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Glossary of Terms

ACARA	Australian Curriculum Assessment Reporting Authority
ACER	Australian Council of Educational Research
ACSSO	Australian Council of State School Organisations
AEU	Australian Education Union (teachers)
ANTA	Australian National Training Authority
AST	Australian Scaling Test
BSSS	Board of Senior Secondary Studies (responsible for the accreditation and certification of Years 11 and 12 courses)
CIT	Canberra Institute of Technology
Clusters	Groups of schools in the same geographical area comprising one college with its feeder primary and high schools
CPS	Canberra Preschool Society
COAG	Council of Australian Governments
Curriculum Profiles	Profiles developed in 1990s, describing the progression of learning typically achieved by students in each of the Key Learning Areas during their compulsory years of schooling; they provide a basis for reporting each student's progress against particular learning outcomes.
DET	Department of Education and Training (ACT)
DEEWR	Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations
EBA	Enrolment Benchmark Adjustment OR Enterprise Bargaining Agreement (depending on the context)
EDNA	Education Network Australia (website)
ELA	Essential Learning Achievement (ACT Curriculum)
ESL	English as a Second Language
GSEC	Government Schools Education Council
IECB	Indigenous Education Consultative Body
KLA	Key Learning Area - these are the Arts, English, Health & Physical Education, Languages other than English, Mathematics, Science, Studies of Society & Environment, Technology
LOTE	Languages other than English
MCEETYA	Ministerial Council on Education, Employment, Training and Youth Affairs (Commonwealth and state ministers)
NAPLAN	National Assessment Plan—Literacy and Numeracy
OSHC	Outside School Hours Care
PIPS	Performance Indicators in Primary Schools
SBM	School Based Management
SRC	Student Representative Council
School Review and Development	An examination by the school community of the key aspects of its operations and its educational outcomes for the purpose of school improvement and future planning
UAI	University Admissions Index (formerly Tertiary Entrance Score)
VETA	Vocational Education & Training Authority (abolished 2007)