As we prepare for 2014 the college is in an excellent position to build on the successes of recent years. Our results for 2013 were very pleasing with excellent outcomes in Australian Tertiary Admission Ranks (ATAR's), Australian School Based Apprenticeships (ASBA's) and Vocational Certification. Our highest ATAR was 99.65 with the average standing at 74.50. Three students attained ATAR’s above 99. Over 70 students qualified for ANU entry and almost 140 for entry to the University of Canberra. About 50 students were enrolled in ASBA’s and over 240 students were awarded a vocational certificate as part of their year 12 certification. The challenge is there for our current students to maintain our record of academic success. Canberra College continues to be a college that caters for the full range of student abilities, talents and interests.

Welcome to year 11 2014
I would like to welcome our year 11 students, parents and carers for 2014. Students will find college rewarding and enjoyable but demanding. The next two years are a crucial stage in their life whether their destination is the workforce or further study. My advice to them is to come prepared with clear goals in mind and if they need advice or assistance, seek it out immediately. Importantly, students need to keep an open mind as the road students ending up travelling is often not what was first envisaged.

ACT BSSS Recognition of Excellence ceremony
The ACT Board of Senior Secondary Studies recognises student achievement in colleges every year at a special awards ceremony on the day before our graduation ceremony. Last year the following Canberra College students were given awards for excellence.

- Lea-Sofia Luzzi  Community Service Award
- Stephen Read  Performing and Visual Arts Award
- Ryan Williamson  Vocational Education Award
- Matthew Leditschke  Highest ATAR Award
- Elise Marshall  Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Award

My congratulations to these worthy winners.

World First New CCCares building
2013 saw the first full year of utilisation of the new Canberra College Performing Arts Centre known as CCPAC. 2014 brings with it further construction work as the new CCCares building is constructed on the Woden Campus. Minister Joy Burch turned the first sod with student Adrielle and her daughter Millie on Wed 10 February. This building will be ready for day 1 2015 and is a world first. It has been sponsored by the ACT Government with the provision of $14.5 million. This commitment demonstrates the vision and commitment of the ACT Government and Canberra College to provide a sustainable mechanism to support pregnant and parenting young people to access educational services on an equal footing with their mainstream peers. Generations of young parents and their children will now have equitable access to senior secondary certification. Research shows that these opportunities enhance the social, economic and health outcomes for these young people and their children. It is a privilege to work in a school and an educational system which clearly strives to support all young people. Special thanks must go to Jan Marshall, Program manager of CCCares and her hard working team of teachers, APS staff and volunteers for getting us to this point. Our previous principal John Stenhouse was also a key driver in getting this program to where it is today. Thanks again.
Carparks and drop offs

With the CCAres construction work comes the difficulty for one year of dealing with reduced access points to the Woden Campus. There is now only one entry point. This becomes highly congested during peak periods and any drop offs or pick ups at this time must be undertaken with care and patience. If you are in a hurry, please do not enter the school grounds in a vehicle. It is also illegal I believe and quite dangerous to drop off or pick up on Launceston street in front of the school. Please help to improve student’s fitness and safety by dropping them off in side streets or near the Hellenic Club.

Canteen

We have commenced the school year without an operating school canteen. It is envisaged that this situation will change late in term 1 or early term 2. The viability of this canteen will depend on utilisation by students. Hopefully this new business will be able to operate successfully and provide appropriate service support to the school community.

Assessment App

Within the next few weeks you will receive information about an Assessment App that will enable you to easily access details of assessment items and deadlines for your student. We expect that this will assist you in supporting your student throughout their college career. The App will be available on iPhone, iPad and Android devices.

Parental contributions

I would like to thank parents for their support of students by their generous voluntary contributions. The ACT government provides funds for schools. The majority of these funds are used for electricity, heating, cooling, cleaning, grounds maintenance, building maintenance and administrative costs. This leaves about 10 to 15% to cover the resourcing of our education programs. Contributions from parents supplement this and go directly into education programs and classroom resources. They comprise about 33% of our education budget. General contributions are used for textbooks, library resources, sporting equipment, DVD’s, IT hardware and software, chemicals in science labs, tools in the workshop, appliances in the kitchens to mention but a few. Subject contributions are requested in a few areas where there are expensive consumables such as food in Hospitality, photographic paper in Photography and wood in Furniture Construction. The maintenance and success of these programs depends on your contributions. To put this in context, for the cost of one or two cups of coffee a week parents can ensure that our college continues to deliver the high quality programs which produce the high quality outcomes for our students. As a college we are sympathetic to those who find themselves in difficult financial circumstances. The college maintains a student support fund which can be drawn from to assist with contributions. Confidentiality is assured and the fund can be accessed through the deputy principals, business manager or principal.

College Association

Welcome to all our new students and their families!

The College Association (P & C) will hold its first meeting for the year on Wednesday 26 February at 6.30pm. At college association meetings reports are given on the current issues facing the college and the ACT education system. With some of our long standing members set to retire this year we do need your support. Please come along and help the Association make a difference for our students.

Welcome to College Evening

On Tuesday 25 February we held our Welcome to College Evening for new parents. The powerpoint presentation is on our website. Education is a three way partnership between students, teachers and parents. At college level, the role of parents is at least as challenging as it is in primary or high school. Students rely greatly on your support as they make the transition to full adult participation in our society.

Peter Clayden
Acting Principal
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 6205 5799.

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Farewell message

As some of you would already be aware, I was appointed as Executive Officer to the ACT Board of Senior Secondary Studies in late January. The timing of the confirmation of the appointment was not ideal as I have had no opportunity to inform the Canberra College community. During my nine years as principal at the college, I have been privileged to work with a highly professional, caring and innovative staff; nine cohorts of some of Canberra's finest young adults and a supportive, understanding group of parents and carers. Throughout those nine years the college has grown in student numbers and diversified its student pathways. Programs such as the International Baccalaureate, CCCares, International Students and Big Picture have flourished while existing programs such as Futures, Vocational Education and ASBA's have gone from strength to strength. The college is recognised as an organisation that caters for all students and is well placed to prosper.

I look back on the past nine years as a highlight in my time as an educator. I leave with some sadness as the college will always hold a special place in my heart. But I leave knowing that it is in good hands and that it will continue to strive to achieve the best possible outcomes for all students.

John Stenhouse

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Welcome to our new year 11 students and welcome back to our year 12 Arty Types.

If anybody has any enquiries about opportunities available to you in the Visual, Creative and Performing Arts at Canberra College please contact us.

We have students busily engaged in a variety of Tertiary / Accredited and Vocational studies in the following Arts areas:

Art, Ceramics, Dance, Drama, Media, Music, Photography.

All of the Arts teachers are located in the CCPAC staffroom. We have well and truly settled in the new CCPAC down the back of the main college building.

Please contact the College if you would like to come and have a look at our fabulous new facility which includes purpose built Drama and Dance Studios, Music room with recording studios and equipment, and a beautiful 174 seat Theatre.

Why study the in the ARTS?

The Arts entertain, challenge, provoke responses and enrich our knowledge of self, communities, world cultures and histories. The Arts contribute to the development of confident and creative individuals, nurturing and challenging active and informed citizens. Learning in the Arts is based on cognitive, affective and sensory/kinaesthetic response to arts practices as students revisit increasingly complex content, skills and processes with developing confidence and sophistication across their years of learning.

http://www.acara.edu.au/curriculum_1/learning_areas/arts.html

Kim Walkom

SLC Arts
## AST Preparation – 2014 Students (Years 11 & 12) completing a “T” package

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| September | **Full Trial**  
AST Tuesday the 2nd and Wednesday 3rd September 2014 |
| November | Reporting of AST trials. |
| December | ATAR indicator interviews. |
| **Year 12** | 2014 |
| February | Year 12 Information session –  
- How is AST used  
- Show them booklet/ will get their own Estimate in Pathways |
| February | **Queensland Core Skill Trial (WEEK 3):**  
Wednesday 19/02/2014 (8:45 to 10:45) |
| March | **Monday Afternoon Tutorials: “Mini Training” (3:20 to 4:10)** |
| | **Writing Task, Multiple Choice and Short Response** |
| | **Students will be selected to ATTEND a Minimum of 3 Sessions (Attendance are a MUST)**  
For all Tertiary students. |
| | 1. Week 4 (24th February)  
2. Week 5 (3rd March)  
3. Week 7 (17th March)  
4. Week 8 (24th March) |
| April | **Full Trial: Week 9**  
- Friday 04/04/2014 &  
- Monday 07/04/2014. |
| June | **Gilmore (External Consultants):**  
- Training SR and MC  
- How test is put together |
| **Wednesday 25th, Thursday 26th & Friday 27th, June** | Students must attend one half day only out of the 3 day schedule for specific training from external consultants on how tests are constructed and pitfalls.  
Students will be allocated a date and time. |
| August | Monday afternoons review of WT/SR/MC **Tutorials**.  
**Selected Students and those interested.**  
1. Week 3 (4th August)  
2. Week 4 (11th August)  
3. Week 5 (18th August) |
| September | **Real AST**  
Tuesday 2nd and Wednesday 3rd September 2014 |
CAREERS NEWS

Our Careers and Transition Team, Alex O’Brien (Careers Advisor), Sonya Bell (Careers Advisor, ASBA and WEX Co-ordinator) and Jo-Anne Lee (Transitions & Careers Officer), are located in the corridor near the Library. We strongly advise all students, both Year 11 and Year 12, to make an appointment to see us. We can provide you with current and post-college career / transition information. Please come in to see us, our doors are always open.

Are you interested in starting an ASBA?

ASBA students receive valuable experience that helps provide pathways for future training and employment, as well as receiving nationally recognised vocational qualifications.

Several ASBA positions are currently advertised on the TV and the noticeboard outside the Careers and WEX Rooms. Interested students can find out more information by contacting Sonja Bell (B210) 62056797 or Jo-Anne Lee (B212) on 62055781.

WEX News

Work Experience is operated as part of the College’s Careers program under the guidelines of the Department of Education and Training. Week 20 is the designated Work Experience week for all Year 11 & 12 students although placements during the semester are also possible if required. Consider a work experience placement to explore the world of work and future career paths. A work experience placement can also assist in securing an ASBA, casual or full time work. You can also gain points towards your Year 12 Certificate if successfully completed.

It is now time to organise your work experience placement for Week 20. See Sonja Bell (B210) for work experience forms and details.

Please note that from the beginning of Term 1 Alex O’Brien (Careers Advisor) will be available for interviews at the Woden Campus on Tuesdays and Thursdays as well as recess and some lunch times. You can call into the Careers room at any time and fill in the booking time sheet to secure an interview with Alex.

Library News

It’s been fantastic to see so many new and energetic students visiting the library and getting well prepared for the year ahead. We’d like to extend a warm welcome to all the students and encourage you all to pop in soon and acquaint yourself with library staff, services and facilities. If you are a returning student you will notice quite a few changes in the general look of the library, Rachel Regan is our new teacher in the library, Ruth, the teacher librarian and Wendy and Maureen are all still here to help you all with your studies. For those students that haven’t had an orientation or have simply forgotten in the busy chaos of the new year, here is a brief outline of the things that we would love to help you with and see you all taking best advantage of:

Borrowing Fiction and non-fiction texts, DVD’s, cameras, magazines and stationary.

Broad range of technology resources including computers, netbooks, tablets, USB’s, cameras and software.

Photocopying and scanning.

Enhance TV, students will soon be able to access this both at home and at school. A wide range of educational television that appears free to air will be available for you to search online.

Daily newspapers and a variety of monthly magazines.

Rachel and Ruth are here for you to approach with ANY questions or advice at all on how you can improve your studies and assignments. We can read over them for you and provide feedback and ideas for improvement. If we don’t have the answers we will work with you to find them, please use us!

This is your library; we are here to ensure that all the help you need to have a successful year is available to you. So come in for a chat soon, we’d love to see you.

Ruth Jormstrom
PE and Sport Newsletter

There is a huge variety of sports on offer for all students to participate in for 2014. It’s all about having fun, making new friends, improving our fitness and giving it our best. Sign up for the different sports at the PE staffroom down in the gym, listen to igroup notices for the next sports coming up and also check out the PE and Sport noticeboards in the computer area next to the toilets and in the gym for more information. You receive 0.2 R unit points for every sport you participate in contributing to your Graduation Certificate at the end of Yr 12.

Sports on offer Semester 1 2014:

**Intercol** – Thursday afternoons from 2pm – 3.30pm at various venues

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SLG NEWS

Student Leadership Group News

The SLG has had an exciting start to the year with over 100 year 11 students showing interest in leadership opportunities. They are completing applications to be part of the SLG team and will be notified by the end of week three of the outcome of their application. Our first big event and fundraiser for the year is ‘Relay for Life’ for the Cancer Council.

An overview of Relay For Life

Relay For Life is an incredible overnight event that is an opportunity for family, friends and colleagues to get together with the community and celebrate cancer survivors, remember loved ones lost to cancer, and fight back against a disease that takes too much.

It is a unique event where teams of 10 to 15 challenge themselves to take turns to keep a baton moving in a relay style walk or run overnight. Each event is unique and you can stay for the whole event, camp overnight, or just visit and enjoy the free entertainment, prizes and ceremonies that make Relay For Life so inspirational.

Each person on the team pays a registration fee which includes a polo shirt and breakfast at the event. Participants are supported in their fundraising efforts in the lead up to the event.

There are no age limitations or fitness requirements – Relay For Life is suitable for everyone and anyone can join in the fun!

Registration:

Canberra College team name is CANBERRA COLLEGE SLG and all staff and students are welcome to register by going to [http://www.relayforlife.org.au](http://www.relayforlife.org.au) and following the prompts.

Sponsorship:

All other members of the community parents and friends are encouraged to sponsor the school team or any individual taking part to meet our fundraising target of $2000. If you wish to sponsor the school team please go to [http://www.relayforlife.org.au/GetInvolved/SponsorATeamOrIndividual.aspx](http://www.relayforlife.org.au/GetInvolved/SponsorATeamOrIndividual.aspx) and make your donation, every little bit helps.
Payment Methods at the College

New ways of making payments to the College have recently been introduced. This is a quick note to explain your payment options.

Cash or EFTPOS transactions at the Front Office

Payment by credit card (Visa or Mastercard)
- at the Front Office
- over the phone, 62055777

On-line payments into the College bank account (BSB 032777 Account 001105)
- please use the student’s family key and what you are paying for, eg “SMITHQ Vol Cons” or “SMITHQ Psych excurs”. An email to CanberraC.payments@ed.act.edu.au would be appreciated, especially if you need to provide more details about the payment.

Quickweb – a secure payment page hosted by Westpac where you can pay using Visa, Mastercard or a debit card. The payment page is accessed through the school’s website as shown below.

For this method of payment you will need to know your unique “Student key” and “Family key”. You may also need to know the fee code or ledger number of what you are paying for.

For any enquiries regarding payments please contact the Finance Officer, Catherine Lewis on 62055780.
Fridge Door for Parents

Week 5, 4/3/14  Moderation Day - students do not attend school
Week 6, 10/3/14  Canberra Day — Public Holiday
Week 9&10, 4/4/14 & 7/4/14  AST Full Trial
Week 10, 8/4/14  Parent Teacher Night, 6.00 pm–8.30 pm (including an IB Session)

Term 1 Last Day, Friday 11/4/14
Term 2 First Day, Monday 28/4/14

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 Jo-Anne Lee (Careers and Transitions) or Sonya Bell (WEX and ASBA Coordinator) or Alex O’Brien (Careers Advisor)

Mathematics tutorials are available at Canberra College on Thursdays 12.50–2 pm. For more information please call the front office.

AST Training times for Yr 12 Tertiary students

AST training for Yr 12 Tertiary students is compulsory.
Weeks 4 5 7 & 8 Monday afternoons 3.15pm–4.10pm AST Training Tutorials
Students must attend 3 of the 4 sessions (3 Monday afternoons). Students will book these sessions in Week 2 on wall on student services window.
Special arrangements for Drama students who rehearse on Monday afternoons
Don’t forget the AST Full Trial Week 9&10, 4th and 7th April.

Canberra College’s aim is to have a 100% electronic communication with parents. If you provide your email address to the front office staff we can assure that you will receive information through our newsletter and updates on other college events.

For further information about news and events please go to the Canberra College website  http://www.canberrac.act.edu.au
An opportunity for you to participate in cultural programs for school and college students from overseas.

Suitable host families will be paid up to $260 per week

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND APPLICATIONS CONTACT:
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