

## Response to question on notice

### Questions on Notice Paper No 13

**31 October 2025**

**Question No. 713**

**MS JO CLAY MLA:** To ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood

1. Which public schools, including primary, secondary and colleges, in the electorate of Ginninderra offer secondary languages for study, including (a) what languages are offered and (b) for which grades in this school.
2. What plans, policies or programs are in place to make languages more accessible for study across public schools in Ginninderra where languages are not currently offered.

**YVETTE BERRY MLA** - The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

1. The following table provides a summary of schools (primary, secondary and colleges) in the electorate of Ginninderra including (a) what languages are offered and (b) for which grades in each school.

School Name	Type	Language and years taught
Aranda Primary School	Primary School	French - 1-6
Belconnen High School	High School	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Languages - 7-10
Canberra High School	High School	Chinese - 7-10 French 7-10 Italian - 8
Evatt Primary School	Primary School	Japanese - K-6
Florey Primary School	Primary School	Chinese - K-6
Hawker College	College	Chinese - 11-12
Hawker Primary School	Primary School	French - K-6
Kingsford Smith School	High School	Chinese - 7-10
Latham Primary School	Primary School	Japanese - K-6
Macquarie Primary School	Primary School	French - 2, 5, 6
Melba Copland Secondary School	High School	French - 7, 8 Japanese - 7-10 Spanish - 7-10 Chinese - 8, 10

Melba Copland Secondary School (Senior Campus)	College	French - 11-12 Japanese - 11-12 Chinese - 11-12 Spanish- 11-12
Mount Rodgers Primary School	Primary School	Auslan – K-6
University of Canberra Senior Secondary College, Lake Ginninderra	College	Indonesian - 11-12 Japanese - 11-12 Spanish- 11-12
Weetangera Primary School	Primary School	French - K-6

2. The Education Directorate's [Curriculum and Academic Reporting Procedures for ACT Public Schools](#) requires schools to implement the Australian Curriculum Languages learning area, and:
- in years 3 to 6, provide students with a minimum of 60 minutes per week of languages education; and
  - in years 7 and 8, provide students with a minimum of 150 minutes (or one line) per week of languages education.

High schools and colleges offer language education programs as an elective subject for students in years 9-10 and 11-12. Students who wish to continue studying a language that is not offered at their local public high school or college are supported to access language education outside of their Priority Enrolment Area (PEA) where possible, as part of the Education Directorate's [Compulsory Education Student Enrolment and Attendance Policy](#) and the [ACT Public Schools Enrolment Procedure \(Kindergarten – Year 12\)](#). Language courses are recognised in the criterion for the out-of-area enrolment process, subject to school capacity. Where a place is not available, students may be able to access language learning through online or shared programs across ACT public schools.

Students wishing to study Chinese as part of their ACT Senior Secondary Certificate can study an external Chinese course through the Australian School of Contemporary Chinese, as a specialist education provider registered with the Board of Senior Secondary Studies.

Students in ACT colleges were previously able to access other selected external language courses via CIT Solutions as part of their ACT Senior Secondary Certificate. Following the recent closure of CIT Solutions, CIT has confirmed it will provide language programs for Year 12 students to complete their courses in 2026, but it will not be taking new enrolments for 2026.

At this time, there are no plans for the Education Directorate to provide a centralised senior secondary language program. However, the Directorate continues to explore ways to strengthen continuity of language education pathways across school years through the [Languages Education Action Plan \(LEAP\)](#).

**Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation into Hansard.**



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**Minister for Education and Early Childhood**

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