### City of Merri-bek

#### Education institution attending

The share of Coburg North's population attending educational institutions reflects the age structure of the population, as it is influenced by the number of children attending school; proximity to tertiary education, which can mean young adults leaving home to be nearer to educational facilities and; the degree to which people are seeking out educational opportunities in adulthood, especially in their late teens and early twenties.

This data is often combined with [Age Structure](service-age-groups?[QS]) to identify areas with significant university student populations.

[Learn more about planning education provision here.](https://blog.id.com.au/2016/location-analysis/education/planning-education-provision-in-a-rapidly-changing-australia/)

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| **Education institution attending** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Coburg North - Total persons (Usual residence)** | **2021** |  |  | **2016** |  |  | **Change** |
| **Type of institution** | **Number** | **%** | **City of Merri-bek %** | **Number** | **%** | **City of Merri-bek %** | **2016 to 2021** |
| Pre-school | 218 | 2.6 | 2.1 | 142 | 1.9 | 1.5 | +76 |
| Primary school | 625 | 7.5 | 6.6 | 458 | 6.1 | 6.5 | +167 |
| Primary - Government | 401 | 4.8 | 4.2 | 293 | 3.9 | 3.9 | +107 |
| Primary - Catholic | 164 | 2.0 | 1.6 | 139 | 1.9 | 1.8 | +24 |
| Primary - Independent | 60 | 0.7 | 0.8 | 24 | 0.3 | 0.7 | +35 |
| Secondary school | 451 | 5.4 | 4.8 | 353 | 4.7 | 4.4 | +97 |
| Secondary - Government | 283 | 3.4 | 2.9 | 180 | 2.4 | 2.6 | +102 |
| Secondary - Catholic | 136 | 1.6 | 1.2 | 130 | 1.7 | 1.2 | +6 |
| Secondary - Independent | 32 | 0.4 | 0.8 | 42 | 0.6 | 0.7 | -11 |
| TAFE/Vocational | 231 | 2.8 | 2.8 | 139 | 1.8 | 1.7 | +92 |
| University | 491 | 5.9 | 7.5 | 539 | 7.1 | 8.2 | -49 |
| Other | 80 | 1.0 | 1.1 | 88 | 1.2 | 1.1 | -8 |
| Not attending | 5,793 | 69.5 | 70.7 | 5,254 | 69.6 | 69.8 | +539 |
| Not stated | 451 | 5.4 | 4.4 | 571 | 7.6 | 6.6 | -121 |
| **Total** | **8,340** | **100.0** | **100.0** | **7,547** | **100.0** | **100.0** | **+793** |

Analysis of the share of the population attending educational institutions in Coburg North in 2021 compared to the City of Merri-bek shows that there was a higher proportion attending primary school, a higher proportion attending secondary school, and a lower proportion engaged in tertiary level education.

Overall, 7.5% of the population were attending primary school, 5.4% of the population were attending secondary institutions, and 8.7% were learning at a tertiary level, compared with 6.6%, 4.8% and 10.3% respectively for the City of Merri-bek.

The major differences between the share of the population attending learning institutions in Coburg North and the City of Merri-bek were:

* A *smaller* percentage of persons attending University (5.9% compared to 7.5%)
* A *smaller* percentage of persons not attending (69.5% compared to 70.7%)

From 2016 to 2021, Coburg North's population increased by 799 people (+10.6%). This represents an average annual change of 2.03% per year over the period.

The largest changes in the number of persons attending education institutions in Coburg North, between 2016 and 2021 were in those who nominated:

* Primary school (+167 persons)
* Primary - Government (+107 persons)
* Secondary - Government (+102 persons)
* Secondary school (+97 persons)