

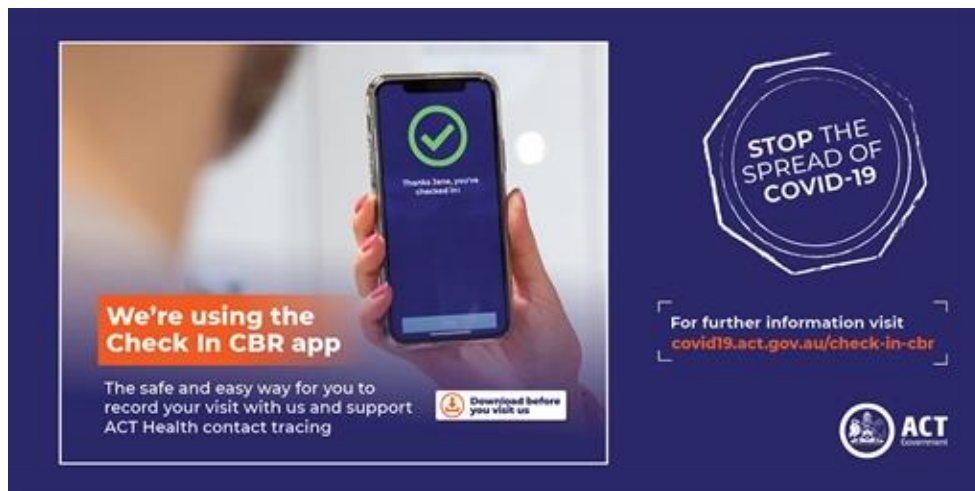
PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome to 2021!

Welcome to the start of the 2021 school year. 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.

Even though there are still some restrictions due to COVID-19 we expect that most school events will run as normal such as the swimming carnival, Year 7 Welcome evening and excursions. We're excited that we will be able to engage in lots of exciting and fun programs that are offered by the school.

**Year 7 Parents and Carers
Welcome Evening
Wednesday 3 March
6pm – 7.40pm
Starting in the Learning Space**



Staffing news

There are a number of staff who left the school at the end of 2020 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;

Jo McKenzie – Deputy Principal

Jo Styles – English

Scott Ridd – HaSS

Christie Abel – Japanese

Matt Lanyon – Occupational Therapist
(1 day per week)

Carly Frecklington-Sant - English

Matt Kraeh – Science

Chris McInnes – PCYC caseworker

(1 day per week)

As you can see, we have an additional deputy principal – Jo McKenzie. Jo has joined us in a temporary role for at least term 1. Jo will be working on several

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Coming Events

9 February 2021:

School photo day

26 February 2021:

Swimming carnival

23 & 24 March 2021:

Year 7 Camp

For more details about community events and services please see http://www.lanyonhs.act.edu.au/news_and_events

Please note: services and events advertised on the Lanyon High School website are not endorsed or associated with Lanyon High School.

- Dwarfism Awareness
- Smith Family help with school costs
- Parentline ACT and Kids Helpline
- Headspace Canberra Youth Ambassadors
- Tutoring before/after school



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.

projects, as well as supporting the school in preparing for the review of our 4-year strategic plan which will occur towards the end of term 1.

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/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

This week we started the implementation of the new Mobile Phone Policy where all students need to have their phone on silent and in their bags during class time. We realise that this is a big adjustment for our school and that for some students this is a significant change of habit. When I spoke to the students in the first assembly, I reminded them that working through this challenge is a sign of resilience and that it's ok to ask for help if they need support with this change. I'd like to congratulate the majority of students who have adapted so quickly. 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.

Barbara Monsma
Principal



2021 Medical Information and Consent Forms

All parents/carers are asked to complete and return the **Medical Information and Consent Form** annually. Please let the front office staff know if you need a hard copy provided and this will be sent home with your child.

If your child has a medical condition, please ensure that you have completed and returned a **Medical Condition Response Plan** as soon as possible. Along with this, please ensure that the school has your **up-to-date information contact information** such as email address, phone number and an alternative emergency contact person, just in case we can't get in touch with you.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

IMMUNISATIONS

School Immunisations will be happening on Thursday 4th March for students in Year 7 and Year 10. Your student should have brought home a Consent Card with information about the immunisation, and the option to consent or decline. Please return these cards to the front office or student reception by **Wednesday 10th February** (next week), even if you are not consenting to vaccination. We are aiming for every card to come back. If you need a new copy of your card, please contact the front office.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos are taking place on **Tuesday 9th March** (next week). MSP Photography is aiming for all payments to take place electronically – instructions will be on the photo day note brought home this week. Please hold onto your payment slips to confirm your photo order. If your child did not bring home a note, please contact the front office as soon as possible. You can order school photos up to three days after photo day. For students who miss the Tuesday photos, there will be another opportunity on Wednesday 17th February.

SCHOOL FINANCES

We have upgraded to a new finance system that will now automatically split educational costs across responsible billing households – if you have split billing arrangements for your child, please contact the front office to confirm that invoices will be made out for the correct amount for each responsible party. If you have a split household, but only one party is responsible for finances, please contact the front office to let us know.

2021 School Board Nominations

Nomination Open 8th February 2021

An exciting opportunity exists for 1 x Parent & Citizen 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.

Position vacant: Staff member

Eligibility: A person is eligible to be elected as a Parent & Citizen member if the person is a current member of the Parent & Citizen Association of Lanyon High School.

CHROMEBOOKS

Year 7 students who indicated on their enrolment forms that they would like a directorate issued chromebook should have been allocated their devices this week. We strongly encourage them to get a cover for protection.

Anyone who indicated they would like a directorate issued chromebook and have not received their device to date, will receive it in the next couple of weeks. Limited number of loans are available from classrooms.

Damaged and faulty chromebooks - need to be delivered to the red staffroom with a brief description of the problem. Some jobs may be under warranty, others may attract a cost.

Trouble shooting tips!

Connecting to Wi-Fi

If a Chromebook has trouble connecting to Wi-Fi, please try the following:

1. Click on the wireless icon
2. Select the EDU ssid
3. EAP method=PEAP
4. EAP phase 2 authentication=MSCHAPv2
5. Server CA certificate=do not check
6. ***Please ask a student to connect to the EDU ssid(their passwords don't expire)
7. Identity=student id(or first_last name for staff), password=your domain password
8. Click on connect

If this does not work

1. Click on the wireless icon
2. Select the ONE ssid
3. EAP method=PEAP
4. EAP phase 2 authentication=MSCHAPv2
5. Server CA certificate=do not check
6. Identity=student id(or first_last name for staff), password=your domain password
7. Click on connect
8. Once connected, have a student log in to the chromebook and the wireless connection should switch over to the EDU ssid automatically

TESTING IS NOT JUST FOR THE END OF TERM

No one should have to do a test on their first week back at school! But there is one test that can't be ignored.



With increased travel over the summer holidays, it is important that all Canberrans – even children - get tested for COVID-19, even with the mildest of symptoms.

While evidence suggests that young children are less likely to acquire and transmit COVID-19, their symptoms should not be ignored, with testing our best surveillance tool against the virus.

The COVID-19 test is free, quick and easy and most people receive their test result within 24 hours.

Parents and carers who are required to take their children for testing can also be issued with a carers' certificate for the time when they take their child for a test and while they await results.

Symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, sore throat, cough, runny or blocked nose, or shortness of breath.

There are seven free COVID-19 testing locations across the ACT, with four of them open seven days a week.

Some testing clinics don't have facilities to test children under the age of eight. Please check the website to make sure you're going to the right clinic:www.covid19.act.gov.au/testing

HEALTH AND PE

Swimming Carnival

We hope you have all had a restful break and are ready for the term ahead. Your sporty staff members are eagerly looking forward to the best wet event of the year, the annual Lanyon High School swimming carnival. Open up those fresh new calendars and add this must-attend event on the 26th of February. At Lanyon, our theme for the swimming carnival is Hawaiian Shirts. Make sure you are wearing a Hawaiian shirt and/or accessories in your house colour.

Year 7 – Red (Owusu)

Year 9 – Blue (Blackburn)

Year 8 – Green (Paterson)

Year 10 – Gold (Bond)

HPE Lesson Expectations

During our HPE lessons students are required to wear the appropriate uniform for each class and are required to bring everything they will need for the lesson out of the changerooms, as staff members will not be opening them during lesson times. Refer to the points below.

PE Uniform

- Navy blue school shirt
- Shorts or track pants
- Running shoes (preferably with a cushioned sole)

Please bring these things to every class

- Drink bottle
- Hat
- Medication (e.g. asthma puffers, epipens, diabetes kits)

DO NOT LEAVE ANY VALUABLES IN THE CHANGEROOMS

Place any valuable items in the **VALUABLES BOX** at the start of the lesson. It will be locked up for the lesson.

Outdoor Education

Mr De Sousa and Miss Taylor would like to welcome year 9 and 10 students who have been selected for the outdoor education classes for this semester. We are both very passionate about providing students with opportunities to challenge themselves both mentally and physically and are really excited for the term ahead.

As a part of this class students are given the opportunity to attend overnight camps aimed at building resilience, teamwork, inclusivity and trust within the camp group.

Lessons during the term provide students with appropriate skill-specific knowledge and mental preparation to be successful on camps. Students are highly encouraged to attend both the Tathra Ocean Skills and Jindabyne Outdoor Skills camps to consolidate skills learnt in class. Although beneficial, these camps do have a monetary cost.

All costs are approximate and may change up until the note is handed to students. Tathra Ocean Skills is approximated at \$380 and Jindabyne Outdoor Skills is approximated at \$360.

HEALTHY KIDS CANTEEN

Healthy Kids will be running the canteen at Lanyon High School on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. We encourage you to order your lunches online, to ensure your student is catered for. Subway will still be available on Mondays and Tuesdays. If you have any questions, please contact the front office on 6142 1800.

ADVICE FOR FAMILIES ABOUT DEATH CAP MUSHROOMS



Do not touch, pick or eat any wild mushrooms!

Death Cap mushrooms are one of the world's deadliest mushrooms and can be found across the Canberra region. Since 2002, there have been four deaths and several poisonings in the ACT due to Death Cap mushrooms.

Death Cap mushrooms have previously been found growing at and around some schools in the in the ACT. It is time to be vigilant, as the growing season has started early this year.

Parents and teachers are asked to remind children not to touch, pick or eat any wild mushrooms.

It is difficult, even for experienced collectors, to tell the difference between the Death Cap mushroom and edible wild mushrooms.

All parts of the Death Cap mushroom are poisonous and eating part of a mushroom can be fatal. Cooking a Death Cap mushroom does not make it safe.

If you suspect that you or one of your family members might have eaten a Death Cap mushroom, you must seek urgent medical attention at a hospital emergency department; even if there are no symptoms of ill health. If possible, take any uneaten portion of the mushroom with you to the hospital.

If you believe you have seen a Death Cap mushroom, keep children and animals away.

If you are concerned about wild mushrooms in a public place, please report them to Access Canberra on 13 22 81.

If you are concerned about wild mushrooms on private land, remove them using gloves and dispose of them in a plastic bag in your rubbish bin. Try to remove the whole mushroom including any part under the ground, and wash your hands afterwards. You will need to monitor the area as more mushrooms might grow in the same place.

For further information on Death Cap mushrooms, visit <https://www.health.act.gov.au/about-our-health-system/population-health/fact-sheets>.



Routes

Check your service timetable and locate your nearest stop

Safety

Review the safety rules around both bus and light rail services

Fares

Purchase a MyWay card online, over the phone or at a recharge agent
Check your MyWay card balance, top up or register for autoload

Keep in touch

Sign up for Transport Canberra e-news alerts on the 'contact us' page

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