

Our CBR

Gungahlin

February 2021

Back to school for Gungahlin's kids

Students, families and staff have a lot to look forward to this year, following a challenging 2020 full of change, resilience, and innovation.

Students at Franklin School were all smiles as they embarked on Term 1, excited for new friendships, learning and adventures.

Expansion works are continuing at Franklin School to provide an additional 450 places for students and become a full preschool to Year 6 school by 2022.

The expansion will provide important infrastructure for school students, as well as the local community, with the construction of new permanent school buildings, a new multi-purpose community hall/gymnasium, sports field, hard courts, upgrades to the landscaping and additional car parking.

→ For more on back to school, visit:
act.gov.au/our-canberra

Photograph:

Franklin School students are excited to return to school.

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Message from the Chief Minister

The ACT Government has been focused on helping those who most need it since the global pandemic began.

This includes more investment in social and public housing, to help with climate action initiatives like installing solar panels.

Our focus remains: to help those who most need it; to protect and create secure local jobs; to continue essential services and to invest in the social, environmental and economic infrastructure of the future.

Canberra's recovery continues, and we'll keep driving this in the months and years ahead.

Andrew Barr



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Back on track to school!

Planning to catch a Transport Canberra bus or light rail service to school this year? Here are some tips:

- Plan your journey using the online TC Journey Planner.
- Top up, purchase and register your MyWay card online or at one of many recharge agents across Canberra.
- Stay COVID Safe. Remember, no cash is being accepted on bus services and entry and exit is from the rear door only.
- Walking, cycling or scooting to school is a great way to stay COVID Safe. Use crossings and underpasses and don't forget your helmet!

➔ More at transport.act.gov.au

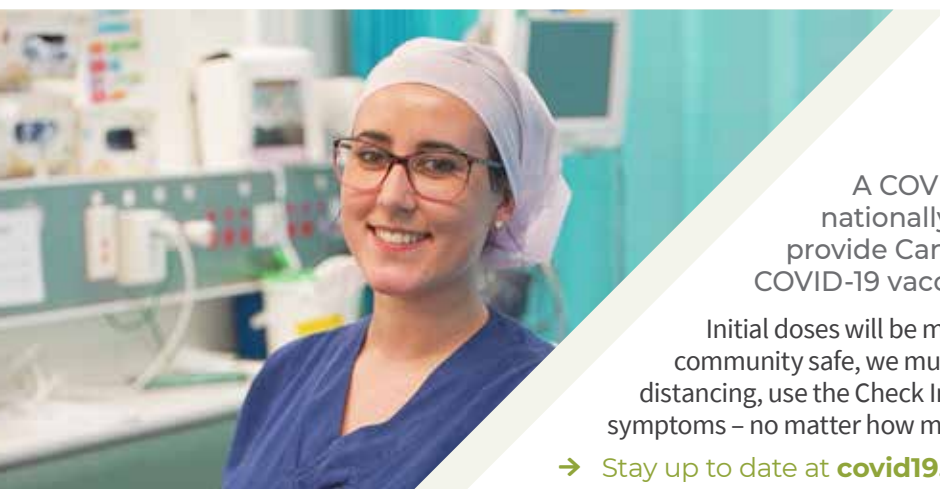


COVID-19 vaccine roll out

A COVID-19 vaccine program will be rolled out nationally in early 2021. The ACT Government will provide Canberrans access to safe and effective COVID-19 vaccines.

Initial doses will be made available to priority groups. To keep our community safe, we must continue practising good hygiene and physical distancing, use the Check In CBR app, and get tested if you have any COVID-19 symptoms – no matter how mild.

➔ Stay up to date at covid19.act.gov.au/vaccine



Free training is still available

School leavers, young people and job seekers in the ACT can now apply to a range of FREE courses available through JobTrainer.

➔ More at act.gov.au/jobtrainer



Sportsground improvements

Works are underway across the ACT to ensure community changeroom facilities are inclusive and comfortable for all to use.

Twenty sportsgrounds have already been upgraded. LED lighting is also being installed at sportsgrounds throughout Canberra, including the Amaroo 2 District Playing Fields.

➔ More at cityservices.act.gov.au/Infrastructure-Projects



FREE vaccinations for students

Year 7 students are offered two doses of the HPV vaccine and one dose of the diphtheria, tetanus and whooping cough vaccine.

Don't forget to sign and return the consent cards to your child's school.

➔ More at health.act.gov.au/adolescent-immunisation

New and expanded schools for Gungahlin region

Work is about to begin on expanding Margaret Hendry Primary School in Taylor and building two new high schools for the growing Gungahlin region.

The upgrades will create up to 2,600 places in one of Canberra's fastest-growing communities to make sure that every child has a place at a great local public school.

The new high school in Taylor located next to Margaret Hendry School will open in 2024, providing 800 permanent places and potential for up to 1,000 places for Year 7 to Year 10 students.

Construction for the new high school in East Gungahlin (Kenny) will commence soon. From 2023, the school will also have 800 permanent places for Year 7 to Year 10 students, with the ability to expand to 1,000 students.

Margaret Hendry Primary School will provide 600 additional places for students from 2023.



Creating a more sustainable Canberra

Through investments in the 2020-21 Budget we are transitioning to a cleaner future and providing Canberrans opportunities to contribute to our vision.

Zero-interest loans up to \$15,000 will be established for households and not-for-profit community organisations to invest in rooftop solar panels, household battery storage, zero emission vehicles and efficient electric appliances.

All new zero emissions vehicles purchased in the ACT from May 2021 until June 2024 will receive two-year free registration and work will commence in 2021 on delivering ACT's Big Battery.



Helping the community recover from COVID-19

Through the 2020-21 Budget the ACT Government is continuing to support businesses, industries and community members most affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

- The ChooseCBR program will receive a funding boost to drive more sales through local business.
- The Fast Track infrastructure program will continue to protect and create local jobs, whilst delivering upgraded facilities for the community.
- A Future Jobs Fund will be established that includes a grant program targeting growth industries and higher education.
- More mental health and wellbeing services will be provided to meet the additional needs of the community.
- ➔ More at act.gov.au/our-canberra/ACTbudget

Photograph: The National Dinosaur Museum participated in ChooseCBR.



NEW Facilities for Gungahlin

- Walk-in Health Centre for North Gungahlin.
- Designs funded for new Gungahlin District Tennis Centre.
- Repair of Gungahlin Leisure Centre 50-metre pool.

Enlighten Festival lights up Canberra

Canberra will shine bright with culture and creativity as the Enlighten Festival brings together the best autumn events.

Held across 17 days from 26 February, Enlighten Festival will offer in-person experiences across five hero events.

Entry to events is free, however, you will be required to register and book experiences in advance.

→ Book your Enlighten Festival experience at enlightencanberra.com



Check In CBR App



The free, fast and secure way to check in and assist with contact tracing.

→ More at covid19.act.gov.au



Enlighten Illuminations

26 February - 8 March 2021

See the Parliamentary Triangle precinct come to life after dark.

Witness thought-provoking large scale projections on some of the capital's most loved and iconic buildings, including the National Portrait Gallery, National Library of Australia, Australian Parliament House, Museum of Australian Democracy, National Gallery of Australia and Questacon.

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Symphony in the Park

7 March 2021, 6.30pm-10pm
Stage 88, Commonwealth Park

We guarantee this is not your standard symphony experience.

Back by popular demand, the Canberra Symphony Orchestra will once again be taking to the stage with ABBA to perform ABBA's greatest hits. Framed by the tree-lined landscape of the iconic Commonwealth Park, bring a picnic blanket and prepare for a night of nostalgia, great tunes and delicious eats.

Canberra Day

8 March 2021, 10am-6pm
Parliamentary Triangle

Canberra is turning 108 in 2021!

Make the most of the public holiday and start the day at the Canberra Balloon Spectacular before joining Canberra Day festivities celebrating local businesses, attractions and the community.

Canberra Balloon Spectacular

6-14 March 2021, 6.15am-10am
Patrick White Lawns

Wake up to the view of hot air balloons floating across the city during the Canberra Balloon Spectacular.

Held over nine days, the Canberra skyline will be a flurry of colour, sound and movement. Head to Patrick White Lawns to be there as pilots inflate and launch their balloons and enjoy hot drinks and breakfast as the balloons ascend into the sky. Or, for a morning to remember, experience the thrill of hot air ballooning with a balloon ride.



→ To see the full program and to register for all events, visit enlightencanberra.com



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