

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

#### Welcome to 2020!

Welcome to the start of the 2020 school year. I know that for some of you the summer break didn't go as planned and that the recent week or two in the Lanyon Valley has been very uncomfortable. I live locally in Gordon and I've been acutely aware of the challenging conditions recently. 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 safe. This includes some changes to the Health and Physical Education curriculum and playground duty areas in order to minimise prolonged exposure to poor air quality. We also have extra school psychologist support. Students who need additional support just need to talk to a trusted teacher or pop in to Student Services.

All parents/carers are asked to complete and return the **Medical Information and Consent Form** that was emailed to you. This will help reduce having to complete one for each and every excursion (hurray!). 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 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.

#### 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)

Year 7 Parents  
and Carers  
Welcome  
Evening  
Wednesday 4  
March  
6pm – 7.30pm  
Starting in the  
Learning Space



20 Heidelberg Street  
CONDER ACT 2906

#### Webpage:

[www.lanyonhs.act.edu.au](http://www.lanyonhs.act.edu.au)

**Email:** [lanyonHSinfo@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:lanyonHSinfo@ed.act.edu.au)

**General Enquiries:** (02) 6142 1800

**Absences:** (02) 6142 1815 or

[lanyonHSstudentabsences@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:lanyonHSstudentabsences@ed.act.edu.au)

**Principal:** Barbara Monsma

**Deputy Principal:** Rebecca Cusick

**School Board Chair:** Peter Henry

**P&C President:** Cath Windsor

#### Coming Events

**11 February:** School Photos

**21 February:** Whole School Swimming Carnival

**4 March:** Year 7 Immunisations

**4 March:** Year 10 Immunisations

**4 March:** Year 7 parents and carers welcome evening

**26 – 27 March:** Year 7 Jindabyne Camp

**16 – 18 March:** Outdoor Education Tathra Ocean Skills Camp

For more details about community events and services please see

[http://www.lanyonhs.act.edu.au/news\\_and\\_events](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.

### Staffing news

There are several staff who left the school at the end of 2019 to retire or to take up positions elsewhere. Because of this we are able to welcome some new staff to the school, both teaching and support staff.

#### Teaching Staff

Lara Croucher – Executive Teacher: Disability and Learning Coach  
John Kelleher - HaSS  
Maria Townsley - English

#### Support Staff

Taylor Fitzgerald – Indigenous Education Officer  
Danica Fitzgibbon – Rolls Officer  
Annie Vanderstoep – Learning Support Assistant  
Zane Marolt - Learning Support Assistant

### 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 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 only part of the day in order to attend a particular lesson. If you do not wish for your child to participate in this service, 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



*News from the Principal*

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING TRUANCY

### Class Attendance

Students at Lanyon High School are expected to:

- Attend all their classes
- Not leave their class until the teacher has dismissed them
- Remain on school grounds at recess and lunch
- Sign out via student services if they are being picked up by their Parent/Carer
- Go to sick bay if unwell and planning to go home.

### What is Truancy?

At Lanyon High School truancy is described as not attending class or leaving the school grounds without permission during the school day. Students who miss class time will be required to attend a "catch up session" at lunchtime. If a student has to attend a catch up session more than three times in a term, the student will be placed on the STOP list and unable to attend excursions for the remainder of the term.

### Learning Catch Up

If students arrive late without explanation or truant during a portion of the lesson they will be referred to Learning Catch Up at lunch time. They will be expected to complete the learning task that they missed during this time. If students truant an entire lesson they will be expected to complete Learning Catch up after school on Tuesday or Thursday from 3:00pm-4:00pm. Lanyon High takes the missed learning opportunities very seriously. If students continue to refuse to attend Learning Catch Up they may be placed on an in-school program due to behaviour or it may result in formal suspension if the non-compliance is persistent.

## TERM REMINDERS

**School Phone Number: 6142 1800**

**School email: lanyonHSinfo@ed.act.edu.au**

### **1. Accidents at school:**

Any member of our school or local community who has an accident before, after or during school please come to the front office or ring the front office as staff trained in First Aid are available to assist, support and offer First Aid. We certainly want to know about all accidents, offer whatever support we can at the time and follow up as well as rectify any safety risks we are unaware exist around the school. Thank you for your cooperation.

### **2. Medication:**

Directorate policy requires schools to ensure that any request for administering medications must be in writing, including paracetamol. The front office staff can administer Panadol to students however we need a completed medical form on file allowing permission for this to occur. **We would be grateful if medical forms could be returned as soon as possible.**

### **3. Bikes and scooters:**

Bikes & scooters are to be left locked at the bike & scooter racks. The school does not accept responsibility for lost or stolen bikes or scooters. By law, a helmet must be worn while riding.

### **4. Children arriving after 9.00am or leaving school before 3.00pm:**

If you need to keep a medical or dental appointment, please come to the front office and sign your child back into/out of school. This is for safety and security reasons so that we know exactly who is on the premises.

Students are also able to sign out through student services however we need verbal or written permission from the parent/carer before this occurs.

### **5. Current Contact Numbers:**

It is **very important** that we have your current contact numbers and at least one other emergency contact number. If your child is sick or has an accident, we need to be able to contact you immediately. If your details change, please notify the front office via email, lanyonHSinfo@ed.act.edu.au.

### **6. Information Regarding Events, Excursions and Performances:**

Please remember all notes that go home have a definite closing date. Your assistance with returning all notes, along with your permission is crucial to informing us as to whether the event can proceed or not. There is a section in the newsletter advising when notes are sent home and a list of coming events.

### **7. Liability for the Loss, Damage or Theft of Students' Personal Property at School:**

Advice from the ACT Government Solicitor indicates that notwithstanding the merits of each particular incident, schools generally cannot be held responsible for the intervening acts of third parties, resulting in the loss, damage or theft of students' personal property. Parents and students are advised that schools do not provide private insurance cover to automatically compensate for the loss, damage or theft of bicycles or other personal property and nor will they be legally liable for the loss.

### **8. Safety in the Car Parks:**

The aim is for people to park in the various designated spaces, which have been designed to minimise the risk for children and adults, particularly as pedestrians, as they move into and out of the car parks. Double and triple parking is particularly dangerous, as children can be hidden as they move between cars.

The speed limit in the carpark is 10km per hour. For the safety of the Lanyon community it is important that we all adhere to these speed limits. We appreciate your cooperation.

### **9. School Psychologist:**

We have a registered psychologist, Megan Tomlins, who can provide individual support to students. Parents or carers will always be contacted to give permission for the School Psychologist to work with a child. If you wish to make an appointment please contact the front office on (02) 6142 1800.

### **10. School Uniforms:**

Lanyon High School uniform can be purchased online through Liquid Promotions. The link is located on our website [www.lanyonhs.act.edu.au](http://www.lanyonhs.act.edu.au).

All items of uniform must have the LHS logo on them. Jeans or generic navy pants/track pants/shorts are not acceptable without prior approval from the deputy principal.

## TERM REMINDERS

### **11. Smoke Free:**

**All public school grounds in the ACT are smoke-free.** A government policy, which prohibits smoking at all government schools came into effect on January 1, 2008. It applies to all staff, departmental officers, students, contractors and visitors, including volunteers. Under the policy, smoking is not allowed in enclosed and open spaces, such as ovals and car parks, or in grounds managed by the ACT Department of Education and Training.

### **12. Student Absences:**

Class rolls are marked for each lesson by the class teacher each day. If the rolls officer or teacher do not receive any information regarding a student's absence, then an **A** is recorded for the specific day. All student absences and late arrivals are totalled at the end of each term and recorded on student records. Students arriving late are asked to see the staff at student services to be signed in and collect a late note to take to the class teacher. Your assistance with providing information for every student absence is required.

**13. Unauthorised Access to School Roofs:** Parents and carers are reminded of the dangers inherent when students climb onto the school roof. Your support in reminding students of these dangers is requested. Signs have been erected at the school warning of dangers of accessing the school roof.

### **14. Volunteers and Visitors:**

All visitors and volunteers must come to the front office to sign in. This is for safety and security reasons so that we know exactly who is on school grounds.

### **15. Complaint or Concerns**

Many concerns are resolved quickly and easily by discussing the matter directly with the school.

Firstly speak directly to your child's teacher or talk to a member of the executive team. If you continue to be concerned please make an appointment to see your principal.

If you are not satisfied you may lodge a written complaint. The Complaints Policy and Complaints form are available from the policy section of the Directorate website: [www.education.act.gov.au](http://www.education.act.gov.au)

You have the right to approach the ACT Human Rights Commission. Details are available from the Commission website: [www.hrc.zact.gov.au/humanrights](http://www.hrc.zact.gov.au/humanrights).

If you need assistance, or you would like to compliment us, contact the ACT Education Directorate's Liaison Unit on 6205 5429 or visit [www.det.act.gov.au/contact\\_us](http://www.det.act.gov.au/contact_us)

Thank you for your cooperation in these matters.

## SCHOOL BOARD NOMINATIONS 2020

The Lanyon High School Board will have vacancies starting 1 April 2020. These vacancies are:

2 x Parent & Citizen members  
2 x student members

If you would like to become involved with the school board, Nominations are open from 11am Monday 3 February until 11am Monday 17 February.

Please email the Assistant Returning Officer, Jade Uttley at [jade.uttley@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:jade.uttley@ed.act.edu.au) to request a form or ask any questions regarding the positions.

**If a vote is needed this will be considered for seven (7) days.**

Voting will **commence** on Monday 24 February 2020 at 11am

Voting will **close** on Monday 2 March 2020 at 11am

# Attention Year 7 Parents



Your child's first round of vaccinations are due in Semester 1

The following vaccine will be offered  
**FREE** as part of the ACT High School  
Immunisation Program in Semester 1

✓ Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Dose 1



Keep an eye out for consent cards which are sent home with students during the first week of school and due back to school as soon as possible.

- 🔍 **Find** a consent card at your school OR download one from our website
- ✍️ **Sign** and complete the card
- 📬 **Return** it to your school ASAP

For more information:  
[www.health.act.gov.au/services-and-programs/immunisation/adolescents](http://www.health.act.gov.au/services-and-programs/immunisation/adolescents)  
Ph: 02 5124 1585

[health.act.gov.au](http://health.act.gov.au)

# Attention Year 10 Parents



Your child's vaccinations are due in Semester 1

The following vaccine will be offered  
**FREE** as part of the ACT High School  
Immunisation Program in Semester 1

✓ Meningococcal ACWY

Keep an eye out for consent cards which are sent home with students during the first week of school and due back to school as soon as possible.

- 🔍 **Find** a consent card at your school OR download one from our website
- ✍️ **Sign** and complete the card
- 📬 **Return** it to your school ASAP

*If your child misses this vaccine at school and you returned a consent card, you will receive a letter in the mail on how to access it through your GP instead.*  
The Meningococcal ACWY vaccine will be available FREE from your GP up until your child's 20th birthday.

Where can I get more information?  
[www.health.act.gov.au/services-and-programs/immunisation/adolescents](http://www.health.act.gov.au/services-and-programs/immunisation/adolescents)

[health.act.gov.au](http://health.act.gov.au)

Education costs made easy  
with \$500 from Saver Plus

[www.saverplus.org.au](http://www.saverplus.org.au)

Hi everyone,

My name is Kathleen and I have been the Saver Plus Coordinator on your community for the last 3 years.

Saver Plus is a free program that helps people with a Centrelink concession card to pay for educational costs. We have provided almost \$100k towards school costs in ACT since 2017.

Participants save \$25/fortnight for 10 months and attend 4 financial skills workshops. At the end of the program, we will match your savings with up to \$500 that can be used towards uniforms and shoes, extra-curricular sports, camps and excursions and other supplies.

Eligibility criteria applies

Visit [saverplus.org.au](http://saverplus.org.au) or contact me on

0448 730 305 to find out more

