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# Campbell students ready for new classrooms

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 $Campbell\ Primary\ School\ students\ Emma,\ Eric\ and\ Caitlin\ are\ jumping\ for\ joy\ that\ their\ new\ school\ will\ be\ ready\ soon.$ 



## **Message from the Chief Minister**

The pandemic isn't over so it is more important than ever before to get your booster shot.

The ACT Government's mass vaccination clinics are being scaled up to vaccinate 32,500 Canberrans each week. Pharmacies and GPs are vaccinating a similar number.

If you're a parent or carer of a child aged 5-11, book them in for a COVID-19 vaccine.

Vaccination remains the most effective way to reduce the severity of disease and transmission of the virus.

**Andrew Barr** 











**Our COVER STORY** 



Campbell Primary School's two new buildings are almost complete, with their state-of-the-art classrooms to welcome students later this term.

The classrooms support both group and independent learning, include a dedicated STEM classroom, and connect to outdoor education and play areas. Students watched work progress on the buildings in 2021 and are excited to learn in their new classrooms.



## **COVID-19 vaccines** for kids

COVID-19 vaccines are available for children aged 5 to 11 years old.

The vaccines can help protect your kids for the new school year and can be booked through ACT Government COVID-19 vaccine clinics, GPs and pharmacies.

Have a chat with your trusted health care provider or visit the ACT Government's COVID-19 website for more information.







# Get your COVID-19 booster vaccination



If you had a second COVID-19 vaccine dose three months ago, you are now eligible for a booster dose to increase your protection.

The ACT Government has accelerated the COVID-19 vaccination program through expanded capacity at the AIS Arena and the re-opening of the Canberra Airport vaccination hub to deliver more doses every day.

COVID-19 booster vaccinations are available for people aged 18+ at participating GPs, pharmacies and ACT Government COVID-19 vaccination clinics. If you have any questions, speak to your GP or another trusted health care professional.

To book your appointment at an ACT Government clinic call 5124 7700, between 7am and 7pm every day or visit covid19.act.gov.au/vaccine for online booking options.



# **Garran COVID-19** Clinic changes

A new dedicated clinic for people who are COVID-19 positive is now open at the Garran COVID-19 Surge Centre.

> The clinic provides health care for people who have tested positive for COVID-19 and who need treatment for other non-life threatening injuries or illnesses. The clinic also provides patients who are COVID-19 positive with in-person support and

> > advice as they manage their symptoms during the illness. COVID-19 testing will continue to operate separately at the facility.

Open seven days a week from 7.30am to 10pm. Free service, no appointment is needed.

# **North Ainslie oval** rejuvenation

A dynamic space for students and the local community is being created at the North Ainslie Primary School oval.

The upgraded oval will include an Indigenous yarning circle, native plants, multiple grassed areas for community sport, play and learning, as well as a sustainable water-harvesting system.

The upgrades will help promote connection with nature, an appreciation of Indigenous culture and a love of the outdoors.



# Keeping kids safe in school zones

With class returning this month and 40km/h school zones back in force, slow down and stay alert when driving in school areas.

Keep an eye out for Canberra's 27 school crossing supervisors helping young and less visible students cross the road safely.



## **Haig Park** revitalisation continues

Construction on Haig Park's new community centre will start soon. This follows recent upgrades to paths and lighting.

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## **Telopea Park** teacher one of our best

Telopea Park School's Caitlin Sillar was named joint winner in the New Educator of the Year category at the 2021 Public Education Awards.

> Caitlin teaches two year 4 classes in a bilingual setting with her French counterpart.

> > She was recognised for bringing passion and fun to her lessons and creating connections to students' cultures.





# Your 2022 public transport, cycling + walking guide

Consider leaving the car at home more often and taking public transport, riding, walking or scooting in 2022.

It's better for the planet, reduces your time spent in traffic and helps you save on parking fees.

## **Public transport options**

#### Local bus services

▶ Operate every 30 minutes or less on weekdays, connecting the region's suburbs to local shops and the city.

- ▶ Include Rapid services that link town centres and other key destinations, running at least every 15 minutes between 7am and 7pm on weekdays and every 30 minutes at other times (including weekends).
- ▶ These get you from the city to Woden (R4 and R5) or Belconnen (R2, R4 and R5) in about 20 minutes.

#### Light rail services

- ➤ Takes only 24 minutes to get from the city to Gungahlin via Dickson and Mitchell.
- ▶ Operates every 5-6 minutes (peak periods) or 10-15 minutes (off-peak periods) on weekdays, and every 15 minutes on weekends.



Want to save around \$300\* a year on your fares?

Travel is cheaper with MyWay and there's further discounts for travel during off-peak times. Discounts apply 9am-4.30pm weekdays, after 6pm and all weekend. Save an extra 5% with autoload. Off-peak travel is **FREE** with a Seniors MyWayCard.

\*Based on an adult fare, travelling five days a week, all year round.



### **E-scooter expansion**

Keep an eye out for e-scooters as they expand across Canberra in 2022. They are convenient, accessible, environmentally friendly and fun. E-scooters are perfect for shorter trips or connecting to bus services.

### Cycling and walking

See the map overpage to explore how you can take advantage of the scenic cycle routes that connect the city to neighbouring town centres. These include:

- ▶ C1 (City to Gungahlin)
- ▶ C2 (City to Queanbeyan)
- ▶ C3a (City to Belconnen via Town Centre)

- ▶ C3b (City to Belconnen Town Centre bypass)
- ▶ C4 (City to Tuggeranong via Woden)
- ▶ C6 (ANU to Dickson)
- ▶ C8 (City loop) and LBG (Lake Burley Griffin Circuit)
- ► C4 (Tuggeranong to City via Woden)
- ▶ C5 (Tuggeranong to Belconnen via Weston Creek).

Bike rails and bike cages are located at many public transport stops and stations, and you can take your bike on board the light rail or use the bike racks on the front of buses.

## We're going electric

New electric buses are joining the fleet this year as part of Transport Canberra's transition to a zero-emissions bus fleet by 2040.

# **Enlighten Festival is back!**

Over 17 days 5 major events

Canberra will shine bright with culture and creativity during March as the Enlighten Festival returns with five major events. All attendees are asked to abide by ACT Public Health Directions in place at the time of the event, and practise COVID-safe behaviours while attending Enlighten Festival.

- **▶** Illuminations
  - **4-14 March:** see the capital's most iconic buildings light up with projections.
- ▶ Lights! Canberra! Action! **11 March:** applaud local creativity as the spotlight shines on local filmmakers.
- ▶ Symphony in the Park 13 March: sit back and enjoy the Canberra Symphony Orchestra in Commonwealth Park.
- **▶** Canberra Day festivities **14 March:** celebrate Canberra Day with an array of festivities.
- Canberra Balloon **Spectacular** 12-20 March: watch the skies fill with colour at this annual favourite.





## **Royal Canberra Show returns** with less plastic

The Royal Canberra Show is returning this month, welcoming back visitors while reducing single-use plastics.

Single-use plastic straws, bowls and takeaway containers will be banned when the show returns from **25-27 February 2022** at Exhibition Park.

Its transition to sustainable items goes beyond the current Canberra-wide ban on single-use plastic cutlery, drink stirrers and polystyrene containers.



## **Surface Festival to bring colour** to the streets

The ACT's first urban street art festival is taking place on 4-6 March.

Surface Festival will see local and interstate artists transform blank surfaces in the City into colourful urban creations. It will also feature workshops, tours and satellite events across Canberra.

## 40km/h school zones reminder

40km/h school zones are back in place with young Canberrans returning to school. Remember to slow down, stay alert and help keep them safe.

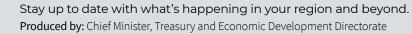












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