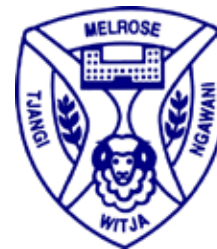




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Melrose High School Message Stick



Date: 19 March 2021

Important dates

http://www.melrosehs.act.edu.au/our_community/calendar

24-26 March: Outdoor Education Surfing Trip
25 March: Southside Girls Basketball Carnival
25 March: Year 7 and 9 NAPLAN Practice Test

1 April: Alan Tongue Cup Rugby 9's Comp - Girls
1 April: Last Day of Term 1
2 April: Good Friday

Support for students affected by community discussion on sexual harassment and assault

Over the last few weeks, there has been extensive media and political coverage as well as discussions in the community about sexual harassment and sexual assault. The ACT Education Directorate recognises that this can be a distressing and uncomfortable subject for some of our students.

Our school is committed to providing a safe, inclusive and supportive learning environment for our students. Bullying, harassment, sexual harassment and sexual assault have no place in our schools and broader community.

Students impacted by any of these issues can access support through their Student Wellbeing team and/or school psychologist.

There are also ACT Government and community organisations that provide support outside of school hours. You can find a full list of services on the [ACT Education Directorate website](#).

Services include:

- Lifeline Australia: 13 11 14 [Lifeline crisis support chat](#)
 - Beyond Blue: 1300 224 636 [Beyond Blue online chat](#)
 - [Youth Beyond Blue](#)
 - Suicide Call Back Service: 1300 659 467 [Suicide Call Back Service online chat and video chatcounselling](#)
 - Kids Helpline: 1800 551 800 [Kids Helpline WebChat counselling](#)
 - MensLine Australia: 1300 78 99 78
 - Canberra Health Services Access Mental Health: 1800 629 354 or 02 6205 1065
 - [1800 Respect](#)
 - [Canberra Rape Crisis Centre](#)
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Bikelinc

Is your bike registered with Bikelinc?

Many bikes stolen in the ACT are not returned to their owners as they cannot be accurately identified. It is your responsibility to prove to police that you own a recovered bike.

You can use [Bikelinc](#) to keep information in one convenient online platform, which police can check to reunite you with your bike:

- Record your bike's serial number
- Take a photo of the bike
- Keep a description of your bike including any markings or characteristics that make your bike easily identifiable.

Bikelinc is a joint initiative with Crime Stoppers ACT and is safe, secure and confidential. The searchable online database allows anyone to check if a bike is registered as safe, lost or stolen.

Visit <https://bikelinc.com.au/> to register now!

NAPLAN 2020

All Year 7 and 9 students will be sitting NAPLAN tests this year online, this includes a practice test this term and four NAPLAN tests next term. Census has been completed and exemption letters are being sent out this week as per the NCCD and EAL/D guidelines. Please email Stephannie Dormer if you would like to withdraw your child from NAPLAN testing or your child may need reasonable adjustments made to the test and may not be identified through census.

The dates are as follows:

- Thursday 25 March Practice Test
- Tuesday 11 May Reading Test
- Wednesday 12 May Writing Test - Reading Catch Up Tests
- Thursday 13 May Conventions of Language Test
- Friday 14 May Numeracy Test
- Monday 17 May Catch-Up Tests



Further Information:

If you would like further information or have any questions regarding NAPLAN please email Stephannie Dormer at Stephannie.Dormer@ed.act.edu.au



Melrose High School 2021

Come and Try days

Introduction to our high school structure, sample classes and a sausage sizzle.

Tuesday May 4
(9 am to 3 pm)

(Mawson and Farrer Primary)

Wednesday May 5
(9 am to 3 pm)

(Torrens Primary and interested* students)

Information Night

Join us for school tours, student displays and to meet the 2021 teaching team

Thursday May 6
(from 6 – 8 pm)

Principal's Address commences at 6 pm sharp

* Bookings are essential for all interested students not attending the listed Primary Schools. As places are limited, please contact the front office on 614 20700 or email MelroseHS.Events@ed.act.edu.au

Principal - Simon Vaughan





Lost Property

Over the period of Term 1 there has been a large accumulation of lost property outside the student window of the main office. If your child is missing clothing, shoes, drink bottles etc. please remind them to check the large pile and hopefully your missing belongings will return home.

Any items not collected by the end of the term will be washed and donated to charity.



Canberra Southern Cross Club – Community Rewards Program.

Are you a member of the Canberra Southern Cross Club? If so, did you know you can support Melrose High School every time you visit the club through their Community Rewards Program? Simply visit the Southern Cross Club website (use the QR code or the 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/zjflux530c342by/>

It's been a tough 12 months for both the local community and the rest of the world.

So, how do we make the end of 2020-2021 something to celebrate?

DOUBLE REWARDS - UNTIL THE END OF JUNE!

We're going big and doubling down on our commitment to the Community Rewards Program with Double Rewards until the end of June - that's 15c for every dollar spent by supporting Members, up to the program caps, donated to our Community Rewards Partners.



Melrose High School Parent Teacher Night Semester 1

Please join us for Parent Teacher Night in Week 1, Term 2 on Thursday 22 April from 3.45pm to 7pm.

Parent Teacher Night is an opportunity for Parents and Carers to meet with staff and connect about their child's progress and learning. It is also an opportunity for teachers to help set goals for student achievement.

Progress reports will be emailed home to inform you of your child's progress before this night. Details on how to book in for Parent Teacher Night will be emailed separately to the reports. Keep an eye on your inbox on Wednesday 31 March for both these emails.

Parent/Carers Free Assistive Technology Webinar

Literacy Accessibility Tool

Boost reading and writing confidence

Read&Write for Google Chrome (RW4G)

Join us for 1hr Webinar on [Introduction to Read & Write for Google Chrome](#)

Tuesday, 23rd March 2021, 3.30-4.30pm

Read&Write for Google Chrome (RW4G) offers support for Google Docs and the web and is especially beneficial for students with **literacy needs**. It offers a range of powerful support tools to assist students to gain confidence with reading, writing, studying and research. RW4G is available free for all students in ACT Public Schools. Students can access the tool online at school and home.

This one-hour webinar will provide an introduction to how Read&Write can:

1. Support reading and access to the curriculum.
2. Supporting readers with text to speech, dictionary and vocabulary tools, study tools, annotation tools and more.
3. Support writing and the ability to demonstrate understanding.
4. Supporting writers via word prediction, voice notes, speech recognition, vocabulary support, research skills and more.

Webinar Registration

Click on link to register: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5520571330025777421>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

NOTE: If you are unable to attend, please still register to gain access to the recorded live webinar

RW4G Videos

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLvSZbmGbKpCTkk3S93CXtQWNf50f_Ow3D&disable_polymer=true

<https://www.texthelp.com/en-au/products/read-write/read-write-for-google/>

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