

File Ref: Email: Dear **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (FOI) REQUEST**

I refer to your application under section 30 of the *Freedom of Information Act 2016* (the FOI Act), received by the Education Directorate (the Directorate) on 12 August 2026, in which you sought access to:

Annual data from 2020 to 2025 providing numbers of the following:

- 1. Students with OVRA plans broken down by Years P-6, 7-10 and 11-12*
- 2. Parents with OVRA plans broken down by Years P-6, 7-10 and 11-12*
- 3. Incidents of restrictive practice broken down by Years P-6, 7-10 and 11-12*
- 4. Mutually agreed leave days, including number of students involved, broken down by Years P-6, 7-10 and 11-12*
- 5. Students suspended for 7 or more consecutive days in one term, broken down by Years P-6, 7-10 and 11-12*
- 6. Staff (FTE) in the 'attendance' section*
- 7. Family law court orders received relating to P-6 students*
- 8. P-6 students accessing HAAS*
- 9. School psychologists (head count) assigned to primary schools (incl P-6 schools, P-2, P-6 campuses of combined schools, Malkara and Cranleigh)*

I am an Information Officer appointed by the Director-General under section 18 of the FOI Act to deal with access applications made under Part 5 of the FOI Act.

In accordance with section 40 of the FOI Act, the Directorate was required to provide a decision on your access application within 30 working days of receipt, being 23 September 2026.

Decision on access

Searches were completed for relevant records and six records were identified that fall within the scope of your request.

I have included as Attachment A to this decision the schedule of relevant records. This provides a description of each record that falls within the scope of your request and the access decision for each of those records.

In summary, my decision is full access to all records with deletions applied to information that is outside of scope.

For some parts of your request, no records were located.

For point 5, the Directorate does not currently report suspension data by duration. While suspension data is held, gathering this specific data would require additional analysis to identify suspensions of a particular duration. The FOI Act provides a right of access to existing government records and does not require an agency to create a new record or undertake analysis to generate information in response to a request. Accordingly, no information is available for this part of your request.

For point 6, prior to 2022, the Attendance Team was not established as a separate cost centre. Consequently, data from 2020 to 2022 cannot be extracted from existing systems without first identifying the staff members who comprised the team during that period.

For point 7, annual data on the number of family law court orders received relating to P-6 students is not held centrally. Family law court orders are provided directly to relevant schools only or during the enrolment process.

The records released to you are provided as Attachment B to this letter.

Charges

Processing charges are not applicable for this request because the number of pages involved does not exceed the threshold of 50 set at section 104(4) of the FOI Act.

Online publishing – disclosure log

Under section 28 of the FOI Act, the Directorate maintains an online record of access applications called a disclosure log. Information about your request, my decision and records released to you in response to your access application will be published in the Directorate's disclosure log between three and 10 working days after a decision on access has been provided to you. Your personal information will not be published.

You may view the Directorate's disclosure log at www.act.gov.au/open/foi-disclosure-logs/education-foi-disclosure-logs.

Review of decision

Ombudsman review

My decision on your access request is a reviewable decision as identified in Schedule 3 of the FOI Act. You have the right to seek Ombudsman review of this outcome under section

73 of the FOI Act within 20 working days from the day my decision is provided to you, or a longer period allowed by the Ombudsman.

If you wish to request a review of my decision you may write to the Ombudsman at:

The ACT Ombudsman
GPO Box 442
CANBERRA ACT 2601

Email: actfoi@ombudsman.gov.au

ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal (ACAT) review

Under section 84 of the FOI Act, if a decision is made under section 82(1) on an Ombudsman review, you may apply to the ACAT for review of the Ombudsman decision.

Further information may be obtained from the ACAT at:

ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal
Allara House, 15 Constitution Ave
GPO Box 370
Canberra City ACT 2601

Telephone: (02) 6207 1740
<http://www.acat.act.gov.au/>

If you have any questions concerning the Directorate's processing of your request, please contact the Directorate's FOI team on 02 6205 0720 or email EducationFOI@act.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



Paula Murray
Information Officer

23 September 2026