



Enrolment fees and program delivery

Canberra Academy of Languages

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For the Canberra Academy of Languages, student enrolment fees, which are the sole source of our operating funds, are based on delivery of a semester unit, not per lesson. At the time of writing, CAL enrolment fees are set at \$500 per term, invoiced each semester. Fees ensure we can deliver programs and meet our operational costs as required in our role as a Specialist Education Provider with BSSS.

Our main operational costs are teacher salaries. In setting salaries, we take into account teachers' responsibilities for all aspects of the process in meeting these requirements, including finalising assessment and data entry at the end of each semester, reporting, and providing the documentation required by BSSS for moderation.

Either a family or a school may be the sponsor for a student place in a CAL program. School sponsorship is suggested when students reduce their workload by one line to undertake a language externally. Family-sponsorship is suggested when students undertake a course as an external line additional to their full-time day program.

For students to receive unit credits, BSSS requires 55 hours in the delivered program for each semester unit. We ensure that we comfortably meet this requirement. Our delivered program typically equates to at least 60 hours.

As a Specialist Education Provider, we also follow BSSS schedules. BSSS requires us, along with secondary colleges and non-government schools with Year 11-12 students, to complete entry of data on the ACT Certification System (ACS), including marks for assessment tasks, in time to finalise end of semester moderation processes. For this reason, in the ACT college system unlike the high schools, teaching programs for Semester 1 including assessment tasks are generally concluded in Week 17. In Week 18, work is generally returned to students.

In Semester 2, partly because of the ranking process for calculation of the ATAR for ACT and NSW Year 12 cohorts, and also because of the time required for small group moderation within the ACT, our CAL schedule provides for the final assessment task to take place in Week 15). This will enable us to complete marking of assessment tasks and internal moderation of scores during Week 16 and we will be able to deliver the small group moderation portfolios to BSSS as required at the start of Week 17. While this sounds early for the end of year process, we commence Semester 2 one week earlier than Semester 1, so we have 64 programmed hours for Semester 2, which again is comfortably above the requirement.

Information about the CAL schedule of events and our teaching calendar is available on our Events page, CAL website, at <https://cal.act.edu.au/events.htm>. Details include the commencement week and final week for classes, as well as the weeks in which assessment tasks are scheduled.