

## From the Principal

As another college year draws to a close, students, staff and parents can feel justifiably proud of what we have achieved as a community this past year. As we prepare for 2013, the college is in an excellent position to build on its recent successes. This year has seen the opening of our \$9.5M performing arts centre. I attended the first performance by our drama students recently in the new theatre– Terry Pratchett’s *Carpe Jugulum*. In 2013, for our students, a diverse academic and vocational program will be on offer. As a college we will continue our commitment to respect and cater for the needs of the full range of student abilities, talents and learning styles.

### Welcome to year 11 2013

I welcome our prospective year 11 students for 2013. You will find life at Canberra College rewarding and enjoyable but challenging and demanding. The next two years is a crucial stage in your life whether your intended destination is the workforce or further study. My advice is to come prepared to hit the ground running with clear goals in mind, a determination to succeed and an enthusiastic approach. If you need assistance on any college related matter, seek it out immediately. I look forward to working with you and your families next year.

## Season’s Greetings

Finally, I wish you a happy and safe Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

**John Stenhouse**  
*Principal*

## Welcome to Canberra College

# Welcome to Canberra College students in 2013

### Canberra College Key Dates 2013

#### February

Monday 4th February	Year 11 First Day
Tuesday 5th February	Year 12 First Day
Tuesday 26th February	Welcome To College Evening

#### March

Tuesday 5th March	Moderation day 1
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#### April

Tuesday 9th April	Parent/Teacher Evening
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# Newsletter

November/December 2012

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## Year 11 STUDENT ORIENTATION PROGRAM 2013

### **Monday the 4th of February**

**8.45 - 9.15 a.m.**

Registration the Canteen area

Students register at the table designated to their surname

Pick up the copy of Orientation package &

Collect ID if not on the pack

Move into the Theatre and sit in *i*Group rows

**9.15 a.m.**

**All Year 11 students in the Theatre**

All Year 11 students in *i*Group rows

**Students without *i*Groups sit in front rows**

**9.20 a.m. - 9.45 a.m.**

**Welcome address by the Principal**

**9.45 - 10.45 a.m.**

***i*Group session 1**

Year 11 *i*Groups go to allocated room with *i*Group Teacher

Complete Student Profile/Update Contact Details

Go through Orientation Booklet

Explanation for Timetable for Week 1

Map and tour of the college

Student Timetable discussed

**10.45 - 11.15 a.m.**

**Recess:** Canteen open 10.45 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.

**11.15 - 11.45 a.m.**

***i*Group Session 2**

College life, Policies and procedures and planning activity

11.45 a.m. Students meet back in the Theatre

**Lunch time Event**

1.00 - 4.00 p.m.

Students with no or fewer than 5 classes to Student Services

New enrolments and ID photos to Student Services

**Tuesday 5th of February**

**9.45 a.m. start for normal timetabled classes starting on Line 4**



## Mathematics Success in 2012

It has been a very full year with regard to the competitions we have run. Our Specialist Maths students have been a vibrant and enthusiastic group in 2012 who have willingly participated in quite a variety of competitions. We have been Maths camping at Wombeyan to set the tone for the year and we had 12 students participate in the Australian Informatics competition for the first time this year. Our results were very encouraging and I look forward to even better results next year. Our best performed student in this area was Christina Zhang with a Distinction.

After a very successful performance at the ANU Maths day in May where our team of year 12 students Ben Wang, Ross Pure, Tony Li, Elliot Steel and Andrew Spooner finished second just behind Sydney Boys Technical High School as well as being the winners of the City Shield and the best performed Canberra school, these students as well as Duong Dang from year 11 followed up by participating in the UNSW Mathematics Competition in June. This competition is a 3hour exam comprising six questions which are at a very high level of conceptual thinking. This requires a large commitment from these students. I am very pleased to report that 4 of these students have received either a prize or certificate. Andrew Spooner and Duong Dang received prizes and Ben Wang and Ross Pure received certificates and should be congratulated for their outstanding performances.

We also had 35 students from both year 11 and year 12; participate in the Australian Maths Competition in early August. We received their results this week and they have again produced excellent results with Ross Pure and Christopher Hann gaining High Distinctions. Overall we gained 2 High Distinctions, 13 Distinctions and 9 Credits.

The students are to be congratulated for their enthusiasm and willingness to give up their time to participate in so many extra activities and competitions and the Maths faculty would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge their efforts.

## Hospitality – 2012

Semester 1 kicked off with Our Year 12s operating a Café each Wednesday for lunch, serving a variety of food and beverages to customers which included both an Eat In and Take Away service. Later in the semester we catered for our Open night supplying guests with food and beverages all evening. We were also catering for the Rock the Schools concert but unfortunately this didn't eventuate due to illness.

Semester 2 was extraordinarily busy and began with our Hospitality excursion to Novotel – with our students having some fun in the kitchens and making mocktails at the bar.

During this semester, our Year 11s operated a fast food outlet serving foods and limited beverages to customers, while Year 12 operated a restaurant, serving two and three course lunches to customers. Our students also catered for and provided Food and Beverage service at the Official opening of our CCPAC. Late in term 3 we held our very successful annual Family and Friends dinner function with Year 11 students preparing 3 courses for the Year 12s to serve to their invited guests, including mocktails at the beginning of the evening. Everyone had a great time, especially the students when their teacher lost her voice!

We finished the semester with a special staff function for Melbourne Cup Lunch which involved all our hospitality students working as a team.

Our final event for the year however, was a Charity Cocktail Fundraiser for Cerebral Palsy held at National Zoo and Aquarium, with our students assisting St Eddies in the preparation and service of Food and Beverages to guests. It was a wonderful evening and our students benefitted greatly from the experience.

## Humanities – the year that was 2012

It turned out to be a very busy, yet rewarding year for all our students and we look forward to next year which is shaping up to be just as exciting. As well as offering a broad range of subjects that include English, History, 5 Languages and Theory of Knowledge, the Humanities

Faculty provide students with opportunities to extend their learning through involvement in activities such as excursions, public speaking and debating competitions and overseas cultural exchanges.

2012 has been no exception.

## Public Speaking and Debating

This year teams from the Canberra College participated in the Rotary Model United Nations General Assembly. Tyrell Kamira Sams and Jean-Luc Rosso played the role of Italy in the event and Jordan Hackett played the role of Syria. They spoke on issues as diverse as climate change and the international movement of refugees. They worked hard in preparing for the weekend long event and did very well. Thank you to Rotary Clubs Woden Sunrise and Weston Creek for sponsoring our teams.

Erin Prince and Maddie Bowden competed in the United Nations' Youth Evatt Trophy. They assumed the role of Australia on the peak United Nations body, the Security Council, and learnt in fascinating and practical ways about the real-world operations of global diplomacy, whilst representing Canberra College at a state, and national level; and all in the space of an afternoon!

Elliot Steel, Erin Prince, Maddie Bowden, Caitlin McLeod, Lea-Sofia Luzzi, Zed Hartstein, Andrew Spooner and Amanda Copp participated in this year's Australian National University-Douse Senior Debating Competition. They worked diligently on preparing their topics and all speakers improved over the course of the year. One of Canberra College's teams progressed to the Quarter Finals this year. Elliot Steel and Andrew Spooner went on to participate in the ANU Crime Prevention Parliamentary debating competition in the second half of the year and participated very creditably.

Erin Prince participated in the Plain English Speaking Award public speaking contest in which she came second. She presented a prepared speech on Drugs in Sport and then delivered an impromptu speech.

Dan Ryan, the Australian representative to the UN Youth Assembly, came to Canberra College to speak about his work to the Theory of Knowledge class and other interested people. He surveyed the students to represent their views at the Youth assembly in New York this year.

We are proud of all the students who participated in these events and look forward to offering these challenges to our students in 2013

## Excursions

Throughout the year students have had opportunity to broaden their learning by participating in a wide variety of excursions. These range from visiting the Classics Department at ANU in the Roman History unit to travelling to Sydney to visit the Jewish Holocaust Museum and the Courage to Care exhibition as part of the Literature of War and Peace English unit.

From the local and interstate to the international – a group of our students and teachers travelled to Japan.

Here is a brief report:

The Japan Trip took place successfully from 27 September to 6 October this year with 12 students and 2 teachers.

We went to Osaka, Hiroshima, Miyajima and Kyoto and in all cities we had great time. In Osaka, we enjoyed watching a Hanshin Tigers v Hiroshima Carps baseball match one night, and it was magical to see thousands and thousands of yellow long jet balloons being shot up for celebration by fans in the stadium.

Our day in Miyajima was perfect with beautiful weather. The famous red gate in water and the island's deer welcomed us as we got off the ferry. Then in the Itsukujima-shrine we were lucky enough to see a traditional style wedding that happened to be underway. Students were also encouraged to experience more practical aspects such as ordering food in restaurants, buying tickets at stations and shopping. These provided excellent opportunities for our students to use the Japanese they had been learning.

There is a beautiful gum tree in Hiroshima near the spot where the atomic bomb was dropped. Amazingly, this Australian tree survived the bomb and has been thriving ever since.

We had a wonderful time and the students really broaden their understanding of both Japanese language and culture.

Mie Selby and Murray Chisholm

These are just a few of the highlights of 2012.

As a faculty, we wish our Year 12 Students every success in the future.

We look forward to working with our returning students in 2013 and offer a warm welcome to all our new



students.

## Commerce, Library & Social Sciences Faculty

It has been a busy time in all our courses this year, with students taking part in many activities and excursions, which are designed to give the students opportunities to extend their knowledge and experiences outside the classroom.

### Commerce

The Commerce area covers a varied range of courses: Accounting, Business, Business Administration, Economics and Legal Studies. Throughout the year there have been many excursions, workshops and opportunities for our students to be actively involved in their learning.

A fantastic achievement by one of our students, Matt Bennet, who won the Australasian CPA (Certified Practising Accountants) 'Plan Your Own Enterprise' competition. Matt named his business 'Plug & Play' whose prime purpose is to provide electronic hardware advice and installation assistance to consumers who might not have the time, expertise or capacity to choose or install the product they need. Matt put a lot of work into his business plan which also formed part of his assessment in the Business Planning unit which he undertook in semester one this year. He based his plan on a simple concept but his plan was well thought-through and logical which saw him win the competition both in the ACT and at the Australasian (Australia & New Zealand) level. The judges were highly impressed with the quality of his plan, so a huge CONGRATULATIONS goes to Matt, and his teacher Sandhia for this achievement.

Another great achievement in the Business Administration course, saw four students recently signed up to undertake an ASBA in Certificate II in Business, which is a nationally recognized qualification. So a big CONGRATULATIONS to Merkeyla Lazaro, Natalija Milanovic, Andjelka Stevanovic and Monica Ugrinovski.

During the April school holidays, Lea Luzzi was successful in her application to participate in the UBS Young Women's Leadership Academy program held at

Sydney University over five days. Lea had a wonderful opportunity, meeting lots of people, who were very inspirational in their presentations. Then in the July school holidays, Maggie O'Neill applied for and was successful in representing the ACT at the UBS Finance Academy also held at Sydney University over five days. Maggie was a real inspiration at the workshop, recognized for her enthusiasm and willingness to lead the group of other young people from NSW and Victoria.

Other activities that our students have been actively involved in include:

- i. The ANU Apprentice Challenge, where our Business team came runners-up, which was a fantastic effort.
- ii. The ACT Constitutional Convention in August, which was held over two days at the National Archives, Old Parliament House and the ACT Legislative Assembly.
- iii. The ACT Parliamentary Debating competition held at the ACT Legislative Assembly
- iv. The University of Canberra Capital Region Mock Trial competition, where our team acted as the prosecution or defence counsel in either a criminal or civil case – there were three cases in all, held during August/September on Thursday afternoons.
- v. In Business this semester, the Year 11 students organized a Talent Quest, which was a huge success and raised \$1,100 for the charity, CanTeen.
- vi. In semester 2, students have gone out to various businesses to complete their Structured Workplace Learning placements in both the public and private sectors.

Excursions held during the year included:

- i. Legal Studies trips to the High Court of Australia and Parliament House, where the students had the opportunity to watch Question Time and met up the Leader of the Opposition, Tony Abbott; as well, the students sat in on cases at the ACT Magistrates and Supreme Court, as well as visiting the civic police station and watch house.
- ii. CIT workshop looking at a number of units of competencies that students could undertake as further study in semester 2, which would ultimately give them RPL for future study at CIT.
- iii. A workshop at the University of Canberra looking at how each of our areas of study (Accounting, Business, Economics and Legal Studies) is involved in the establishment and running of a restaurant.

- iv. Accounting students were treated to a presentation by a guest speaker from CIT on using the MYOB software package, which students learn during the study of the course.
- v. The Institute of Chartered Accountants' "Meet The Business Leader" workshop, held at the ANU which enabled our students to meet and talk to business leaders across the many fields of Commerce.

## Social Sciences

This area of the Faculty encompasses Geography, Psychology, Social & Community Work and Sociology. Again, there have been many opportunities to be involved in activities outside the classroom and these have included:

- i. A one-day excursion for the Year 11 development psychology students to Sydney, relating the development and behaviour of the great apes to the human story. Also one-day excursion to Sydney visiting the Holocaust Museum and the Courage To Care exhibition for observational experience of prejudice and discrimination.
- ii. The Psychology students also had another overnight excursion to Sydney, the Street Retreat, looking at the dual diagnosis of substance abuse and mental illness. Finally, another excursion out to Birrigai, which is a residential outdoor and environmental education centre at Tidbinbilla to develop the skills of communication and basic counselling.
- iii. The IB Psychology students also completed their experiments with groups of students at both Melrose High and Alfred Deakin High Schools.
- iv. The Sociology and Social & Business Administration students accompanied the Tourism students on a day visit up to Sydney, visiting various major tourist attractions to look at career pathways and how to deliver and communicate to customers in the services industry.
- v. The Social and Community Work students delivered a play activity to the children at the Lollipop Children's Centre in Woden.
- vi. An excursion to the National Portrait Gallery and Questacon gave students the opportunity to see how they both design and deliver their programs to children in the 3 to 5 year age group.
- vii. Catherine Teal from the Tedd Noffs Foundation made a presentation regarding the employability skills required to become a Youth Worker to our students, which was very valuable.

Within the CLASS Faculty, students are encouraged to be actively involved in the many activities, opportunities and competitions that are held throughout the year. Apart from gaining points, they gain valuable experience in public speaking, undertaking activities that they may not do otherwise and generally expanding their knowledge, confidence and experiences.

Well done to all the students who have been actively involved throughout the year, whether that is within the classes they are taking or through the extra-curricula opportunities the faculty offers.

**Kevin Howard**  
Executive Teacher

## PE and Sport

Welcome New Students for 2013! We hope that all students will be getting involved in the huge range of sports that we offer at Canberra College next year. There are one day carnivals against all other ACT schools and on Thursday afternoons we have Intercol Sport against only government college's, usually split into north and south side draws with cross-over finals.

To find out about sports go to igroup and listen to the sport notices and also check out the PE and SPORT noticeboards in the canteen and in the gym for the latest team info and up-coming events information. We will also have Semester 1 sports sign-up sheets at the college Carnival early in term 1.

As far as gym use goes – all students are welcome to use the gym for playing active games at recess, lunch and when there are no PE or other classes using it. There is to be no eating or drinking in the gym which you must help to police yourselves (because if we catch anyone doing that then we will close the gym for the rest of that day). You can borrow a number of balls and equipment from the PE staffroom by showing your ID card and then leaving it behind as a deposit which you get back when you return the ball.

For all sporting things the focus is on fun, improving our fitness and skills, making new friends and playing in a fair, fierce and respectful manner where we do our best and try to win the whole thing if we can.

The PE staff are all really looking forward to a great year of Sport and PE in 2013, and we can't wait to meet



you all

## Careers /WEX / ASBA REPORT

At the beginning of 2012, we had all our Canberra College students fill out a Careers survey form.

After collating the information in this form we were able to target different career areas with our students and help them in finding relevant information in the area of their choice.

This year to date we have had approx. 220 students attend WEX (Work Experience) Placements. We have had some very exciting placements with one student attending the NIDA School in Sydney and another going out to the Navy Seals @ Watson's Bay, Sydney. Others attending placements at the ANU with the Dept. of Latin American Studies and Dept. of Psychology, Rural Vet surgeons, Grey Global Advertising ,Priam Psittaculture Centre,National Zoo and Aquarium and a lot of our students attending placements at DISH (Defence Intelligence and Security)for IT and also many placements throughout the year at the Canberra Hospital.

We have had a busy year with ASBA's (Australian School based Apprenticeships) and to date we have 62 ASBA students, and are still waiting on a few students who are to sign in into ASBAs over the Xmas break. We have a large group of Indigenous ASBA's .and have received a substantial list of potential ASBA students coming to us for 2013.

An Australian School-based Apprenticeship (ASBA), is a structured training program providing students 15 years and over with paid employment and training for a period of up to 24 months. Qualifications are at Certificate II or III level and cover a range of areas including: Business, IT, Sport & Recreation, Children's Services, Hospitality, Retail, Building and Construction, Horticulture, Hairdressing, Library Services, Automotive, Disability and many more...

An ASBA student is required to train for a minimum of 8 hours in the workplace and complete a minimum of 3 hours off the job training per week. Several Certificate III qualifications are also available and require a greater time and work commitment and further work and study after the completion of Year 12.

Our students have also participated in a range of

programs that have helped them with their chosen career pathway, these included

- The Careers with Animals day out
- CIT College Courses in Beauty and Fitness
- Try a Trade day
- RGT Cert I in Automotive
- Brick n Block Program
- Forensic information talk
- Defence Talk
- ANU" One on One " Talks
- CIT interviews and sign ups
- UC "one on One "talks
- ACU Presentation

In August we held our Annual Canberra College Careers and Transition Expo, here at the college and had approx.500 of our students participate and come away with a lot of information and knowledge in what career pathways that is open to them.

This came on the heels of all of our students attending the Careers eXpo at Exhibition Park, which was a great day, for our students to chat and find out what Careers information they may need for their chosen area of interest.

Throughout the year we have been booked out for Careers interviews, with Alex seeing approx. 10 students per week, coming for Career Counselling and advice on Tertiary Institutions. and many more coming in for resume Writing advice and general information on Career Pathways, Jobs and Apprenticeships.

Jo-Anne Lee Sonya Bell  
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## Brick 'n' Block

In late October a team of hard working lads contributed a week of their time to learn, or brush up on, bricklaying skills. Their efforts were rewarded with the completion of another raised bed for the horticulture plot. Sincere thanks to Nigel Croke, an international award winning bricklayer for his mentoring and tuition, the Australian Brick and Blocklaying Training Foundation and the following students for their hard work: Matt Egan, Matt Hodges, Dan Warren, Dryw Hancock, Matthew Whyte, Rhys Alabaster, Ethan White, Connor Beggs, Callan



Rehwinkel, Bradley Pisciotta and Adrian Araya. Given that there is a national shortage of bricklayers, these students have shown great initiative.

## Fridge Door for Parents

Week 17, 26–28 November	Test days
Week 18, 3-7 December	Work Experience
Week 18, 5 December 9am	Year 12 Breakfast
Week 18, 5 December 6pm	Year 12 Formal
Week 20, 18 December 10am	Year 11 Collect Reports
Week 20, 19 December	Year 12 Graduation

**Last Day Term 4 - 23/11/2012**

### ***Late breaking News***

James Bacueti is one of our year 11 Students who was selected to represent Australia in Gymnastics. Australia was one of the countries participating in the Futures Cup in Austria.

Australia came 4th overall which is a fantastic result. James competed and won a Gold medal in an individual event and his gold is the only gold medal for the Australian Team.

Well done James and his family.

Lots of hard work from parents in supporting their children can go unnoticed. So, to all of our parent community, well done and thank you.

### **2013 - Welcome to College Evening**

The Principal, Mr. John Stenhouse, invites students and their families to attend the Welcome to College Evening. This evening provides carers and parents with the opportunity to meet key college staff and other parents early in the college year.

**Tuesday 26th February**

**6.00 p.m. - 7.30 p.m.**

**Woden Campus**

**Launceston Street**

**Phillip**

Light refreshments will be provided

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