907-April 1908; provisional April 1908-December 1911; public school January 1912-December 1923; provisional July 1926-2006

The Causeway Pre-School May 1955-2006

Theodore Primary School 1991-

Throsby Crescent Pre-School Nov 1951-

Torrens Primary School January 1968-

Tuggranong provisional August 1870-June 1876; public school October 1876-November 1876, March 1878-January 1907; half-time with Tharwa February 1907-April 1908; provisional public school April 1908-December 1939

Turner nursery school October 1943-December 1952; infants January 1953 - December 1956; public school January 1957- Known as Canberra Nursery until February 1952.

Urambi Primary School 1976-

Uriarra half-time with Ledgerton January 1897-April 1907; public school November 1936-2001 Known as Urayarra from November 1937-March 1939

Village Creek Primary School 1975-2007⁵⁹

Vocational Training School 1936 - 1939 designated Canberra Technical College

⁵⁸ Telopea Park School.

<http://www.canberrahistory.org.au/gateway/organisation.asp?oID=54>

⁵⁹ Department of Education and Training. Annual report 2007-2008 page 10. http://www.det.act.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0016/33190/DET_Annual_Report_2007-08_Section_A.pdf

Wanniassa Primary School 1976-

Wanniassa High 1980-

Wanniassa Hills Primary School 1978-

Waramanga Pre-School 1970-

Waramanga Primary School January 1970-1988 reopened as Arawang Primary School 1989-

Watson Pre-School (Knox Street) January 1965-

Watson Pre-School (Irvine Street) January 1969 - 1981⁶⁰

Watson Primary School January 1964-1988 and reopened as Majura Primary School 1989-

Watson High January 1965⁶¹-1988

Weetangera Primary School provisional April 1875-November 1877; public school December 1877-June 1882; provisional July 1883-October 1885, May 1889-June 1937; public school January 1973-

Weston Primary School January 1971-2006

Weston Creek High January 1972-1988 Became Stromlo High 1989-

Williamsdale half-time February 1871-May 1892; provisional June 1892-May 1900; half-time October 1900-June 1904; provisional July 1904-February 1907; half-time August 1907-April 1914; provisional April 1914-July 1925; half-time August 1925-June 1927; provisional June 1927-May 1929; half-time May 1929-July 1935; provisional July 1935-May 1949 Known as MacDonalds Flat until November 1885

The Woden School 1974-

Woden Valley High January 1968-1989 became Alfred Deakin High School after amalgamation with Deakin High School at the Deakin High campus. Woden Valley High campus became Woden College of Technical and Further Education and subsequently the Southside Campus of Canberra Institute of Technology.

Yarralumla public school January 1850-1852, April 1855-August 1855; provisional November 1878-July 1880; public school July 1880-January 1898; half-time with Narrabundah February 1898-November 1900; public school November 1900-June 1906 spelt Yarrowlumla until 1855

Yarralumla infants January 1955-December 1955; public school January 1956-

⁶⁰ Watson Preschool Parent Association.
<http://canberrapreschools.org/default.asp?contentID=632>

⁶¹ National Capital Development Commission. Eight annual report for the period 1st July 1964 to 30th June 1965 page 28