

The Lanyon High School community works together for:

Respectful relationships (R)

A safe environment (E)

High achievement (A)

Quality learning (L)

and a 'REAL' education for a 'REAL' future.



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

From the Principal

Welcome to Term 2 at Lanyon High School. After the two-week break students and staff commenced classes, refreshed for the term ahead.

Great News!!!!

As I promised earlier this year, Lanyon High will be introducing SMS/email messaging to keep you informed of your student's un-notified absence. Our aim is to keep your child safe. It will involve a change in procedures though. Parents will be required to notify the school of a student absence before or on the day of an absence and then the usual follow through of a note/email. Please read the information attached to this newsletter and return the form as soon as is humanly possible!!! I have had this in place at a previous school and it was a resounding success. Of course you can opt out if you wish.

Testing

National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)

On 13-15 May all students in years 7 and 9 will sit the NAPLAN tests. These tests will assess student achievement in literacy and numeracy and the results will be analysed to inform school planning. Individual reports on your child's achievement in the assessment program will be issued to all parents at the end of term 3.

So that parents, students and school staff can work with an accurate assessment of child achievement, it is important that all our students endeavour to do their best in the NAPLAN tests. They need to come to school equipped with pencils, erasers, pencil sharpener and a scientific calculator. Let's give them a good start to the day; it is recommended that students have a nutritious breakfast and morning tea on each testing day and bring bottled water to stay hydrated during test sessions. As the tests will be held during morning sessions it is essential that students are at school on time. Students who are absent for any reason will be given the opportunity to complete missing assessment items by the end of week 3 (16 May 2008).

Students with Gifts and Talents

We recognise that all our students have gifts and talents and last term we introduced focus classes in the junior school designed to challenge and extend identified students in special interest programs. It continues. The areas of focus for this term are 3D art, science, mathematics and IT.

Term 1 Reports and Parent Teacher Night

At the end of term 1, interim reports were posted home. These reports were printed in a new format which included a grade indicator to signpost your child's current level of achievement in each course. Final grades for each course will be issued at the end of term 2.

Parents were provided with the opportunity to meet their child's teachers at a parent/teacher interview night during week 10. If you were unable to attend the interview evening and need to speak to one of your child's teachers please contact the school to arrange an appointment. Thank you for coming to parent/teacher interview; there was record attendance, the best in years!! We are constantly seeking to improve our practice so if you have any feedback or suggestions about the interim reports please email the school.

Recognising Academic Excellence

In response to parent feedback and as a recommendation from external validation, we have introduced an additional award to recognise academic excellence at our end of the year presentation evening. Students who achieve nine or more A grades for subjects completed in both semesters will be presented with an Academic Distinction Award. For students in years 9 & 10, this award will attract three graduation points.

Lunchtime Activities

Students are able to take advantage of activities that are offered by teachers during lunch time. Term 2 activities for juniors include craft, art, guitar and volleyball. Seniors will be able to participate in music. Teachers will be advertising these activities through the daily notices over the next two weeks and as placements are limited, students will need to enrol as soon as possible. Parents will be notified of any costs for these optional activities via a letter home.

Year 5/6 Transition

During this week our three local primary schools have been at Lanyon High experiencing the exciting world of high school. These children had a go at rock climbing, cooking, science, and art. I must say, the year 7 classes of 2008 promise to be an exceptional group filled with polite, enthusiastic and attentive listeners!

Staffing

Staff changes have been minimal this term. We would like to give a big welcome to David Dass, our new staff member in the Gold Curriculum Bank (Maths/Science/PE). He has taken all of Matthew Hutton's classes including his home group Gold8A. Some staff changes have occurred with classes, but again these are minimal.

Facilities

There has been considerable maintenance and refurbishment work carried out at the school during the break. The school received a much needed face lift with the whole of the exterior being painted. A new cement path was installed in front of the transportable building leading to the basketball courts making it much more accessible during the winter months when it is usually wet and muddy. The chaplains room received new carpet and the entire computer network. Thanks to the continued support of our community by reporting any concerns to the authorities and a superb police presence under the watchful eye of Sergeant Giles, there was no vandalism during the holiday break!!

Some Reminders

To assist the school in its role of looking after all students, we do request that:

- * families inform the school via written note or telephone call (62057676) regarding child absences and other information that may assist the school to provide a safe environment and a challenging yet enjoyable learning platform;
- * all students arrive punctually for school by 9.00am;
- * all students wear appropriate colour code to school and change into PE gear for PE classes;
- * all students bring to school the necessary materials to use in classes every day; and
- * parents inform the school if any contact details eg addresses, telephone numbers, have changed.

Many students will be able to take full responsibility for these matters while others may need some assistance from family to ensure they attend school in a prepared manner.

School colour code consists of a white polo shirt, a navy jumper/jacket and blue denim pants or skirt, and closed in shoes. All clothing items need to be clean and in good repair and tops should be long enough to adequately cover the top of pants or skirts. School colour code warm tops – hoodies and jackets are available at reasonable prices and can be ordered from the front office.

The staff and I look forward to working with you again this term. Please feel free to contact me at the school about any matter regarding your child and the programs we offer at Lanyon.

Regards



Jeanine Catton

Data Required For SMS/Email Absences Program

Dear Parent/Guardian,

At Lanyon High we are constantly striving to provide a safe environment for our students. Later this year, the school will be implementing a new program to support our record keeping of student attendance. Our good news is that the school will be introducing an SMS/Email program that allows us to notify parents/guardians of their student's unexplained absences each morning.

This SMS system notifies parents/guardians of student absences more quickly than the current system and will help us work with parents to manage student attendance more effectively. An SMS message together with an email will be sent to the mobile phone number or email address provided by the parent/guardian when the student is recorded as absent in the morning. If you do not wish to receive notifications from the school, please advise us by e-mail or by writing a note on the return slip below.

To ensure the successful implementation of this program, we need to ensure we have **up-to-date contact details for all students**, including:

- student's name**
- contact person's name**
- *mobile phone contact number (most essential)***
- email address (preferably an e-mail address that is accessed daily)**

This will allow us to send information to you regarding your student's absences. In addition, these contacts may be used for other school notification, e.g. Parent-Teacher Evening reminders or special events/excursions.

Please forward the required details to the email address below or by completing the slip below and returning it to the **Front Office as soon as possible or at the latest by Friday 16th May.**

Email address: smsdetails@lanyonhs.act.edu.au

Lanyon High is hoping to have this system implemented later in term 2 and your assistance in providing the most accurate contact information is appreciated.

Should you have any queries regarding this new system, please don't hesitate to contact Johanna Davies or Ben Davies on 6205 7676

Jeanine Catton
Principal

Please detach and return to the Front Office by Friday 16th May

Required Information:

Student's Name:

Contact Name:

Contact's Mobile Phone for SMS:

Contact's E-mail Address:

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Signature.....

School Winter Tops – Order Form

All students at Lanyon High School are required to wear appropriate colour code to school. This consists of a plain white top with sleeves, navy blue pants, jeans, shorts or skirt and a navy blue jumper. We will be placing an order at the end of **Week 2**, term 2. Jumpers should be delivered back to school within two weeks of ordering.

Students may choose from two different jumpers. Fitting times are in the welfare area between 8.30 and 9.00am each day. Details of styles and costs are listed below:

Name: _____ Home Group: _____

Winter Jumper Style	Price	Size Ordered
(Girls) Navy zip up hooded fleece top with white shoulder panels (DNC 5425 L-S)	\$37.50	8/ 10/ 12/ 16/18/20
(Boys) Navy zip up hooded fleece top with white shoulder panels (DNC 5421 L-S)	\$37.50	S/ M/ L/ XL
(unisex) Navy zip up fleece top with white sleeve stripes (DNC 5411)	\$34.00	S/ M/ L/ XL
Ledge code: 8059-000-00		

Please enclose payment with your order. All orders need to be made through the front office.

Payment Details

Cheque Cash Telephone Mail

Please debit my Mastercard Visa

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