



**ACT**  
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# Melrose High School Key Events



22 March 2019

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## Progress and Attendance Reports and Parent Teacher Interviews

**Term 1 Progress Reports** will be emailed home on **Wednesday 27 March 2019**. These will come from the [frontoffice@melrosehs.act.edu.au](mailto:frontoffice@melrosehs.act.edu.au) email address. In some instances your mail provider may block our emails; you can reduce the likelihood of this happening by adding our email address to your 'safe sender' list. To find out how to do this search "adding an email as a trusted sender" and follow the instruction for your email provider. If your report hasn't arrived by COB Wednesday check in the Junk Mail folder before emailing us and we will resend [frontoffice@melrosehs.act.edu.au](mailto:frontoffice@melrosehs.act.edu.au)

**Attendance Reports** will also be emailed home on **Wednesday 27 March 2019**. All unexplained or unjustified absences **MUST** be explained by emailing the Rolls Office [rollsoffice@melrosehs.act.edu.au](mailto:rollsoffice@melrosehs.act.edu.au)

**Parent Teacher Interviews** will be held on **Tuesday 2 April 2019** from 3:45 - 7:00 pm. Each interview is for a maximum of 5 minutes. Interviews will be conducted in classrooms on the first floor of the building. Please enter through the Front Office and you will be directed to the classrooms. The lift is available if required. The Parent Teacher Online (PTO) booking link will be emailed on **Thursday 28 March 2019** to families who have opted in to use the booking system. If your family has not given permission to use PTO we will provide alternate booking options.

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## Marr Street and car park #2 - Let's keep it safe for everyone

Drop off and pickup times can be chaotic with the number of cars entering and leaving car park # 2 (near the Hall) and merging with the traffic on Marr Street. To keep everyone safe, please be respectful and cautious when moving along Marr St and into the drop off/pick up zone in car park #2.

In the morning:

- On entering car park # 2 consider driving just beyond the drop off zone to the front of the Hall where students can exit the vehicle safely, alternatively move to one of the designated car parking spots.
- Ask your child/children to get out of the vehicle quickly but safely from the left hand side.
- Check your mirrors before moving off to ensure there is no other traffic coming through on the right.

In the afternoon:

- If your child is not already waiting for you in the pick up zone please do not park in this area but move to a designated car parking spot.
- Check your mirrors before moving off to ensure there is no other traffic coming through on the right.

If crossing Marr St, please encourage your child/children to use the pedestrian crossing or underpass to ensure their safety. As per the ACT Road Rules cars may not park 20 metres before or 10 metres after a pedestrian crossing. Additionally do not park in the bus bays outside the front of the school.

Car park #1 near the front entrance of the school is for staff and short term visitors. Please do not drop off or pick up students from this car park unless it is for an appointment or pickup during the school day.

## Online payments

In an attempt to ensure security around payment of monies to the school for camps, excursions, programs and voluntary contributions, we would like to encourage payments to be made via Quickweb, the secure online payment portal.

Below is an explanation of the payment options available.

1. Online payments are the preferred method of payment. Payments are made via the School Website to a secure Westpac Bank site, called "Quickweb" <http://www.melrosehs.act.edu.au/payment>
2. Instructions can be found on the Payments TAB simply complete the fields with as much detail as possible, including the Fee Code which will be advised on the notes requesting payments.
3. All payments can be made using Quickweb, using a debit or credit card. Westpac will provide you with a receipt which you can email to [melrose.finance@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:melrose.finance@ed.act.edu.au)
4. Payments can still be made in person at the Front Office with cash, cheque, EFTPOS, or a deposit direct into the Melrose High School Bank account BSB 032777, Account - 001658. If paying by direct deposit an email to the school financial section would be appreciated at [melrose.finance@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:melrose.finance@ed.act.edu.au)

For all payments, please ensure you include:

- Student Key
- Family Key
- Fee Code

For any enquiries regarding payments please contact the Finance Officer on 6142 0704.

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## NAPLAN 2019

All Year 7 and 9 students will be sitting NAPLAN tests this year, this includes a practice test this term and four NAPLAN tests next term.

The dates are as follows:

| <b>Thursday<br/>28 March</b> | <b>Tuesday<br/>14 May</b> | <b>Wednesday<br/>15 May</b>             | <b>Thursday<br/>16 May</b>      | <b>Friday<br/>17 May</b> | <b>Monday<br/>20 May</b> |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|---|---------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Practice test                | Writing test              | Reading test<br>and Writing<br>catchups | Conventions of<br>language test | Numeracy test            | Catch-up test            |

Further Information:

If you would like further information or have any questions regarding NAPLAN please email Jenni Holder: [Jennifer.holder@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:Jennifer.holder@ed.act.edu.au).

Please email if you would like to withdraw your child from NAPLAN testing or your child will need some reasonable adjustments made to the test due to identified needs.

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## Kids and young people - tell us what's important!

Children and Young People Commissioners and Guardians have a special job - to find out how life is going for children and young people and try to make it better. But we won't know what's important to you unless we ask you... so that's what we're doing.

In May this year, all the Children and Young People Commissioners and Guardians from across Australia and New Zealand are getting together for a meeting in Canberra. What do YOU think we should talk about? What is most important to YOU?

Let us know by taking this quick survey (it's only 7 questions ).

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/telluswhatsimportant>

## Concert Band News

The concert band has been off to a great start so far this year, rehearsing each Wednesday at lunch time and already beginning work on some new repertoire. Students with experience on a woodwind, brass or percussion instrument are still welcome to join and can do so by seeing Mr Sciberras in the Arts/Tech Staffroom (206).

Some key dates for the band this year are:

- Thursday 21st March – Band uniform order forms due
- Thursday 4th April – Band Camp notes and deposits due
- Monday 29th April – Band Camp balances due
- Monday 6th May to Wednesday 8th May – Band Camp at Birrigai
- Sunday 2nd June – Performance at the Australian National Eisteddfod
- Wednesday 26th June – Performance at MHS Entertainment Night

For any enquiries about band or music at MHS, please contact [Nathan.sciberras@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:Nathan.sciberras@ed.act.edu.au)

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## Year 7 Health Check Is Now Open For Public Consultation

The ACT Government is planning the implementation of a Year 7 Health Check program to improve the overall health and wellbeing of our young people. It is anticipated the program will be implemented in all Canberra high schools in 2019.

The Year 7 Health Check is now open for public consultation. Feedback collected through YourSay will inform the final Year 7 Health Check program model, including privacy and sensitivity considerations, and future health service design in the ACT. More information can be found at

<https://www.health.act.gov.au/about-our-health-system/consumer-involvement/community-consultation/year-7-health-check-yoursay>

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## Changes to the Public Transport Network

The ACT Government is introducing a new integrated public transport network for Canberra for the beginning of Term 2, 2019. This network will include bus and light rail services operating together to give Canberrans more options to use public transport, every day of the week.

As part of this change, the way students will get to school by public transport will change from Term 2, 2019. Some students will use different routes, make connections between services or use light rail for the first time. Every student who will use public transport needs to be aware of the changes.

### What do you need to know

Bus services will change for the beginning of Term 2.

- The change to services will include dedicated school services for the commencement of Term 2 on 29 April 2019.
- The new timetable information will be available on line from early March, including an improved online journey planner.
- Information about services for each school is available online at [www.transport.act.gov.au/getting-around/new-network/schools](http://www.transport.act.gov.au/getting-around/new-network/schools).
- Light rail services are being tested now, and you can find out more about safety for pedestrians, cyclists and drivers around light rail online at [www.canberra-metro.com.au/safety](http://www.canberra-metro.com.au/safety).

## Secondary Bursary Scheme

The ACT Government provides financial assistance to support families with education expenses through the Secondary Bursary Scheme for students in years 7-10 and the Student Support Fund programs.

The scheme provides assistance to low-income earners in the ACT with dependent full-time students in years 7-10.

Please visit <https://www.education.act.gov.au/support-for-our-students/financial-assistance> for more information and to download an application form. Alternatively forms can be collected from the Front Office.

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## Recycling at Melrose – coming soon!

Students in the MLRHS Sustainability Crew (Emma Avakian and Sienna Bilski) gave a fantastic presentation at assembly this week on recycling initiatives that will soon be implemented school wide. Co-mingled recycling (like your yellow bin at home) is being introduced in certain eating areas, starting from next week. This will help reduce the cost of waste removal as recycling collection is 30% cheaper than landfill disposal. It will also reduce the negative impacts of landfill on our environment and help make Melrose a more positive and sustainable community that we can all be proud to be a part of.



Remember to Recycle Right! If in doubt, throw it out!

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## Canberra Southern Cross Club – Community Rewards Program.

Are you a member of the Canberra Southern Cross Club? If so, you can now support Melrose High School every time you visit the club through their Community Rewards Program. Simply visit the Southern Cross Club website (link below), fill in your name and membership number, and then 7.5% of everything you spend on food and drinks at any of their clubs will be donated to the school. Please share this link with your family and friends.

<https://cscmarketing.wufoo.com/forms/zjfux530c342by/>

The month of March is Kids Month at the club, and as part of this the club is doubling everything they donate to school groups! This means we will get 15% of everything spent on food and drink at the clubs during this time!

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## Scoliosis in School Girls

Scoliosis (spinal curvature) is an important health problem for adolescent girls. Twenty five girls per thousand are at risk of developing a significant curve and three girls per thousand require active treatment (spinal brace or surgery). All girls in Year 5 and 7 can participate in the National Self-Detection Program for Scoliosis by downloading the Detection Fact Sheet. Please visit <https://www.scoliosis-australia.org/> to access the fact sheet.



Canberra Symphony Orchestra



Llewellyn Hall, ANU\_7.30pm  
Pre-concert talk\_6.45pm

TICKETS  
CSO Direct 6262 6772  
or [cso.org.au](http://cso.org.au)

JESSICA COTTIS  
Conductor  
DIANA DOHERTY  
Oboe

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Canberra School of Tennis

# TENNIS HOLIDAY CAMPS AUTUMN

**Wk 1 Mon 15<sup>th</sup>-Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> April (4 DAYS ONLY)**

**All Day 8AM-5PM, HOTSHOTS COACHING & PLAY**  
**Tennis & Chess 8AM-5PM**  
**Hot Shots Coaching 8AM-1PM**  
**Hot Shots Play 1:05PM**  
**Pee Wee (4-7yr olds) 9-11AM**

**ALL CAMPS INCLUDE PROFESSIONAL, CERTIFIED AND ACCREDITED COACHING FOR ALL AGES • FRUIT AND DRINKS DURING BREAKS • ALL EQUIPMENT PROVIDED**  
**TENNIS AUSTRALIA ENDORSED HOTSHOTS DELIVERERS**  
 TENNIS COACHING RAIN, HAIL OR SHINE!  
**PLUS! BALL MACHINE • SPEED SERVE RADAR • LOTS OF PRIZES**

**8.30AM DROP OFF FOR A 9AM START**

**3 GREAT VENUES**  
 Gold Creek Country Club, 56 Curran Dr, Nicholls  
 Weston Creek Tennis Club, Dillon Ct, off Namatjira Dr  
 Pines Tennis Club, Cor Norris St and Goldstein Cres, Chisholm

**ENQUIRIES:**  
 Email [robert@csof.com.au](mailto:robert@csof.com.au) or Call 0432 115 204  
 Head coach Robert Jamieson, Tennis Australia accredited

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