Melrose High School Message Stick

Date: 23 April 2021

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

Important dates

26 April: Anzac Day Public Holiday
4 May: Canberra College Information Night
4 May: Come and Try Day Year 6 students
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6 May: Melrose High School Information Night 6 - 8pm
11 - 14 May: Year 7 and 9 NAPLAN tests
18 May: Erindale College Information Night
20 May: Tuggeranong College information Night

ACE Applications

ACE applications for Semester 2, 2021 will open in Week 3. All students will receive an email with the link to the applications. Applications must be the sole work of the student named, and they must be submitted no later than 5pm on Monday, 10 May 2021. Students must be signed into their EDU account to access and submit their applications. All students, regardless of whether they are currently in an ACE class, must submit an application if they want to be considered for a Semester 2 ACE class. Late submissions will not be accepted. For more information, please speak to your classroom teacher.

Year 9 & 10 Elective Selections for Semester 2

On Tuesday, 4 May 2021 (Week 3), Year 9 & 10 students will be emailed a link to the Elective Selection Form for Semester 2.This email will go to their Schoolsnet email account.Students will need to select their preferred PE and two (2) elective units, as well as 5 reserve units.Selections need to be completed by the following Monday, 10 May 2021. Details of the units on offer can be found in the Elective Handbook
https://sites.google.com/ed.act.edu.au/melrosehighschoolelectives/home
Please start the conversation now with your child about suitable units to select.While we endeavour to place all students in their preferred class, sometimes due to class capacity or staffing limits we need to place them into one of their reserve selections. In week 9 all students will be emailed their allocated classes.Only those students who didn't get their preferred unit will be able to apply for a class change.
Also on Tuesday, 4 May 2021, Year 10 students will receive an additional selection form so they can select the English class for Semester 2.

Safe Plates Training

All Year 10 students will be given the opportunity to complete the Safe Plates (previously Road Ready) training course. This two-day course is a prerequisite for obtaining a Learner Drivers License in the ACT.
There will be 2 training sessions in 2021, at the end of Term 2 and 4 with students allocated either session based on their date of birth.
More detailed information along with permission notes will be sent out shortly.

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

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PARENT ENGAGEMENT NIGHT – THURSDAY 10 JUNE 2021, 5.00-7.00PM @ MELROSE HIGH SCHOOL

The Term Two, 2021 session is: Skills for the Future - what skills attributes, passions etc. is our community looking for in future employees/members/students? We are yet to confirm all presenters, but at present the following people will be joining us on Thursday 10 June 2021, 5.00-7.00pm to share their thoughts and participate in a Q&A session:

Kirsty Spence, Talent Sourcing, ActewAGL
Maurice Walker, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elected Body
Keith Cantlie, Director of Cantlie Recruitment, Canberra Business Chamber
Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Education, Professor Royston Gustavson, ANU.
Kate Rhook, Community Engagement Officer, Icon Water
Emily Hills, Assistant Professor in Teacher Education, University of Canberra
Arian McVeigh, Manager, Young Workers Centre
Leanne Cover, Chief Executive Officer, Canberra Institute of Technology (CIR)

Look out for updates as other presenters confirm their attendance.

Public health alert: Death Cap mushroom growth increasing significantly across the ACT

The growth of Death Cap mushrooms in the ACT has increased significantly with the onset of autumn – the peak growing period. Death Cap mushrooms grow across the ACT and are easily mistaken for edible mushrooms. ACT Chief Health Officer Dr Kerryn Coleman warned the community not to touch wild mushrooms with bare hands and to keep children and animals away from them.
Anyone who thinks they have seen a Death Cap mushroom in a public area can report it to Access Canberra on 13 22 81. Visit ACT Health for more information about the Death Cap mushroom.

ASIC

***MoneySmart* for Consumers and Investors.**

The *MoneySmart* website was created by Australian Securities and Investment Commission (ASIC) to help all Australians to improve personal finances. The website offers impartial guidance and online tools to help users to be better informed when making financial decisions.

No matter your circumstances, ASIC's *MoneySmart* website has tips and tools to help you manage your money. The website has targeted calculators and many pages of guidance on:

- borrowing and credit
- superannuation and retirement
- budgeting and saving
- investing
- scams
- free and confidential financial counselling offered by community organisations, community legal centres and some government agencies.

moneysmart.gov.au

The *MoneySmart* website can be accessed at https://moneysmart.gov.au/

Canberra Institute of Technology

For more information visit cit.edu.au/schools

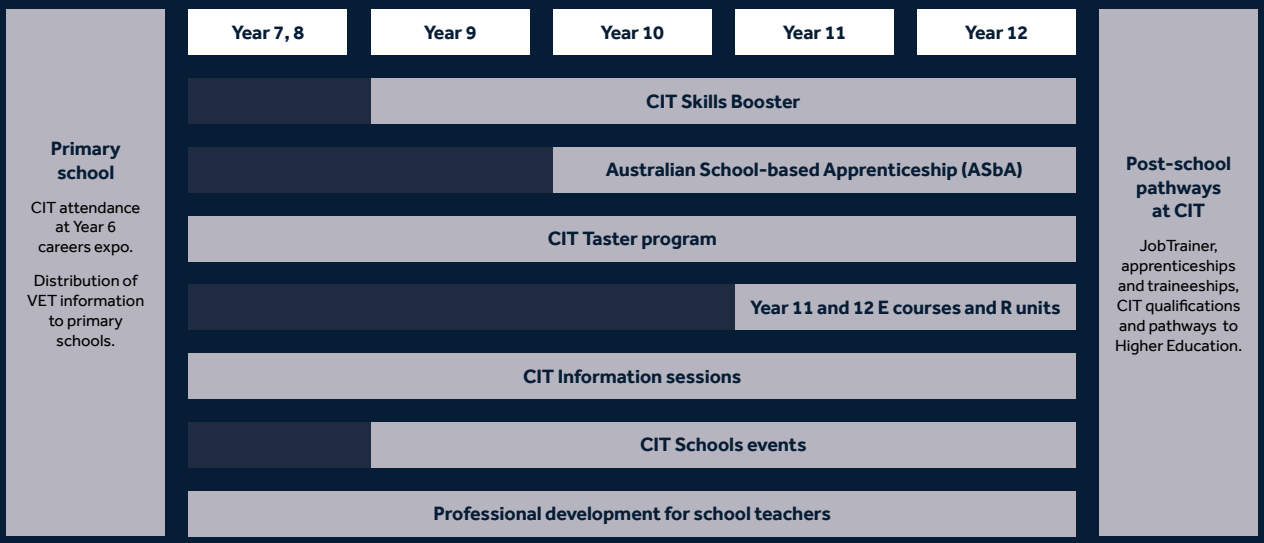
CIT for Schools

CIT has a range of programs and activities, including accredited and non-accredited courses, that provide an opportunity for school students to further understand and experience what it's like to work in a particular industry.

The programs are designed to provide school students with a learning pathway from primary through secondary school onto tertiary education where students can make educated decisions about their future career.

Research indicates that work-based education can lead to better employment outcomes for vocational education and training (VET) students and provide productivity gains for employers in the form of job-ready workers.

To discuss the options below or to explore training tailored specifically for your students or staff, please contact CIT's Schools Engagement team at **citschoolsengagement@cit.edu.au**, or visit **cit.edu.au/schools** for more information.



Programs for schools

CIT Skills Booster (Years 9–12)

Targeted training for students who have an idea what they want to study after school. Programs are offered in a range of areas including plumbing, hospitality and health care.

Gives students practical hands-on experience where they can link their learning with the world of work. Students will complete units of competency that provide credit towards future study at CIT and may be able to credit their learning towards their Year 12 Certificate.

CIT Taster program (Years 7–12)

Students can visit one of CIT's three main campuses where they will attend practical demonstrations that will show them the world of VET and work. This program is available on request and can be tailored to meet your students needs.

Australian School-based Apprenticeship (ASbA) (Years 10–12)

When undertaking a school-based apprenticeship or traineeship at CIT, students are employed in their chosen industry and combine paid part-time work and structured training. This enables them to learn a trade or workplace skills while working towards a nationally accredited qualification whilst still completing school.

Year 11 and 12 E courses and R units (Years 11–12)

An E course (or external course) is a nationally recognised course that may be included in a student's ACT Year 12 Certificate. An R unit is for students in years 11 and 12 and is designed to provide personal development, recreational or community service activities.

CIT Information sessions (Years 7–12)

- Schools visits and information sessions about studying at CIT.
- CIT attendance at school careers expos.
- CIT campus tours for school students (may include guest speakers from industry or CIT student alumni).

CIT Schools events (Years 9–12)

CIT host events that school students can participate in throughout the year. Events include: TASTE (Hospitality, Culinary, Tourism and Events); Studio (Creative and Design Industries); Construction and Engineering Bridge Challenge.

Professional development for school teachers (Years 7–12)

CIT offers training to school teachers in: Certificate IV in Training and Assessment TAE40116 and skills recognition (RPL) across all CIT qualifications.

Campus tours and information sessions are also available to school teachers on request.

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FACT SHEET FOR FAMILIES:

HELP WITH SCHOOL COSTS

IN ACT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

BACKGROUND

The ACT Education Directorate is committed to providing assistance to ensure that all children and young people have the opportunity to access and participate in the full range of educational programs and activities that address their educational and wellbeing needs. From time to time families may experience stressors in their life that can impact on their ability to meet the costs of schooling. This fact sheet has been developed to assist and encourage you to access the supports that in place should you need them.

WHAT SUPPORTS ARE AVAILABLE?

There are a number of options for you if you are finding the costs of schooling a challenge. You can contact your school directly and have a conversation with a staff member about your situation. If it's better for you, you could also have a relative, caseworker, friend or advocate make contact on your behalf. You can also contact the Education Directorate to find out what other supports are available to you ETDStudentWellbeing@act.gov.au

Secondary Bursary Scheme

$750 per annum payment is available to families with low incomes who have students in year 7 to 10 to assist with the costs of schooling. For further information please ring the Bursary Administrator on (02) 62058262. More information can be found at https://www.education.act.gov.au/support-for-our-students/financial-assistance

School based supports

All ACT public schools are resourced to assist students to access everyday essentials.

This provision forms part of public education's core objective of making access to education equitable for all students, regardless of personal circumstances. The types of items and activities that schools can help with include; school uniforms, food, book and stationery packs, transport, excursions and camps.

Schools can also provide assistance through the provision of personal hygiene products, such as deodorant, toothpaste and toothbrushes and sanitary hygiene products for any student who may need them. Schools make products available in multiple locations in the school including the front office, the first aid, school nurse and/or student services rooms, promoting discreet access to these products.

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INFORMATION SESSIONS

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITY

TRANSITION AND ENROLMENT OPTIONS

Transition to Preschool for children with developmental delay and disability	Transition Preschool to Kindergarten	Transition Primary to High school	Transition High School to College
10 May 2021 11.30am-1.00pm	**6 May 2021** 10.00-11.30am	**6 May 2021** 1.30-3.00pm	**12 May 2021** 1.00-2.30pm
	11 May 2021 6.00-7.30pm	**13 May 2021** 6.00-7.30pm	**18 May 2021** 6.00-7.30pm

To register for a session and for more information, visit www.education.act.gov.au/public-school-life/enrolling-in-a-public-school/school-information-sessions

School to Work

For secondary school students with disability

Are you a parent or family member of a secondary school student with disability?
Have you been considering their future after school?

Many people assume that a student with disability will struggle to find work in Open Employment. Yet, with the right supports, young Australians with disability are taking their rightful place in the workforce. They earn a living, contribute positively to their workplace, and acquire skills for future employment.

Work and contributing to society is important for everyone, and everyone can have a real job. **School to Work** will help your child with disability and your family dream of work and build confidence to explore what work might look like for them. It's never too early to support your son or daughter to start thinking about what life after school could look like by having meaningful employment.

School to Work is a series of online webinars and workshops which aim to inspire, increase confidence and motivate students with disability to seek and find meaningful employment with the help and support of their family.

Upcoming Webinars

IMAGINING

Imagining Work:
Getting Started
For students in Years 7 and 8

Tuesday, April 27 at 12:30 PM AEST

DISCOVERING

Discovering Work:
Getting Started
For students in Years 9 and 10

Tuesday, May 4 at 12:00 PM AEST

FINDING

Finding Work
Getting Started &
The Next Steps
For students in Years 11 and 12

Tuesday, May 11 at 12:00 PM AEST
Tuesday, May 18 at 12:00 PM AEST

All webinars are free to attend, and a replay will be available for a limited time.

For more information and to register, please visit

imaginemore.org.au/school-to-work-events

More information - fiona@imaginemore.org.au

ImagineMORE
imaginemore.org.au

IMAGINING DISCOVERING FINDING

School To Work
for Secondary School
Students with Disability

This project was made possible as part of the Community Inclusion Capacity Development program through the Department of Social Services

CANBERRA COLLEGE

ACT Government Education

Information Night

Tuesday 4th May

2021

The college will be open

Join us anytime between 6-8pm

Prospective students are invited to our Information Night for 2022 enrolment. Come and have a look around the college and check out our facilities and programs. Meet our teachers and talk with some of our students.
We look forward to opening our doors to you.

*In line with Covid19 requirements we recommend that each student bring only one family member along please.

Are you a Year 10 student? Are you starting Year 11 in 2022?

Enrol at a college that educates, supports, and values its students to help them achieve their full potential. At Canberra College students enjoy a broad selection of study opportunities and curriculum pathways. We have a tradition of academic excellence and we offer extensive specialty programs in modern purpose-built facilities.

A great choice for your future studies - Canberra College

Need more information?

Ph **6142 3288**

W **http://www.canberrac.act.edu.au/**

E **canberrac.info@ed.act.edu.au**

2 Launceston Street PHILLIP ACT 2606

Pathways to Post School Life

A session for young people in Years 10-12 and the people who support them

The NDIA would like to invite young people with a disability in Years 10-12, their parents, carers and education professionals, to attend a virtual information session.

This is a session about building skills and paving a pathway to post school life. We'll discuss a range of NDIS-funded supports and other assistance to help young people build skills to prepare for their transition, and support them in achieving employment and other goals, post-school.

Sessions are offered over multiple dates to allow flexibility for attendees, and will be delivered via video-conference using Microsoft Teams. Registrations will close three business days before the event. If you would like to attend, please register via Eventbrite. Two business days prior to the event, login details (including the MS Teams link to join the session) will be sent from events@ndis.gov.au to the email address you provide at registration.

For any enquiries regarding this session, please contact events@ndis.gov.au. Please include the session name in the subject line.

Where: Virtual Information Sessions via Microsoft Teams

Dates & Times:

Wednesday 5 May 2021	6.00pm – 7.30pm (AEST)
Tuesday 18 May 2021	3.30pm – 5.00pm (AEST)
Thursday 3 June 2021	6.00pm – 7.30pm (AEST)
Wednesday 16 June 2021	3.30pm – 5.00pm (AEST)

RSVP: Please register via Eventbrite at www.eventbrite.com.au/e/pathways-to-post-school-life-a-session-for-young-people-in-years-10-12-tickets-146694728883

Additional information: Accessibility is important to us. If you have any accessibility requirements please let us know when you register for your chosen session. Please note - we need a minimum of five (5) business days' notice to book Auslan interpreters and live captioning services.

ndis.gov.au

positive partnerships

Working together to support school-aged students on the autism spectrum

Free to attend

2 Day Autism Workshop for Parents and Carers

Join other local families to learn more about autism and ways to strengthen the home-school partnership

Learn about:

- Autism: characteristics, impacts and strategies
- Understanding behaviour
- Sensory processing
- Working together with your school

Location:

Royal Hotel Queanbeyan
85 Monaro Street,
Queanbeyan NSW 2620

Morning tea and a light lunch are provided

Canberra, ACT

Wed 19th & Thur 20th May, 2021

8.45am - 2.30pm

Interpreters available

To register, visit
positivepartnerships.com.au OR,
contact Rachael Dillon
rdillon@autismspectrum.org.au

For help, call:
1300 881 971

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