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Melrose High School Key Events



8 February 2019

Safety Notice

To ensure a safe and positive start to 2019, it is important to remember that students are to remain on school grounds at all times during school hours. We are unable to ensure the safety of our students if they are not in the right place at the right time.

Students who choose to leave school grounds will be followed up with the appropriate consequences.

CAREERS CORNER

White Card and Asbestos Awareness Training is being held, at the school, on Tuesday 26 March and Wednesday 27 March. The total cost is \$140. This training is required before students are able to commence workplace learning or an ASBA in all building trades, landscaping, surveying, maintenance work, installation of air-con, security systems, fire systems, glass etc. Students wishing to participate, need to register their interest and obtain more information. Please come to the Careers Office, located in the Library, at recess or lunch. This will be the only training held at the school for the year and a minimum number of students are required for this to go ahead.

Parent Engagement Sessions

We welcome you to participate in the 2019 series of Parent Engagement Sessions. These sessions are held in the Library from 5-7 pm on the dates listed below and cover a range of topics. Each session will have a keynote speaker and/or panel of experts and there will be opportunities to meet Executive and support staff.



18 February: Academic - Skills for the future

18 March: Social & Emotional Learning - Gender, sexuality & safe behaviours

20 May: Academic - Literacy and numeracy

17 June: Social & Emotional Learning - At risk behaviours

Indonesian Dance Performance

With the National Multicultural Festival set to take place in Canberra from 15-17 February, the Indonesian Embassy are hosting a dance troupe from Indonesia who will perform the Reog Dance – a huge masked dance from East Java. The Indonesian Embassy are very kindly staging a Schools' Performance and Workshop, before the festival begins, here at Melrose.

The performance will be on Friday 15 February during E Line in the Malcolm Barlow Hall. Students from all Indonesian classes, and from Dance and Backstage classes on E Line, will attend the performance. The performance is free but a permission note does need to be returned if students do not normally study Indonesian/Dance/Backstage classes on E Line.

Please contact Ibu Battaglini if you have any questions: rebecca.battaglini@ed.act.edu.au

Term 1 Calendar

MHS Public

Term 1, 2019

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1	Feb 4 School Board Nominations open ☞ First day 08:50am - 3:10pm - Year 7 and new Yr8-10 ☞	Feb 5 School Board Nominations open ☞ All 08:50am - 3:10pm students return to school	Feb 6 School Board Nominations open ☞	Feb 7 School Board Nominations open ☞	Feb 8 School Board Nominations open ☞ Brief Newsletter ☞	Feb 9 School Board Nominations open ☞	Feb 10 School Board Nominations open ☞
2	Feb 11 School Board Nominations open ☞	Feb 12 School Board Nominations open ☞	Feb 13 School Board Nominations open ☞	Feb 14 School Board Nominations open ☞	Feb 15 School Board Nominations open ☞ School Photos 09am - 12pm 11:30am - 12:25pm Indonesian Embassy Dance Troop	Feb 16 School Board Nominations open ☞	Feb 17 School Board Nominations open ☞
3	Feb 18 School Board Nominations open ☞ Parent 5pm - 7pm Engagement Session - Academic ☞	Feb 19	Feb 20 Rugby League Summer 7's Boys School 09am - 11am Photos catch up day Big Picture BBQ 5pm - 6:30pm	Feb 21	Feb 22 ACT Secondary Tennis Boys & Girls	Feb 23	Feb 24
4	Feb 25 School Board Elections - if required ☞	Feb 26 School Board Elections - if required ☞ Swimming Carnival 08:30am - 3pm	Feb 27 School Board Elections - if required ☞ Rugby League Summer 7's Girls	Feb 28 School Board Elections - if required ☞	Mar 1 School Board Elections - if required ☞ Full Newsletter ☞ Clean Up Australia Day - for schools	Mar 2 School Board Elections - if required ☞	Mar 3 School Board Elections - if required ☞
5	Mar 4 School Board Elections - if required ☞ Yr7 Camp 08am - 3pm	Mar 5 Yr7 Camp 08am - 3pm	Mar 6 Yr7 Camp 08am - 3pm	Mar 7	Mar 8 ACT Secondary Boys Softball	Mar 9	Mar 10
6	Mar 11 CANBERRA DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	Mar 12	Mar 13	Mar 14	Mar 15 ACT Secondary Girls Softball	Mar 16	Mar 17
7	Mar 18 Parent 5pm - 7pm Engagement Session - SEL ☞	Mar 19 Young Australian Workshop	Mar 20	Mar 21 Secondary Girls Basketball	Mar 22 Brief Newsletter ☞	Mar 23	Mar 24 Makubetsu arrive 5pm - 6pm
8	Mar 25 Makubetsu visit	Mar 26 Makubetsu visit White Card Training	Mar 27 Makubetsu visit Asbestos Awareness Training	Mar 28 Makubetsu visit Secondary Boys Basketball	Mar 29 Makubetsu visit ☞ Yr8 ACE Science Tour (all day excursion)	Mar 30	Mar 31
9	Apr 1 Yr7 Immunisations 09am - 12pm	Apr 2	Apr 3	Apr 4	Apr 5 Southside Touch Football Boys & Girls	Apr 6	Apr 7
10	Apr 8	Apr 9	Apr 10 Secondary Combined Region Swimming AIS Girls League Tag Gala Day	Apr 11 ANU Languages Showcase - Yr9&10 Language students ☞	Apr 12 Full Newsletter ☞	Apr 13	Apr 14

BAND AND MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES AT MELROSE:

Just to remind everyone that there are a few different musical opportunities available to everyone at Melrose:

- 1. Learn to play** - Would you like to learn how to play an instrument or get better on one you can play? You can have a one-on-one lesson with a specialist instrumental tutor here at school each week. These lessons can be organised for almost any instrument, including Vocals, Piano, Guitar, Bass, Flute, Clarinet, Sax, Trumpet, Trombone, Drums etc. The lessons run here at school during the day. Come and see Mr Sciberras in room 206 for a note, or see the ad in this newsletter for contact details.
- 2. School Band** - The School Concert Band is open to all students who can play a woodwind, brass or percussion instrument, and rehearsals will be starting in week 3. The enrolment note has been emailed out or is available from the Arts & Technology staffroom (206) or the school website if you're interested.
- 3. Instrument Hire** - An instrument hire facility is available to all students at Melrose, with preference being given to students in the beginner and senior band. Instruments can be hired for \$80 per semester. Come and talk to Mr Sciberras in 206 for more information about hiring instruments.
- 4. Rock Bands, Ensembles, Choirs** - Do you want to start a band? The music rooms can be made available to any students who want to play in their own bands or groups. In the past we have had rock bands, vocal groups, saxophone quartet, just to name a few. If you would like to get a group happening, just come and chat with Mr Sciberras at any time!



Music Lessons

CMT continues to offer music lessons at Melrose High school on: Piano, flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, low brass and percussion.
Lessons are held during the school day.

Lessons are \$37 per half hour (one on one) and can start at any time of the term.

ENROL TODAY!

Phone: Canberra Music Tuition on 6299 9154 or
email: fyshwick@canberramusictuition.com.au
School Liaison: Mr Nathan Sciberras

NEW! Book online:

www.canberramusictuition.com.au

and click **Enroll or Enquire**

Chromebooks

The Directorate provided Chromebooks were distributed today to new students who had opted in to receive one. While most students have immediate access to their school accounts we are still waiting on some student accounts to be activated.

Students having IT access or Chromebook issues should visit the Student Admin/IT team in S18.

For more information about the Chromebooks please visit:

<https://www.education.act.gov.au/?a=1130228>

School Photos - Friday 15 February

Order envelopes will be distributed in Roll Group on Monday morning. Please read the order instructions carefully. All students will be photographed regardless of whether you wish to purchase.

Family/Sibling photos - A discount applies for families with 3 or more children at the school. After purchasing individual packs for each child a sibling presentation pack of your choice will be free. Only children who present a siblings presentation order form to the photographer on the day will have their family photo taken. Envelopes are available at the Front Office.

School Board

Nominations are now open for the following positions on the Melrose High School Board:

2 X Parent and Citizens

1 x Staff member

1 x Student member

Nomination forms are available at the Front Office and must be returned by 11am on Monday 18 February.

For more details please email the Assistant Returning Officer ruth.mahon@ed.act.edu.au

Homework Group

Homework Group is back for 2019 and will be held in the Library on Monday and Wednesday afternoons from 3:10 pm to 4:10 pm. The sessions will be opt-in with no requirement to 'book in' or attend sessions. Students will be free to leave the session whenever suits them up until 4:10 pm, when all students will be required to leave and make their own way home. There will be no supervision for students after leaving the Homework Group. To attend, parents/carers must fill out the permission form found here:

http://www.melrosehs.act.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0006/439017/Homework_Group_Permission_Note.pdf

Breakfast Club

Tuesday and Thursday mornings

7:50 - 8:50 am

In the school canteen

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/>



Indigenous Sports Grant Program (ISGP)

Are you or do you know someone who is Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander and participates in sport? You could be eligible to receive a \$200 grant!

The Indigenous Sports Grants Program promotes a structured, frequent level of participation that supports positive health, social and wellbeing outcomes.

Individuals are encouraged to apply for up to \$200 as part of the Indigenous Sports Grants Program which makes participation opportunities in sport and recreation more accessible to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Funding can go towards activities such as sporting club registrations costs, education and training including coaching, officiating courses or representative sporting costs including participating at a National Championship.

Applications close on 30 June 2019 unless funds are exhausted beforehand. To apply please visit the Sports and Recreation website:

<https://www.sport.act.gov.au/grants/indigenous-sports-grants-program>
