



Welcome back to semester 2, the last opportunity for our Year 12 students to maximise their Year 12 certificate outcomes and Australian Scaling Tests (AST) required for University entrance. The vast majority of students have been taking the opportunity to practice and refine their AST exam skills with the Gilmore workshops last term and the trials at the start of term 3. It is critical that all students work hard to achieve the best outcome as these impact on both their own score and the collective scores of the college cohort. I wish all students every success in the coming weeks.

It is with great pleasure that I congratulate Simon Vaughan who has been promoted and appointed as the permanent Principal of Melrose High School. Simon made a significant contribution as a leader in Canberra College and ACT Education system over the past 7 years. His empathy and support for both staff and students has enabled him to build a strong relationship and reputation within the ACT community. His vision, leadership and support in reinforcing diversity of learning styles through Vocational Education and Training, Big Picture and the use of 21st Century Fluencies has been outstanding. Simon will continue to be a strong advocate for our local community and I look forward to working with him in building seamless pathways for our students in the South Weston Network.

Peter Clayden will continue his project management role in DET in term 3 and Helen Uren Randall and Kevin Howard will act in the Deputy positions. There are a number of other staffing changes this semester. I thank and farewell Tony Webber (Science), Erin Barbour (English, Big Picture), Lillian Everitt (Technology) and Iona Stenhouse (CCCare) for their commitment and contribution to the college. Joining the teaching team for term 3 are Tamzin Oliver (Psychology), Kerry Buik (Accounting), Mark Carroll (Maths) and Emma-Kate Porter (Physics). A number of reshuffled roles have also been required to ensure all programs continue to operate with minimal disruptions. Jo-Anne Lee and Jason Tolmie have been confirmed as long term Year coordinators while Anil Chopra will act in that role for Jaafar Tabandeh while his is looking after the commerce faculty for term 3.

Congratulations and thanks to:

Jasmine R, Grace P, Jack B, John C, Connor McF, Nicola S and Tom C who were outstanding ambassadors at the ACT Constitutional Convention at Old Parliament house. Thanks to Patrick Judge and Kevin Howard in their mentor roles.

The Media staff and student team on an outstanding short film festival. The quality of the production along with the scripts and acting were a real credit to the students.

Kathleen Phillips and the visual arts students for another brilliant art exhibition

Sonya Bell who has single handedly managed the WEX, ASBA's and Careers office in term 2. Richard Johnson takes up that role in term 3 while Alex O'Brien moves to the Transitions and Careers Officer role.

Anna and Cheryl for their leadership and support in the transition's process, organisational support in student services and reporting.

Stephanie and her photography students and Merle and the fashion design students who have some creative textiles pieces. They both have pieces on show at the ANU School of Art Gallery from 28 July to 9 August as part of Step into the Limelight. The exhibition runs Tue-Fri 10.30-5.00 and Saturday noon to 5.00pm.



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Arty Bits

Media

The Media Film festival was held in the CCPAC theatre on Tuesday 29th July. This was a fabulous showcase of student work and some exceptional films were shown on the big screen!

I was blown away by the quality of the work from both a technical as well as a creative perspective. The cinematography was exceptional and the script writing and stories behind the work was beautiful and Oh so clever! Presenting such quality work in a professional theatre with large screen and industry standard sound made it the perfect night out.

I would highly recommend that anybody interested in film / movies attend the next Film Festival in the CCPAC theatre!

Watch this space!

Dance

Congratulations Ryan S and Rebecca W who performed in this year's QL2 youth dance ensemble season of BOUNDLESS.

Drama

The Sydney Drama tour was held in week 3 August 6-8th. Ian and I accompanied 20 students for three very busy and rewarding days. The trip included Performance workshops at The Australian Theatre for Young People and N.I.D.A., as well as a tour of The Opera Centre, and visits to the Art Gallery of NSW and Chinatown. Performances of Rigoletto by Opera Australia in the Joan Sutherland Theatre at The Sydney Opera House, and The Sydney Theatre Company's production of Shakespeare's Macbeth (with Hugo Weaving in the lead) at The Sydney Theatre Company's main stage theatre.

Photography

On Tuesday the 5th of August at 6pm the grand opening of the ACT Education and Training Directorate student art exhibition 'Limelight' opened at the ANU School of Art Gallery. This year we have six year 12 photography students selected. They are Robert L, Jordan K, Rachel W, Natasha Cs, Camille S and Jordan W. On Tuesday 29 the year 12 photography class went to view the exhibition and support their peers. The exhibition runs from 28 July till the 9 August.

(see photo below of Camille & Rachel at Limelight)



Arty Bits (contd)

Arts voluntary contributions

The payment of voluntary financial contributions in our practical Arts courses greatly assists us in the delivery of quality programs. Students enrolled in these courses receive a note requesting your support at the beginning of each semester.

This request for contributions is made in an effort to support positive learning in an area that requires significant use of materials and equipment to support your learning. In practical Arts subjects it can be extremely costly to facilitate the delivery of the unit without assistance from families to contribute to the necessary resources.

Many Arts subjects require expensive materials and resources, without which, courses of this nature would not be able to run. It is in the spirit of maintaining an excellent and very successful Arts program here at the Canberra College, that we encourage your support in this matter.

Please be aware that your contributions are voluntary and that no materials have been withheld from students during the semester to date.

As the Executive Teacher of Arts, I am writing to remind families that the college is more than happy to accept ongoing smaller contributions if that makes it more manageable for you. Fortnightly payments can be arranged or we are happy to accept a contribution that you are more comfortable with. Every little bit helps!

If it is not possible to make a contribution due to financial hardship, please phone the College Business Manager 61423326 and the college will cover this cost for you.

If you have already contributed to the cost of the practical subject or subjects that you are enrolled in...I would like to thank you very much for your assistance with this matter.

Kim Walkom

Executive Teacher Arts

Asbestos and building upgrades update

The first phase of the programmed removal of Asbestos eaves was completed during the break. They have been replaced with wooden sheeting and then clad in metal relief. The concrete landscaping between the Technology area and the main building was completed with a short disruption to the start of the term due to wet weather delays during the break. There are still some planter boxes and garden beds plus some feature paving to be finalised with the CCCare new works towards the end of the year. CCCares construction is progressing on target with the building ready for occupancy for the start of 2015.

George Palavestra

Blind Date with a Book



It's that time of the year again when we satisfy your lovelorn literary yearnings. Canberra College Library is currently offering our ever popular 'Blind Date with a Book' service. Fill out a lonely hearts form and we will use our highly scientific book love algorithm to match you with the text of your dreams. Or, you can jump straight in and have a mystery pick from one of our ready-to-go book date selections.



Assessment Alert

Parents.....

Do these comments sound familiar?

"Oh no, I have an assignment due today?"

"I forgot to finish my essay - can you write me a note?"

"I have a test today and forgot to study!"

The Solution

Assessment Alert: The new **smartphone app** now available for our school.

Reminds parents/students of upcoming due dates/events

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A Message from the Minister

Parental Engagement A Priority

During Public Education Week at the end of May, it was very good to see the achievements of our students, schools, teachers, and staff showcased and celebrated. On show were so many examples of where you and your communities are actively involved with your children's schools; through different activities and programs.

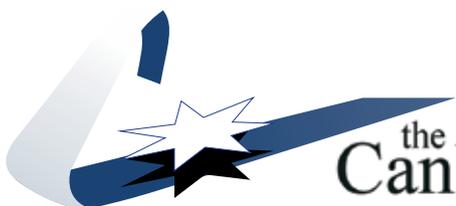
I will continue to focus on putting children, parents, carers and communities at the centre of our education system and will be looking at further ways of communicating the values of the public education system.

For example, the online enrolment system has simplified processes for parents and carers, and we have also launched the 'Parents and Students At The Centre' page on our website, which features stories of parent-school engagement, including one about how ACT public schools are increasingly using Facebook and Twitter to enable parents and the community engage and stay up to date on their activities and achievements.

Other initiatives include the 'Fresh Tastes' program which encourages learning about nutrition and healthy food and drink choices in schools and we have also launched a series of fact sheets for parents and carers of gifted and talented students. I also recently launched the '100 Stories: Celebrating public education in Canberra' book which features fascinating stories of people who have influenced, or have been influenced by our public education system.

'100 Stories: Celebrating public education in Canberra' can be viewed online at www.det.act.gov.au.

Joy Burch MLA



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Science News

National Youth Science Forum

Congratulations to Andrew G for being chosen as the Canberra College representative at the National Youth Science Forum in January. This is a very prestigious event and Andrew was interviewed and chosen to join a very select few from all over Australia.

The results for the Big Science competition have just arrived. This year we received three High Distinctions, seven distinctions and seven credits. Congratulations to all participants and special congratulations to Oliver C, Alex K and Claudia S for their High Distinctions.

Science ICAS TEST

Students gained excellent results in the ICAS test (International Competition and Assessment in Science). Seven students sat the test with 1 credit and 2 distinctions and 1 high distinction. Congratulations to all the students who participated with special congratulations to Daniel L for his well-deserved high distinction.

Judy Bolton | Executive Teacher Science/IT

First Aid and Pre-Med

There are now 36 more members of Canberra College qualified with national certification for Providing First Aid. Students from both Weston and Woden campus completed this course.

The Woden campus students completed the First Aid certificate as part of their Pre-Med course. The Pre-Med course continues this semester for interested students with visits to different hospital departments. They will get an inside view of what goes on in those departments, as well as receive talks from hospital staff regarding educational and career opportunities for those interested in professions related to medicine.

Several Pre-Med students have also taken part in Term 3 in sitting the UMAT, the Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admission Test. This is a test that assists them to be considered for selection into a number of undergraduate medicine, dentistry or health science related courses next year when they start University.

SLG News

The Canberra College Student Leadership Group has had a great start to Term 3. Four of our students attended the Keep Australia Beautiful ACT Sustainable cities awards on 22 of July and were pleased to receive not one but two commendation awards in the categories of Young Legends and Environmental Advocacy and Innovation. It was a great week for celebrating sustainability as in the same week the school was also presented with their Waste Accreditation from ACT SMART schools. Canberra College is the first college to be accredited for waste and recycling which is a great credit to the SLG students and their efforts to implement a successful recycling program. Looking ahead, later this term the students will be embarking on two peer support programs to improve inclusivity amongst our student body. In week 10 there will be two buddy days. One involves students from the Futures program and the SLG on an excursion to Questacon. The other involves the international students going to the National Zoo and Aquarium. Any students interested in being part of this program can make their interest known to Susan in the CCPAC staffroom or to any of the SLG students in the SLG room.

Families Seeking Counselling Support as a Result of their Homes Being Identified as Having Ongoing Asbestos Problems

Some houses in Canberra have been identified as have ongoing asbestos problems. For these families this may lead to increased stress levels.

Please be aware that confidential support is available through our school psychologist, David Austin.

Please phone the college or visit David in Student services

David Austin Ph 6142 3335

Year 12 Formal

Formal Ticket Prices will be \$150.00 ticket and must be paid for in their entirety by Wednesday week 9 this term. NO LATE PAYMENTS as numbers must be sent to the caterers.

PE News

Katie R yr 11 came 2nd in the National Championships for Calisthenics.

Junior (Bruce) M yr 12 has been selected to play in the Australian u18's Schoolboys team to play New Zealand in October this year.

On Thursday 24th July, we participated in the inaugural Raiders Rugby League Girl's 9's competition held at Northbourne Oval. Our girls were very brave and showed increasing confidence and ability as we progressed through 6 games, with an especially great win over Dickson. No doubt there were some sore and bruised bodies by the end! The team was - Kiara M-B – special mention to our courageous captain who tackled like an absolute champion, gave everything in attack and won the Raider's award for best player in our team, and more great performances were from Cassie C, Vera L, Terri Mc, Lauren R, Stella A, Bec L, and Jamilla N.

Sophia E yr 11 has been selected to represent the ACT in the upcoming Schoolgirls Football (Soccer) tournament that will be taking place in Sydney from the 23rd - 29th August.

Daniel S yr 12 is playing Rugby League for the ACT School boys.

Sports in Term 3 include – volleyball, oztag, squash, badminton, golf, hockey, rock climbing, mountain biking, indoor cricket, sign up at the PE staffroom.

Laura Skeates Sports Coordinator

Fridge Door

Week 4, 14 August - Moderation Day, no classes

Week 7, 2-3 September - AST Yr 12

AST Trials Yr 11

Week 8, 9 September - College Info Evening for Prospective Students

Weeks 8 & 9, 12/15/16 Sept - Test Days

Week 10, 23 September - Parent/Teacher Night

Attention Parent/ Carer of Students with Medical Conditions

It is essential that the college maintains accurate and up to date information on all student medical conditions.

If at any time the health care needs of your child change, please contact the front office on 6142 3288.

Other College information

For information on Australian School-Based Apprenticeships (ASBA), Career & Transition and Work Experience (WEX), please call Canberra College and ask to speak to Sonya Bell (Careers and Transitions) or Richard Johnston (Careers Advisor)

Mathematics tutorials are available at Canberra College on Thursdays 12.30–1.45 pm. For more information please call the front office.

Student Services

It is, as ever, a busy time in Student Services. Our doors are always open for students and parents to make appointments.

Our team again:

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Careers

This past term we have had a lot going on in the Careers Room with lots of students coming in to make an appointment with the Careers Advisors for a Career Guidance Interview as well as heading out to the Workplace to complete a week of Work Experience. 550 students from the Canberra College recently attended the Careers Xpo at Exhibition Park. This was a great opportunity for our students to gain information into their chosen vocations as well as post school options.

This term if you would like to come along for a career guidance interview, please make a booking on the sheet on the door of the Careers room. We are more than happy to help you with any careers questions and advice. We would also like to welcome Richard Johnson to the Careers Team.

School Careers Website

We now have a new school Careers website – it is a “One Stop Shop” for everything you need with Career Planning and help. You can find the site at: www.canberracollegecareers.com The site contains a huge amount of information and should be your first stop when you are looking for information on anything job, careers, university and TAFE related (and there is so much more). It has a student login area that allows you to do a number of things once you have created an account. For example you can subscribe to receive a Careers newsletter at least twice each term. This will have lots of relevant information, important dates and so on. If you wish to receive this, just put your name and email address in here. It also has a “Calendar of Events” (in the “Important Information” menu). Here you will find a calendar for the year which has all the important dates and events on this. If you want to receive alerts or reminders of all upcoming events, just put your name and email address in here. Check it out Now!

This semester we will be running the following Courses. If you are interested in getting your White Card and also your Asbestos Awareness Card which are now both compulsory if wanting to do Work Experience and/or work within the Construction Industry, come and see us in the Careers Room and put your name on the list ASAP. Points are awarded on your Year 12 Certificate.

Holding an RSA certificate is now compulsory for anyone serving or supplying alcohol in the Australian Capital Territory. Access Recognised Training in partnership with the Canberra College is running a Nationally recognised RSA course for students at the college on Thursday 28.8.14 1.00-4.30pm in the Lecture Theatre. Cost per student \$65.00 (includes original certificate + postage and handling) See Alex O'Brien and Sonya Bell for more details in the Careers Room.

Work Experience Week - 1/12/14 - 5/12/14

If you are in Year 11 and wanting to do a week of Work experience during WEX Week, you need to come into the Careers Room to fill out the paperwork to give to Sonya before you are able to go out to the workplace. This is a great opportunity for students to gain an appreciation of working life and to gain an insight into their chosen field.

Term 3: Important dates to Remember:

UAC applications open 6/8/14 and on-time applications close 30/9/14

WEEK 4 – Canberra College Transitions & Careers Expo in the Asgard Theatre 12.00 – 2.00 on Monday 11/08/14

UBS Finance Academy 2014

A big CONGRATULATIONS to Jayden E for his successful application to attend the UBS Finance Academy in Sydney, during the last school holiday period.

The UBS Finance Academy is now in its 11th year. The program has been created around the theme of finance. The objective of the UBS Finance Academy is to provide leadership in banking education with a particular focus on senior secondary school students. It introduces students to a wide range of career opportunities in banking. Fifty Year 11 students were selected from a broadly based cross section of schools in NSW, ACT and Victoria.

For the students the Academy offers a chance to explore a previously unknown career opportunity and develop new relationships with their peer group from other schools. An ideal outcome would be that students return to their school with an intellectual and social advantage and an interest in pursuing a career in the world of banking. The program is residential and participants live-in at Dunmore Lang College, Macquarie University, Sydney.

The program objectives are to:

introduce Year 11 students to a diverse group of contemporary leaders in the Banking sector

demonstrate the possibilities and satisfaction of a career in business

encourage leadership aspirations in young people

provide leadership skills development

Congratulations again to Jayden and please read his report below.

Kevin Howard Executive Teacher – CLASS Faculty

I was one of the six ACT year 11 students invited to attend the UBS finance academy for 2014. This is a program intended to give students an insight into the business world. It is an all-expenses paid week in Sydney to become familiar with the roles in the UBS investment bank and many other finance related roles. Along with many other activities that will help us well into the future, things that will help no matter what industry we choose. The Academy provided me with many skills that I am able to improve upon to help both myself and my career - we had talks on improving confidence and public speaking, how to set goals and achieving them and how to responsibly use social media. We also gained an understanding of the inner workings of investment banks and what is involved in pursuing a career in the industry through the "day-in-the-life" talks of the people working in the bank. Whilst at the academy we were split into groups to present a case study about an acquisition between two companies, which is something that the bank does every day and it allowed us to experience the role of an investment banker on a small scale. Along with all of this we went on tours through places like the UBS trading floor and the CNBC TV studio. It was an amazing experience and I look forward to pursuing a career in investment banking in the future. Jayden (pictured below)





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