



Newsletter Week 1, Term 1 2024

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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.

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Principal's Address

Welcome to 2024!

Welcome to the start of the 2024 school year. It's been great to welcome about 110 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. We're excited to be able to run a number of events this term such as the swimming carnival, 'Meet the teacher' and excursions. We will be able to engage in lots of exciting and fun programs that are offered by the school.

Meet the teacher event



A change for this year is that we are inviting all families to attend a 'Meet the teacher' night in place of what used to be just for year 7s. This way families who have recently arrived to Lanyon High School can put a face to a name, along with the opportunity to meet a number of new staff who have joined us in the last 6 months or so.

Staffing news

There are a number of staff who left the school at the end of last year 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;

Halie McCaffrey – Executive teacher Japanese and Learning Coach

Hugh Bowden – English/HaSS

Kaye Mees – Art

Clare Ferguson – English

Kelly-Anne Guy – Health & PE

Mobile Phone Policies and Procedures

We're pleased to report that so far students are doing a fantastic job in regulating their use of mobile phones. We recognise that this is a big adjustment for some students and other some parents/carers. The staff have already noted that during break times students are spending more time interacting with each other. I'm currently working through a number of exemption requests and, if approved, those students will be issued with an exemption card that outline the parameters of them accessing

their phone. In the second half of this term, we will see feedback from the community about the procedures and make any changes necessary for full implementation from the beginning of term 2.



Changes to uniform policy

At the end of the 2023 the School Board considered feedback from parents/carers about concerns regarding the existing uniform in terms of costs and fit. Based on this feedback we have made some changes that commence immediately, as follows;

- Tops need to be a school polo; either white, blue or the First Nations polo
- Jumpers need to have the school logo
- Jackets can be plain navy or dark blue or the school jacket
- Navy or black; either pants, shorts or $\frac{3}{4}$ leggings or school pants or leggings
- No bike shorts or leggings above the knees
- No logos or stripes etc

We are hopeful that these changes will help ease some of the costs of uniform as well as provide options for students who found the school uniform limiting in shape and comfort. Student Services will have spare tops and bottoms and will ask students to change into appropriate clothes if required.

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 early week 2 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, email lanyonHSstudentabsences@ed.act.edu.au; 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/about_us/staff

For more information about information about communication please click on the links below;

[Working Together with Your School](#)

[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.

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 and carers that the school operates a student support fund. This provides funds to parents who are experiencing financial difficulty. Funds can be used to help any student access activities with priority given to whole school or year group events, such as year 7 camp and year 10 camp. They can also be used for uniform, stationery supplies and the costs of Chromebook repairs. If you are experiencing financial difficulties, please contact me so that we can discuss accessing this support fund. Information is kept confidential.

Barbara Monsma

Principal

Chromebooks

Chrome books will be rolled out on Tuesday 6th of February. These will be handed out in the Phoenix room during lines 7 and 12.

Immunisations

Don't forget to bring in your immunisation forms.

Attention Year 7 Parents

Your child's vaccinations are due in Term 1 and 2



The following vaccines will be offered **FREE** as part of the ACT High School Immunisation Program in Term 1 and 2.

- ✓ Human Papillomavirus (HPV) - only 1 dose is now recommended for all students.
- ✓ Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis (whooping cough) dTpa.

Q. Keep an eye out for consent cards which are sent home with students during the first week of Term 1 and due back to school by the end of Week 1 (Friday 2 February 2024).

S. Sign and complete the card

R. Return it to your school ASAP

If your child misses any vaccines at school, and you returned a consent card indicating you wish for them to be immunised, you will receive a letter in the mail on how to catch up.

The dTpa vaccine will be available **FREE** from your GP or participating pharmacy up until your child's 20th birthday.

The HPV vaccine will be available **FREE** from your GP or participating pharmacy up until your child's 26th birthday.



Scan for more information or call 02 5124 1585

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