

Thursday 16 September

Hi Families. Sorry for the length of the email and please read to the end. Week 10 update below.

#### **Term 4 timetable.**

Please find attached the timetable for the beginning of term 4. We are striking a balance at the commencement of a new term of content delivery, skills and some classwork and only one assessment piece per subject over the 4 weeks. We have taken in lots of feedback from parents and students in making these adjustments. Unfortunately we will be unable to meet and balance all of the needs expressed.

#### **A message from the ACT Education Directorate**

The Education Directorate wants to hear from public school parents, carers and students about how we can make the transition back to onsite learning as positive as possible, how we can support your wellbeing needs, and what you need to feel confident that our school is a safe place to be.

The links below will open separate surveys – one for you, and one for your child or young person. If you have more than one child or young person, they can use the same link as each other. Responses will be recorded separately and are completely anonymous.

The surveys will be open until **Friday 24 September** and will help inform our planning for the safe return to school in term 4.

We encourage all parents, carers and students to complete the survey if they can. Each survey will take around 10 minutes to complete.

- [Education Directorate Parents and Carers Survey](#)
  
- [Education Directorate Student Survey](#)

If you have any questions about remote learning or COVID-safe arrangements in our school, please contact us or have a look at the FAQs on the [ACT Education Directorate website](#).

#### **From Student Administration**

Our primary form of parent communication is through email and SMS. From Term 4 there will be a change in the way we send emails. Emails will now directly come from SENTRAL, our school management system, similar to the way our daily absence messages and academic reports are delivered. A small number of email servers may block our communications; the best way to avoid this happening is to “whitelist” or approve all emails from this email address [bounce@messaging.sentral.com.au](mailto:bounce@messaging.sentral.com.au). You will still be able to reply to the staff member who sent the email and it will go directly to them. Preferred Contacts 1 & 2 will receive both SMS and Email

communications by default however we may be able to add additional contacts after the initial roll out. If you need to update your contact details please contact the Front Office, [frontoffice@melrosehs.act.edu.au](mailto:frontoffice@melrosehs.act.edu.au).

### School logo

After a lengthy consultation period and focus groups with a graphic designer and students representatives, the final vote (67% of the student vote) is in for the school logo. To commence the next 50 years of Melrose High School, we have recommended the design below for verification through the Deputy Director General.



### Gratitude:

For our **first thank you**, our gratitude goes to all the staff on your behalf for the successful parent teacher meetings that have been held this week. Our gratitude also to all parents who attended for their feedback and patience with the system. We will be in further contact with you all early in term 4.

In feedback from the parent community I wanted to also let parents know the following from the parent of a student

*“in year 7 and I just wanted to mention that I have booked her in at Phillip Medical Centre for her vaccine and it was so easy with lots of availability. I was expecting it to be a wait and a palava but it wasn't!! So I thought you might want to mention for people to call GP's and in particular that Phillip Medical Centre has availability! Booking online isn't working but you can easily ring and make a booking. “*

Our **second lot of gratitude** today goes to all Medical staff who have worked tirelessly to keep our community safe and especially to all our parents working in the medical profession, our deepest thanks.

**Lastly** it is with mixed feelings that I let our community know that tomorrow will be the last day for our Music Teacher extraordinaire, Nathan Sciberras. Nathan has been successful in winning a promotion to lead the Music and Visual Arts Faculty at Melba/Copland Secondary School. This is a testament to Nathan's commitment and hard work, as well as his talents in bringing the school band,

technical theatre and music classes together into the showcase that it is today. Nathan's profile across the ACT as a musician has led to significant benefits for the school and students. Nathan's work to host our Assembly and performances at assembly should also be acknowledged as a true legacy for our school. Nathan leaves with our gratitude and respect for his work over 11 years at Melrose High School.



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