



DICKSON COLLEGE
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STUDENT SERVICES

All enquiries regarding course packages, absences, compensation and assistance on a personal and academic level should be directed to members of staff in the Student Services Team. Administrative staff in Student Services can organise appointments for students and parents/carers.

Student Support offered at Dickson College

Student Welfare Executive

- Looks after the personal health and well being of students particularly in relation to attendance and assessment at college

Counselling Service

- Professional counsellor available regarding problems which may affect any aspect of college life

Assessment and Certification Executive

- Offers advice on course choices and students packages

Student Welfare Year Coordinators

- Assist students on both a personal and academic level

Student Representative Council or SRC

- Nominated group of students presenting views of and protecting the rights of the student body

Student Information

- Vital information is given in MAPS, placed in daily notices on the college computers and Dickson College website. This information is also accessible via CLC. Parental emails and mobile numbers are used for messages/information direct from Student Services

MAPS Groups

- Weekly support program focussing on transition and pathways planning

MAPS/Student Pathways planning at Dickson College

Classes are compulsory, and are held once a week on Mondays. Our MAPS classes are organised by student and teacher interests areas, such as weight lifting or jewellery making. The aim of MAPS (My Attitude to Planning for Success) is to:

- Provide a learning environment where students can work on their pathways planning and successful transition to college
- Provide strong pastoral care by developing sustained relationships with teachers and students
- Provide a forum for discussion of social issues
- Provide an opportunity for community service or “giving back”
- Build on and explore students’ unique set of needs and capabilities through identifying personal strengths, interests and goals
- For Year 12 Tertiary students it provides the vehicle for the delivery of the training program for the AST

Student Pathways plans may include résumés, examples of work, thoughts and reflections, and/or links to useful websites.

Courses and extra curricular activities

By logging on to www.dicksonc.act.edu.au you can download all the available courses and units offered at Dickson College. Units are 1 semester in length and may be in the form of:

- Tertiary (T) – units prepare students for higher education courses including university entrance
- Accredited (A) – units prepare students for study at institutes of technology and the workforce
- Vocational (V) – units provide credit towards further study or training within an industry
- Certificate (C) – the units are delivered by RTOs
- Registered (R) - extra curricular activities including social, artistic, sporting or personal development, including MAPS

For full unit descriptions and information about gaining a major or minor in subject areas see www.dicksonc.act.edu.au/handbook.pdf

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Courses may be studied in these patterns:

- **Minor** 2 – 3 units completed of a particular course
- **Major** 3.5 – 5 units completed of a particular course
- **Major/Minor** 5.5 – 6.5 units completed of a particular course
- **Double Major** 7 – 8 units completed of a particular course

Certificates issued at the end of Year 12:

Year 12 Certificate

- A minimum of 17 standard units. This package must contain a minimum of three A, T, M, H, C or E courses from different course areas. A maximum of one C or E course can be used as one of these courses.



For more information contact:

Sara Morgans, Executive Teacher

Tertiary Entrance Statement (TES) -

- 20 standard units which must include at least 18 standard A, C, E, T, M, H units of which at least the equivalent of 12.5 standard units must be T or H.

The units must be arranged into courses to form at least the following patterns:

- four majors and one minor or
- three majors and three minors with a maximum of one C or E course

Of these major and minor courses:

- at least three major courses and one minor course must have been classified T or H

- Includes the AST (aptitude test consisting of multiple choice, writing task and short answer responses)
- Students receive an ATAR – derived from course scores from college and AST results

Vocational Certificate

Statement of Attainment – Certificate 1, 11, 111 & 1V (part of the nationally recognised Australian Qualifications Framework, and are associated with industry-based Training Packages)

Examples of extra curricular activities offered at Dickson College:

- 3 day skiing/snowboard trip to Thredbo
- Overnight faculty based excursions to Melbourne and Sydney
- Drama productions both at College (Anthill Theatre) and LPAC at Lyneham High School
- ANU & UC course offerings
- Jazz band, rock bands
- Student Representative Council (SRC)
- Overseas excursions (Japan, China, USA, Europe)
- Sporting teams, inter-college carnivals
- Inter-school visit with Rosny College in Hobart – alternate visits yearly
- Active volunteering
- Debating – Inter-college debates.

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