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Current Spatial Exploration of Shifting Education Populations in Zoned Adelaide Metropolitan Secondary Schools

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The Department of Education and Children's Services (DECS) in South Australia provides secondary education via a series of administrative education districts. Embedded within National and State management systems is a highly effective Education Census. Following a research partnership between DECS, Adelaide University and the University of South Australia a monograph of Zoned Adelaide Secondary School populations in 2006 is being undertaken. The 2006 Education Census Monograph is an essential tool for the observation and analysis of demographic variation and trends in school populations. Clearly discernable patterns between and within education districts and at the finer scale of school zones in metropolitan Adelaide reveal new perspectives upon the variegated human terrain necessary for current and future policy and planning. This presentation explores secondary school student populations traversing education territories or administrative areas in relation to social and location based aspects of developing education markets.