

Dear Parent/Carers

We've reached the end of Week 9, hopefully you have been enjoying the lovely rain. Please check out our Website, Facebook Page and Twitter feeds to see what is happening at school. Copies of these emails will be saved on the school website should you need to access to the information and/or handouts again. It was lovely to see all of the smiling faces during check-in on Thursday and Friday, it really lifted our spirits and reminded us of the wonderful community we have created at Melrose. We will continue to have these next week, additionally we would like to run a Q&A session for parent/carers.

### **SUPPORT FOR PARENT/CARERS**

We are developing parent resources that will be shared on multiple platforms; Melrose Toolbox, Melrose High School (MHS) website, MHS YouTube Channel and through email that will support students and families to navigate their way through online learning. We will start with the development of FAQ video, which will be available through the platforms. To support us to ensure we develop targeted resources, please use the link below to lodge your questions:

[Learning from home – Ask us a question](#)

### **WHAT CAN YOU DO TO SUPPORT US?**

There are a few things you can do support us here at school:

1. VIRTUAL CHECK -IN: will happen every day next week, 9-9.30am through Google Meet. Student should look for an email from the Check-in teacher or check the Google Classroom, *Keeping It Real! Just for Fun* – class code is: **gq6mimx**. Students can access their student email account through the EDU backpack: <https://backpack.ed.act.edu.au/>. Don't forget to check the JUNK MAIL too.
2. SURVEY: We have received 352 responses to our survey, if you haven't responded, please click on the link below so that we can plan how to best support all students to learn in Term Two, 2020.
3. ATTENDANCE: Families have been contacting the school and we now have 495 students on approved leave. You will continue to receive the attendance SMS and email unless you contact the school to let us know that you will keep your child(ren) home, please email Rolls Office at: [RollsOffice@melrosehs.act.edu.au](mailto:RollsOffice@melrosehs.act.edu.au)

### **FINANCE**

- Firstly we would like to acknowledge and thank all families for their past support and payment of subject contributions for elective subjects. Your contributions ensure your child has the resources, equipment and supplies they need to participate in elective subjects.
- Secondly given the current environment due to COVID-19, and majority of students remaining at home, we have put a hold on elective subject contributions and ask all families to hold off making any payments to the school for elective subjects until further notice. If you have recently made a payment to the school for an elective subject and would like a refund, or would like to the school to hold this amount in your name for future subject contributions, please email [Melrose.Finance@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:Melrose.Finance@ed.act.edu.au).

- Once school resumes as normal we will advise families and welcome voluntary contributions related to the classes your child(ren) will undertake.

ICT CONNECTION SURVEY: Thank you for the feedback about the survey, we are hopeful that we have now ironed out all the bumps! Please click [here](#) to complete a survey containing some important information about access to resources needed to make online learning effective for your child(ren). If you have any problems or questions with this survey, please do not hesitate to contact Lisa Green at: [lisa.green@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:lisa.green@ed.act.edu.au).

Thank you for working in partnership with the school to enhance the learning outcomes and support the wellbeing of our community.

Kind regards  
Shannon



Shannon Carnovale  
Deputy Principal  
Ph: (02) 6142 0700

Melrose High School  
Marr St Pearce  
Canberra ACT 2607

F: (02) 6142 0700  
[www.melrosehs.act.edu.au](http://www.melrosehs.act.edu.au)  
[www.facebook.com/MelroseHSCanberra](https://www.facebook.com/MelroseHSCanberra)

**Save Paper - Do you really need to print this e-mail?** Please consider the impact of printing this email. One ream of paper = 5.4 kg CO<sub>2</sub> in the atmosphere; 3 sheets of A4 paper = 1 litre of water. Climate change and environmental degradation affect the most vulnerable

