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A GUIDE FOR FAMILIES, CARERS AND THE COMMUNITY

about Bimberi



Bimberi is the ACT's new youth justice centre based in Canberra for young people aged up to 18 years.

The centre is managed by the ACT Government through the Department of Disability, Housing and Community Services.

The purpose-built centre is designed in the style of a secondary school campus and can accommodate up to 40 young people.

Bimberi operates under the *Children & Young People Act 2008* and is the first youth justice facility in Australia to comply with human rights legislation. Bimberi staff work with government agencies and community organisations providing education, training, healthcare and recreation to address the needs of young people.

Young people will come to Bimberi under orders made in the ACT courts or through police remand. The length of stay will vary according to decisions made by the court.

Bimberi's key objective is to assist sentenced young people to understand, address and take responsibility for their offending or risk taking behaviours. Additionally we work with young people to give them the skills to help them successfully transition back into the community.

For young people on remand, our role is to provide a safe and secure environment until the court makes a determination.

Bimberi will provide a safe environment and opportunities for lasting change.



what happens day to day at Bimberi?

A young person's day is highly structured.

Daily activities and programs are built around their individual needs.

A case management plan is developed with the young person, youth workers and key people involved in the young person's life. It includes health, educational and/or vocational needs.

While at Bimberi, young people are required to participate in all daily activities. They can continue their education or vocational training, focusing on literacy and numeracy.

The young people's day will also involve programs and activities that focus on learning new skills, identifying and working with their strengths, understanding risk taking behaviours and ways to make more positive choices.

Programs may include personal development and practical life skills such as nutrition, drugs and alcohol, job search, renting, budgeting, cooking etc.

Some residents can also participate in skills based programs that will assist them with employment opportunities or continue studies at CIT once they leave Bimberi.

Access to recreation is an important part of a day at Bimberi. The centre has a range of recreational facilities and sports grounds.

All clothing and personal items are provided. A young person's own clothes and possessions will be stored during their stay.



visiting and communicating



Parents, caregivers and significant people are encouraged to remain a central part of a young person's life.

Visits are allowed—subject to prior approval and booking.

Contact **6207 0600** for information about visitor approval, times and conditions. With prior arrangement, young people can make, and receive phone calls. They can also send and receive mail.

More information about visiting times and requirements is at www.bimberi.act.gov.au



any concerns?

If young people feel they have been unfairly treated they can discuss their concerns with their youth worker, case manager, unit manager or the official visitor.

more information

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