

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

## Welcome to 2022!

Welcome to the start of the 2022 school year. I know that for some of you the summer break didn't go as planned and that there has been a level of apprehension in the community. I hope you received my emails before school commenced to reassure you that the school and Education Directorate have plans in place to keep students and all members of the school community as safe as possible. This includes the continuation of our adjusted timetable to reduce student movement, keeping students in their cohorts, mask wearing when inside and the distribution of Rapid Antigen Tests (RATs). You will have received an email regarding the distribution of Week 2's RAT tests.

It's been great to welcome our year 7s to their first week of high school along with around 15 new year 8 to 10 students. Students have been positive and enthusiastic as they get to know their new school.

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**A/g Deputy Principal:**

Teegan Townsend

**School Board Chair:**

Andrew Windsor

**P&C President:** Cath Windsor

### Upcoming Events

**Week 7, 14 March:**

Canberra Day Holiday

**Week 10, 8 April:**

Last day of Term 1

Please note: services and events advertised on the Lanyon High School website or newsletter are not endorsed or associated with Lanyon High School. For more information regarding upcoming school and community events please visit our Facebook and Instagram accounts.

[Lanyon High School](https://www.facebook.com/LanyonHighSchool)



[@LanyonHighSchool](https://www.instagram.com/LanyonHighSchool)



Lanyon High School acknowledges the Ngunnawal people, the traditional custodians of this land. We would also like to pay respects to the United Ngunnawal Elders Council and to the Elders, both past and present of the Ngunnawal nation. We would also like to extend that respect to other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in our community.



**Australian Government**  
Comcare

## How to safely wear a face covering

- 1** Wash or sanitise your hands before touching your mask.
- 2** Take your clean or unused mask by the ears loops and put them over your ears.
- 3** Cover your mouth, nose and chin. Press the nose strip against you nose bridge, face and under your eyes. The mask should not hang under your chin or around your neck, even when eating or drinking.
- 4** Avoid touching or adjusting your mask. Replace the face mask if it becomes wet or damaged. Wash or sanitise your hands after touching your mask.
- 5** Wash or sanitise your hands before removing the mask.
- 6** Remove the mask by the straps and pull away from your face. Don't touch the front of the mask.
- 7** Dispose of single-use mask or place reusable mask in the laundry or place in a sealed bag to be cleaned.
- 8** Wash or sanitise your hands after removing the mask.

Visit [comcare.gov.au/coronavirus](https://www.comcare.gov.au/coronavirus)

## Staffing news

There are a number of staff who left the school at the end of 2021 to take up positions elsewhere or go on maternity leave. Because of this I would like to welcome some of new staff to the school;

Alana Jovanoska-Stubbs - English

Andrew Ellicott – HaSS/Japanese/Music

Helen Nolan – Japanese/English

Emma Munnings – LSU

Paige Wells – English/HASS/LSU

Sophie Bark – Maths

Damian Bergsma – HPE/Science

Madeleine Clayden – HPE

Annika Cizek – Learning Support Assistant

Luke Coleman – Executive Teacher Arts/Technology

Monica O'Neill – School Psychologist (4 days per week)

Barbara Monsma is continuing in her position in the Education Directorate for the start of this term. I will continue to be acting principal, Teegan Townsend will continue as acting deputy principal and Emma Menzies will continue as acting executive of student services.

## Who do I talk to about what?

One of the challenges of high school life is knowing who to talk to about what. Hopefully this guideline below will get you started;

- Subject/classroom questions – talk to the classroom teacher. By the end of week 1 you will receive an email with your child's timetable. This will list their subjects and teachers, including their Pastoral Care teacher.
- General welfare and wellbeing – the Pastoral Care teacher is usually a good place to start
- Serious welfare concerns – Pastoral Care Advisor or Student Services
- Attendance – for short term absences, contact the Rolls Officer; for longer term absences or attendance concerns, contact the Pastoral Care teacher
- Front office - administration such as uniforms, payments, excursions, permission notes etc

If you're still not sure, then call or email the Front Office staff and they will point you in the right direction. For contact emails and phone numbers;

[http://www.lanyonhs.act.edu.au/contact\\_us](http://www.lanyonhs.act.edu.au/contact_us)

[http://www.lanyonhs.act.edu.au/about\\_us/staff](http://www.lanyonhs.act.edu.au/about_us/staff)

Along with this newsletter there are two attachments about *Working Together with Your School* and *Talking with your school*. These are Education Directorate publications which describe the school's procedures as well as expectations about how school staff and parents/carers can communicate effectively.

## Mobile phone policy

A reminder of our school Mobile Phone Policy where all students need to have their phone on silent and in their bags during class time. We implemented the policy last year and it was well received by the community. We will continue to work with students and remind them about the expectations of the policy. I'd like to congratulate the majority of students who have adapted. We appreciate their efforts and increased focus on classroom learning. Well done!!!



## Year 8 'Runner' – a school community service

During year 8 each student is asked to contribute to the smooth operation of the school by being a 'runner' twice per year. The runner provides a community service to the school by doing tasks that support the work that goes on in Student Services and sometimes in the front office. The runner might do such tasks as; deliver notes around the school, fold pamphlets/folders or organise spare uniforms. All year 8 students are invited to contribute to this service, however they can choose to 'opt out'. They might also choose to do this for part of the day in order to attend a particular lesson. If you do not wish for your child to participate in this activity, please contact the front office.

## Student Support Funds

A reminder to all parents that the school operates a student support fund. This provides limited funds to parents who are experiencing financial difficulty. Funds can be used to help any student access activities that the school would normally anticipate a whole year group, class or specific group of students would attend. They can also be used for uniform and stationery supplies. If you are experiencing financial difficulties, please contact me so that we can discuss accessing this support fund. Information is kept confidential.

Rebecca Cusick  
A/g Principal



## 2022 School Board Positions Vacant

### Nomination Open 11:00 am, 7<sup>th</sup> February 2022

An exciting opportunity exists for **1 P&C Associated member, 1 parent member and 2 student member representative** on the Lanyon High School Board.

### Eligibility for school board positions

The following information relates to general school boards. Governance and Assurance Branch can advise schools in special circumstances and school-related institutions in relation to eligibility for school board positions.

**P&C Associated Member** – A person is eligible to be elected as a Parent & Citizen associated member if the person is a current member of the Parent & Citizen Association of Lanyon High School.

**Parent member** – A person is eligible to be elected as a parent member if they have a student enrolled at Lanyon High School

**Student members** – Any students that will be in year 9 or 10 in 2022 are eligible to apply.

**How to nominate for a vacant position:** Vacant positions will be advertised, and nominations forms will be available from 11:00am, 7<sup>th</sup> February 2022. The nominations will close on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2022. In the event that more nominations are received than available positions, the school community will be asked to vote. Further advice will be sent after nominations have been received.

If you have any questions, please contact the Assistant Returning Officer, Jade Uttley on (02) 6142 1800 or [jade.uttley@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:jade.uttley@ed.act.edu.au). More information can also be found on the Education website, [https://www.education.act.gov.au/public-school-life/get-involved-in-your-childs-school/school\\_boards](https://www.education.act.gov.au/public-school-life/get-involved-in-your-childs-school/school_boards)



JOIN THE MURA LANYON  
YOUTH AND COMMUNITY  
CENTRE FOR A

# Twilight garden party

Tuesday 8 March from 4.30 to 7pm  
22 Sidney Nolan Street Conder

Free pizza, popcorn, fairy floss,  
music, activities and more!  
All welcome.



# FEBRUARY WITH YWCA CANBERRA YOUTH PROGRAMS

AT THE MURA LANYON YOUTH  
AND COMMUNITY CENTRE



## TUESDAYS

### A-Z SEXUALITY AND GENDER DIVERSE SOCIAL GROUP

A-Z is a social support group for gender and sexuality diverse young people and allies aged 12 - 25.

5:00pm - 7:00pm

## THURSDAYS

### CLUBHOUSE

Join us to explore areas like coding, game design, 3D printing, photography, videography, art, green screen effects, music producing, and more. This program is for young people aged 10 - 18.

3:00pm - 6:00pm

