



## Lanyon High School

### Newsletter December 2017

#### Dates to Remember

Friday 15 December	Last day of school
Monday 29 January to Friday 2 February	Front Office open 9am-3pm
Monday 5 February	New students start 9am
Tuesday 6 February	All students return 9am

As we come to the end of another year it's worth reflecting on the progress and achievements of our school. I was particularly proud to be able to present year 10 certificates to our graduating class in 2017. In the address I gave to the year 10 students I asked them to consider not just their choices of study or career but also to take the time to consider what type of person that they wanted to be – honest, hardworking, patient, resilient, optimistic? I wish those students all the best for the future studies and endeavours. I also encourage them to let us know about their progress in the years to come.

As the end of year academic reports arrive in the mail I encourage you to discuss your child's progress in terms of their learning, but also in terms of their personal development. Academic progress and engagement with learning helps students to have a wide range of choices for their future. Their personal qualities are also very important and as a school we value those qualities as much as academic achievement.

It is with mixed emotions that we bid farewell to Ed Cuthbertson. Ed has won a Deputy Principal position at Amaroo school – a well-deserved promotion. His contributions to Lanyon High School over the last 17 years have been considerable. I've heard from current students and parents, as well as ex-students, about the positive impact he has had on their lives. His positive attitude and commitment to quality teaching will be missed across our community. All the best Ed!

I'd like to thank all our staff for their hard work and efforts this year. In the short time I've been at Lanyon High School their commitment to our students and the community is obvious to me. In particular I'd like to acknowledge Julie Collins, the Deputy Principal, for her continued support of both me and every member of Lanyon High School. I feel very proud to be able to lead this community and look forward to 2018 and the opportunities it will bring.

Wishing you a safe and restful summer break.

Barbara Monsma  
Principal

## **Year 7 Report**

WOW! What a year! This time 12 months ago, your children were transitioning into year 7 at Lanyon high school. Since then we have had many reasons to celebrate. I would like to take this time to do a quick recap.

Our first major event of the year was of course the first day. As you can probably remember there were a lot of little nervous faces, full of expectations and excitement. Since then we have had our camp at Longbeach where we formed new relationships and solidified some old ones.

We have also had the chance to celebrate our academic effort and achievements through year group assemblies and these celebrations culminated in the JET excursions to Limelight Cinemas and the Tuggeranong Park and more recently, Jamberoo Waterpark. I was very privileged to be able to recognise students' achievements at the presentation night recently and would like to take this opportunity to congratulate them once again. Keep on striving for the very best.

I would like to thank you all for a productive year and wish you all a happy and safe christmas. See you in 2018.

Kelly-Anne Guy

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## **Year 8 Report**

Dear parents/carers,

Year 8 have had another successful year. It's been great to see how engaged and involved they have been in their school community and education over the course of the 2017. I hope they all enjoy a well-earned break and come back prepared for senior years. They have two more years of high school and a lot of exciting and challenging times ahead. I wish you and your children all the best over the break and look forward to seeing and working with you next year.

Matthew Sandeman

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## Year 9 Report

Hi all, firstly I'd like to thank all of the parents for their ongoing support to Lanyon High this year. My highlights for our cohort this year include:

- MP Gai Brodtmann sharing the success of our Giving Projects on her social media platforms
- Huge academic growth, evident in our cohorts NAPLAN results
- Outdoor Education trips to Tathra, Wee Jasper, Perisher and Nelligen
- Presentation Night
- Students succeeding at Work Experience

With the students moving into Year 10, there will be many opportunities for them to enrich their schooling experience. Please let me know if you do not receive the emails from myself as they contain relevant information about various opportunities and activities.

Finally, have a happy and safe break. It's been a pleasure working with the students and I look forward to their final year in high school.

TeeganWilliamson

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- 👉 Demonstrate a commitment to education with regular school attendance and arriving at school on time

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A scholarship to help pay for school uniforms, shoes, text books, excursions etc.

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Access to programs to help improve reading, numeracy, computer and finance skills. As well as mentor programs providing older students with guidance around study options and post-school career paths.

✓ **Other Support**

A local Family Partnerships Coordinator to link families into other learning opportunities in their community.

**Speak to Mrs Davies in Student Services for more information**

[www.thesmithfamily.com.au](http://www.thesmithfamily.com.au)

## Leadership Excursion to the National Press Club

On the 28th of November four students were lucky enough to be able to attend The National Press Club where Magda Szubanski, internationally acclaimed actor, comedian and activist was giving a talk. She was speaking on what it's like to be a guinea pig in a social experiment, referring to the national plebiscite on same-sex marriage. She outlined the severe effects, consequences and also the joys and the challenges faced by the LGBT+ community during this time. Throughout the duration of her talk there was lots of laughter, tears and a few Irish jigs.



Several moments which stood out to me were when she begged the audience, the government and anyone listening to not go through this process ever again, so terrifying and damaging the experience had been for her. Lastly, her mention of Anna Karenina of how the two lovers only wanted some help to achieve their love, she teared up as she asked and thanked everyone for their help, for their support.

Ky Jones and I, both in year 10 and Tobie Atherden and Charley Reed from year 9 all enjoyed this experience immensely. It was a profound and engaging experience. Only made better by the promise of an Irish jig from Magda if the same-sex marriage bill passed through the senate that very day. The timing could not have been better, Magda Szubanski speaking on LGBT+ rights the day same-sex marriage was making its first steps to being legal. After a lot of anxious waiting and listening. Finally the results were released in the positive and the crowd erupted into joyful cheers. Magda herself was crying at this momentous occasion. Thus an actual Irish jig, prior to her last one was performed to a cheering audience. It is an experience I will never forget and I am extremely grateful to have been given this opportunity.

Claire Henry - yr 10

## Changes to enrolment procedures for NSW students

The ACT Government has an agreement with the NSW Government to provide services to NSW residents from the surrounding ACT region. Each year, around 1,800 NSW students cross the border to attend one of Canberra's Public Schools.

Due to expected growth in the surrounding ACT region, the ACT Government, in conjunction with the NSW Government, has modified the procedures for NSW enrolments.

From now on, NSW resident families who are seeking enrolment at a Canberra Public School will be offered a place in one of the selected pathway schools. NSW resident students will only be accepted at one of these northside or southside pathway schools.

This does not immediately affect the enrolment of any NSW resident student who is currently attending a Canberra Public School, however the new procedure will apply when that student transitions to the next stage of schooling.


In the case where a NSW resident student is enrolled at a non-pathway school and the family wishes to enrol a sibling, the application will only be considered where the school has capacity, after accepting ACT resident enrolments and where both students will be attending the school at the same time.

This new procedure will provide greater certainty for NSW families, by providing specific pathways for NSW students seeking to attend Canberra Public Schools. Please visit [www.education.act.gov.au](http://www.education.act.gov.au) for further information.



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