Welcome

Gungahlin College is a dynamic, inspiring and nurturing learning community dedicated to supporting all students to achieve their individual potential. It is a young school that has already distinguished itself in terms of outstanding student performance, student welfare and innovative teaching for the 21st Century.

We value diversity and the richness it brings to school culture. Equally, a sense of respect, tolerance and inclusivity pervades the atmosphere of the open teaching spaces, classrooms and hallways.

We place very high expectations on all of our students. All Gungahlin College students are supported and encouraged to achieve their best at all times. Each student is expected to genuinely engage in achieving their goal whether it be university entrance, vocational studies or direct entry into the workplace.

John Alston-Campbell – Principal (Acting)
Teaching and learning at Gungahlin College is diverse, student-centred and engaging. Teachers capitalise on our learning spaces to offer flexibility and to encourage collaborative and self-directed learning. Our teachers regularly and effectively practice innovative teaching techniques. We encourage our staff to experiment both with new technologies and new ideas in pedagogy. This results in vibrant and exciting learning experiences for our students.
Industry Standard Facilities

The specialist areas at Gungahlin College compliment the school’s overall design and make it one of the finest examples of Senior Secondary Education in the country. These contemporary learning environments are of the highest quality, and are designed and equipped to industry standards.
Students at Gungahlin College are offered the chance at enrolment to ‘build their own’ timetable based on other commitments in their personal lives. Our students find this flexibility useful in balancing work and other commitments in around a flexible school day.

ASBA, University extension programs and TAFE study can all be accommodated.
Personal Learning Devices

The design of Gungahlin College is based on the idea that technology is compact and mobile. Learning with technology is not confined to a 'computer room'. Gungahlin College has adopted a “Bring Your Own Device” (or BYOD) program for all students from 2016.

See our “Guide to Selecting a Personal Device” for more information.
Student Welfare

Our model of student welfare is based on the establishment and development of strong relationships with students and their families. Each teacher is responsible for a Connect group of students who meet twice a week to engage in transition programs and other welfare activities. By founding academic progress in well-being we ensure students can excel in their senior secondary studies.

Students Needing Additional Support

Beginning at enrolment we work closely with parents, feeder schools and other agencies, if relevant, to determine any additional support to meet the needs of students. Students are able to work entirely in mainstream classes or in a blend of mainstream and exclusive programs targeting specific challenges. Students with learning difficulties, physical and intellectual disabilities or mental health challenges are all able to excel with supportive and equitable modifications and adjustments to delivery and assessment.

Study Support

Gungahlin College is committed to the outstanding academic achievement of all students regardless of ability. To promote effective use of personal learning time we have set aside a substantial number of school resources to enable the establishment of a free, supervised Study Support program for all of our college students. This is available in the library across all lines of the timetable.

Time spent in Study Support can be recognised on students’ ACT Senior Secondary Certificates.
Our Uniform

The College expects all students to wear school uniform as part of an overall dress standard that ensures appropriate and safe attire for learning. We believe that a uniform reinforces a pride in a student’s appearance, instils recognition of themselves as an integral part of the school community and assists in developing pride in representing the school.
Rare and Unique Programs

Gungahlin College is proud to be able to offer the following courses as a ‘college of distinction’ under the ACT Excellence and Enterprise framework. All programs listed are either unique to Gungahlin College or available only to a very limited number of ACT Government Colleges. Most are not available in non-government schools.

- Ceramics
- Flight
- Global Studies
- Electronics & Mechatronics
- Languages – Chinese, Italian, French, German, Japanese, Hindi, Latin (proposed for 2017), Korean
- Outdoor Education
- Philosophy
- Live Production & Services
Vocational Education

Gungahlin College is a Registered Training Organisation (RTO 88208) and delivers Nationally accredited vocational courses to students. These courses are integrated into their BSSS curriculum courses and the students receive their certificates, in addition to their ACT Senior Secondary Certificate, at graduation.

As part of their studies in Vocational courses, students gain industry experience by spending time in the workforce through specific industry placements. In addition, students are able to undertake ASBA's with Gungahlin College being the training organisation.

The vocational qualifications that are delivered at Gungahlin College are:

- BSB10115 - Certificate I in Business
- BSB20115 - Certificate II in Business
- BSB30115 - Certificate III in Business
- CHC20112 - Certificate II in Community Services
- CUA20213 - Certificate II in Live Production and Services
- CUA20215 Certificate II in Creative Industries
- CUA30413 Certificate III in Live Production and Services
- ICT10115 - Certificate I in Information, Digital Media and Technology
- ICT20115 - Certificate II in Information, Digital Media and Technology
- LMT21707 - Certificate II in Applied Fashion Design and Technology
- MSF10113 - Certificate I in Furnishing
- SIS10115 - Certificate I in Sport and Recreation
- SIS20313 - Certificate II in Sport and Recreation
- SIS30515 - Certificate III in Sport and Recreation
- SIT10216 - Certificate I in Hospitality
- SIT20116 - Certificate II in Tourism
- SIT20216 - Certificate II in Hospitality
- SIT20316 - Certificate II in Kitchen Operations
Year 10 SMART Program

The Year 10 SMART selective program is open to all students in the ACT. It is designed for students who show interest and aptitude or potential in Science, Mathematics and Related Technologies and who are prepared and keen to develop effective and responsible learning skills in preparation for Years 11 and 12, post-secondary studies and other post-school options.

The enrolment intake for the program includes selected Year 10 students. These selected students will have the opportunity to optimise the benefits of attending Gungahlin College by participating in a comprehensive preparation program and commencing some Year 11 subjects while in Year 10.

For more information please visit the SMART Program page on our website.

Gungahlin College Selective (GCS)

Gungahlin College Selective Program is a support program for exceptional academic and high-achieving students aiming for the highest of ATAR. Entry is by application.

The GCS program will be staffed by teachers trained to work specifically with gifted and talented students and enables our staff to better meet the specific needs of high-performing students and to promote high academic expectations.

GCS students will be placed in Connect groups of like-minded students with similar academic ambition including graduates from the Year 10 SMART Program. Students will be guided through academic achievement to leadership and community projects. The richness of their educational experience will place GCS students in good stead for university scholarships upon graduation.
Talented Sports Program

Our Sports Development (A) course adds flexibility to any student study package to allow sporting goals to be met alongside outstanding academic achievement.

ANU Secondary College & University of Canberra’s Accelerate Program

Our students have access to the extension courses offered at the ANU and through the University of Canberra’s Accelerate Program (UCAP).

Business Entrepreneurs Group

This is a dynamic learning opportunity for all students interested in the fields of economics, business, retail and accounting.

Science Honours Program

Gungahlin College Science Faculty caters for students who have the ability, interest and talent in Science by offering an Honours Program in Science. Throughout the year, students attend lectures by eminent speakers and participate in enriching and extending learning opportunities.

Information Technology: Young ICT Explorers and STEM Games Challenge

Gungahlin College enters student projects in a range of competitions and events including the Young ICT Explorers and STEM Games Challenge.

Performing Arts Immersion - Musical and Stage Performance (C)

Our professional theatre and performance program gives students the unique experience of working holistically in music, dance and drama.

Artpreneurs

The unit Contemporary Art Practice focusses on developing students to be Artpreneurs. Artpreneurs is a group of students and teachers that are passionate about connecting with the local Arts and wider community to make and market creative work for sale.
Co-curricular Activities

Gungahlin College offers students a range of activities and experiences which enables them to acquire skills and access opportunities to supplement their regular academic curriculum at the school.
Student Leadership

All Gungahlin College students have the opportunity to become actively involved in our school community through a range of leadership roles. These roles create the important ‘student voice’ that creates our positive school culture. All leadership groups are supervised by a teacher, meet regularly with the College Principal and Associate Principals and participate in school and community projects.
Enrolment for Year 11

All ACT College enrolments for Year 11 are to be completed online. The online enrolment form along with other important information is available on the ACT Education and Training Directorate Website. Students that live in Gungahlin, and follow the schedule of enrolment dates for the year, will have priority access to enrolment places at our College.

Students who live in another part of Canberra or NSW are also welcome to enrol at Gungahlin College, however a place cannot be guaranteed. Families should be aware that it is ACT policy that students enrolling from outside our Priority Enrolment Area should provide a valid reason and complete the enrolment online by the due date. Valid reasons are typically framed around curriculum offered at our College.

All enrolling students should be aware that demand for places at our College may exceed the number of places available and late enrolments may not be accepted. Please contact us on 02 6142 1000 or visit the Gungahlin College Website if you need more information on enrolling at our college.

Parents are strongly encouraged to participate actively throughout all stages of the enrolment process.

Enrolment for International Private Students (IPS)

Gungahlin College promotes academic excellence and provides cultural enrichment and quality care specifically designed to meet the needs of International Fee-paying Students. Those who wish to enrol as International Fee-paying students at our school must contact the International Education Unit (IEU) of the ACT Directorate of Education and Training first on + 61 2 6205 9176 before commencing our College enrolment process.
Voluntary Contributions

Our college offers a diverse and relevant curriculum to all students. The School Board requests parents to pay a one off $90 Enrolment payment and Voluntary Parental Contribution of $170 per year, which will go towards purchasing resources which enhance learning for all students. In addition to this contribution, costs for materials/activities exist in some courses. These courses usually have consumables or use equipment which are expensive to maintain and replace. A full list of all course costs is provided to students when they are offered a place at the college and is always available from our front office.
Our Courses

All courses are offered subject to demand.

Accounting (A/T)
Behavioural Science (A/T) (combination of Psychology and Sociology)
Biology (T)
Business Administration (A/V)
Business (A/T)
Chemistry (T)
Chinese:
• Beginning (A/T)
• Continuing (A/T)
• Advanced (T)
Commerce (T) (combination of Business, Accounting or Economics Courses)
Dance (A/T)
Design and Graphics (A/T)
Design and Technology (A/T)
Drama (A/T)
Earth and Environmental Science (T)
Economics (T)
Electronics and Mechatronics (T)
English:
• Essential English (A)
• English (T)
• Literature (T)
• English as a Second Language (A/T)
Exercise Science (T)
Flight (A/T)
Food for Life (A)
Food Science and Management (T)
French:
• Beginning (A/T)
• Continuing (T)
• Advanced (T)
Furniture Construction (A/V)
German:
• Beginning (A/T)
• Continuing (T)
• Advanced (T)
Global Studies (A/T)
History:
• Ancient History (A/T)
• Medieval History (A/T)
• Modern History (A/T)
Hospitality (A/V)
Information Technology (A/T/V)
Italian:
• Beginning (A/T)
• Continuing (T)
• Advanced (T)
Japanese:
• Beginning (A/T)
• Continuing (T)
• Advanced (T)
Korean:
• Beginning (A/T)
• Continuing (A/T)
Advanced (T)  
Latin (T) – proposed for 2017  
Hindi (T) - proposed for 2017  
Legal Studies (A/T)  
Live Production and Services (C)  

Mathematics:  
• Essential Mathematics (A)  
• Mathematical Applications (T)  
• Mathematical Methods (T)  
• Specialist Methods (T)  
• Specialist Mathematics (T) (double major)  

Media (A/T)  
Metal Technology (A)  
Music (A/T)  
Musical and Stage Performance (C)  
Outdoor Education (A/T)  
Philosophy (T)  
Photography (A/T)  
Physical Education (A)  
Physics (T)  
Psychology (A/T)  
Retail (A)  
Senior Science (A/T) – T is proposed for 2017  
Social and Community Work (A/V)  
Sociology (A/T)  
Sports Development (A) (as part of the Talented Sports Program)  
Sport, Fitness and Administration (A/V)  
Sports Science (T) (combination of Exercise Science and Sports Studies)  
Sports Studies (T)  
Textiles and Fashion (A/T/V)  
Tourism and Event Management (A/V)  

Visual Arts:  
• Ceramics (A/T)  
• Visual Art (A/T)
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