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PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Happy New Year everyone, I hope you have had a restful break. We are looking forward to welcoming students and families back to Hawker College for term one, and are excited to get the 2017 school year underway.

We have been busy over the break getting the school ready for the new year. Last year we updated our ‘official’ colours to dark blue and teal, and you will notice the school has been repainted and a new digital sign has been erected at the entry. We have also begun refurbishing inside the building to open up and brighten our learning spaces. Parents are welcome to visit and see!

Our vision at Hawker College is that as a community of learning we engage and inspire each other to achieve our potential, and to this end this year we are introducing new initiatives aimed at improving outcomes for all our students. This newsletter will outline some of the key information, changes and programs that students, parents and carers should be aware of as the year commences.

As a general note, please do not hesitate to contact me, or our Deputy Principal Chris Brown, and provide feedback about your experiences at Hawker College. Parents, carers and community members are key partners in our mission to improve outcomes for all students, and we encourage and welcome your participation in our school life.

I wish you a wonderful 2017
IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 30 January 2017
First Day - Year 11 and new enrolments - Welcome in the Theatre - 8:40am

Tuesday 31 January 2017
All Students Year 11 & Year 12 - Welcome for Year 12 Students in Theatre - 8:40am

Monday 6 February 2017
Last Meeting of 2016 Board Members - Hawker College Boardroom, 5:30pm

Monday 13 February 2017
School Photos

Tuesday 21 February 2017
Student Leadership Group Elections

Monday 6 March 2017
Board AGM Meeting - Hawker College Boardroom, 5:30pm 5:50pm
Click here for Hawker College Board/P&C Nomination Form

Wednesday 8 March 2017
P&C AGM and first general meeting - Hawker College Boardroom

OUR TIMETABLE HAS CHANGED!

After consultation with students, staff and parents, our 2017 timetable has been altered to allow for more options for curriculum programs, and consistency of school hours, in the interests of our students.

The new school hours are 8:40am - 3:40pm.

The new timetable:
"O" WEEK - WEEK ONE

For the first "O" (for "orientation") week we will be running on an altered timetable, to allow new and returning students to experience their classes and ensure they have the right learning program in place, attend to housekeeping matters such as student ID photos, lockers, timetables, and to help bind and connect our community of teachers and students for the new year through various activities.

This timetable will be distributed to students on their first day back; Monday 30th of January for Year 11 (8:40am sharp), and Tuesday 31st of January for Year 12 (8:40am sharp).

As part of our Orientation week activity when school recommences the whole school will travel to the Big Splash Waterpark from 1pm On Thursday 2nd of February. Please complete and return this permission note.

OUR NEW CANTEEN - 51 BAKE

In an exciting development for Hawker College, canteen services will be delivered through our brand new restaurant and cafe facility 51 Bake. Our long serving and beloved canteen manager Sandra O'Connor will team up with our Hospitality staff and students to prepare and serve healthy and affordable fare to the school community.

51 Bake opening hours Monday to Friday:
Early Mornings sessions: 7:45-9:30
Recess to after lunch: 10:30-2:00  (Operating from Chinos on Wednesdays)

**From 7:45 - 9:30 am Monday to Friday 51 Bake will be open to the public!** Please come and support our hospitality program and school by stopping in to buy a coffee!

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**COMPULSORY TUTORIAL PROGRAM**

From term one all year 11 students are required to participate in “Tutorial”, a program designed to better support the transition from high school and optimise all students’ readiness for year 12 and beyond.

The program will focus on developing cross-curricular academic, vocational and life skills, and will provide flexible opportunities for students to complete assignments, work in peer groups, seek individual support from teaching staff and acclimatize to the college environment.

It is expected that all year 11 students will participate in Tutorial for 4 hours per week as a scheduled class. Sessions will occur on all timetabled college lines, and will count as 1.0 unit toward their package.

More information will be provided to students during "O" Week; parental support and advocacy will be essential for the success of this program.

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**STUDENT LEADERSHIP - ELECTIONS**
In order to build student voice and empowerment, Hawker College will be establishing a new student representative body comprising elected and appointed positions. This student leadership group will receive R Unit credit toward their package, represent the school, and contribute directly to school policy via the Principal and School Board.

The education team from Elections ACT will be working with interested staff and students from February 7th to design the governance model and run elections according to the Hare Clark voting system.

We will be asking for interested students to participate in this exciting project during 'O' week. For more information contact Chris Kenna.

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**AST**

The ACT Scaling Test (known as the AST) is compulsory for all Year 12 Tertiary students wanting to obtain an ATAR (Australian Tertiary Admission Rank). It is a three-part test, conducted over two days during the first week of each September, which measures a range of skills relevant to success in school subjects and further education, as well as facilitating comparison of Tertiary courses within and across Canberra's colleges.

Hawker College prepares students for the AST by running a program comprised of
training and information sessions, and formal trials. Full participation in these is compulsory for all Tertiary students.

Tertiary students in both Year 11 & Year 12 should carefully check their Week 1 timetables for AST events relevant to their cohort, and should ensure they are members of the Hawker College AST Google Classroom.

Students who decide to switch to an Accredited package must ensure this change has been formalised through Student Services before opting out of AST events.

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**HAWKER SPORT**

Sport is an integral part of the Hawker College Curriculum. Hawker enters teams in most competitions run by the ACTSSSA. All students are encouraged to participate and those who do are awarded credit towards their Year 12 certificate. College sport runs in two forms. Thursday afternoon sport is organised on a home and away format culminating with finals at the conclusion.

One day carnivals are also a regular occurrence throughout the year. Information about participation and enrolment for various sports are located on the sports notice boards, Google Classrooms and TV screens around the school. All students are welcome and encouraged to participate and have fun. Any questions should be directed to Mark Greer the Hawker College Sports Coordinator in 2017.

Read more for information and dates for sport and carnival events in term one.
Term 1 2017 Sports
Thursday Line 8

- Basketball- Boys and Girls
- Cricket- Boys
- Rugby League

One Day Carnivals

- Rugby Union 7’s
- Beach Volleyball
- Tennis
- Rugby League Girls Tag
- Water Polo
- Softball-Girls
- AFL-Girls
- Softball- Boys
- Lawn Bowls

HAWKER BAND
The Performing Arts have always been a strength at Hawker College. Each year we run school productions and our students feature in various combined schools performing arts events such as Limelight. It is our aim this year to build our reputation as a center for performing arts excellence in the Belconnen network.

In 2017 we are starting a school band on Line 8 led by our Music Teacher Mr Ben Foster, newly arrived from Campbell High School. All students who can play an instrument are encouraged to participate and those who do are awarded credit towards their Year 12 certificate. The school band will perform at all school functions and events, and will be the house band for school productions. See Ben for more information in week 1.
OUR STAFF IN 2017

We have a highly experienced and dedicated team at Hawker College. This year we have consolidated and reorganized our staffing structures in order to optimize our efforts to improve outcomes for students.

We also have a number of new staff joining us in 2017, read more to see who's who!

Administration
Principal - Andy Mison

- Chris Brown - Deputy Principal
- Karin Mitchell - Business Manager
- Gerard Doyle - Building Services Officer
- Sandra O'Connor - Canteen Manager
- Michelle Jozing - Principal's PA
- Jenny Jones - Receipting Officer
- Kerri Braakman-Ross - HR Officer
- Amy Barnes - VET Officer

Faculty 1 - Visual Arts, Performing Arts, Design and Technology
Executive Teacher: Donna Sullivan - Drama, Graphic Design

- Rob Harriden - Automotive & Metal Engineering, Landscaping
- Anita Briedis - Visual Arts
- Adrian Lemcke - Design Technology, Furniture Construction
- Richard Baldwin - Digital Design, Digital Photography
- Ben Foster - Music, Production
- Hannah McFadden - Dance, Production
- Eddy Birkett - Tech Assistant
Faculty 2 - Maths, Business, Legal Studies, Chinese, Psychology, Hospitality
Executive Teacher: Sheikh Faisal - Maths

- Toby Hartley - Maths
- Aaron Huang - Chinese, Maths, IPS Co-ordinator
- Jacqueline Howarth - Maths
- Joanne Adams - Legal Studies, Business, Mock Trial, Debating, SLG
- Antonella McCarthy - Psychology
- Steve Walker - Maths
- Megan Matthews - Hospitality
- Linda Abbott - Food Tech assistant

Faculty 3 - Science, Sport, Outdoor Education, Events, IT, Engineering & Electronics
Executive Teacher: John Van de Rhee - Physics, General Science

- Mark Greer - PE, Sports Science, Sport Co-ordinator
- Miriam Ambrose - Chemistry, Biology, General Science
- Adam Carter - IT, Engineering & Electronics
- Laura Press - Sports Administration, Outdoor Education, Food for Life, Events
- Samantha Tarlinton - Lab Assistant
- Dominic Tresize - IT Officer

Faculty 4 - English, History, ESL, Media, IPS, Library
Executive Teacher: Kathryn Sutherland - ESL

- Chris Kenna - English, Ancient & Pre-Modern History, SLG
- Jane Southerton - English, ESL, Library
- Julia Braguina - English, Year 11 Co-ordinator
- Kristian Whittaker - English, Modern History, Year 12 Co-ordinator
- Fay Matthews - English, Media
- Fiona James - English, Media, IPS Co-ordinator
- Veronica Thwaites-Brown - English

Faculty 5 - Student Services
Executive Teacher: Crystal Mahon - English, Drama

- Chontel Green - Transitions and Careers
- Tony Hilton - Learning Diversity
- Shireen Manocha - School Counsellor
- Mandy Gray - School Chaplain
- Robyn Donohoe - ASBA / WEX Co-ordinator
- Janelle Chapman - Admin Officer
- Sarah Dawson - Admin Officer
- Bob Wallis - Learning Support Assistant
- Denise Hindmarsh - Learning Support Assistant
HAWKER COLLEGE P&C

Your 2016 P&C Committee members: Carolyn Fisher, Heather Grainger, Jocelyn Bruemmer, Ashok Krishnan and Chris Jeffrey would like to welcome back Year 12 parents and welcome aboard Year 11 parents to Hawker College.

You may be breathing a sigh of relief thinking there is less need to be involved in your student’s education, beyond encouraging them to study hard and do well in exams.

However, the move for a student from high school to college signals a major step forward for them and also for their parents, whose support may change in form but is just as important as ever. The challenges facing both college students and parents can be significant in the transition to occupation or higher/tertiary education.

By participating and attending the Hawker College P&C meetings and events, your involvement can do so much by making a difference to how your college student is educated and supported, helping them to handle the changes they will go through and enjoy their time at college.

The priority of your P&C for the past two years has been to provide an avenue to support communication between parents and Hawker College, also forging links with the local school network and the local community. We held popular parent and student forums:

- AST Yr 12;
- Demystifying College Terminology;
- Costs & Funding for Post Secondary School Study;
- AST Yr 11.

and a social event (dinner in the Hawker College’s Donovan’s Restaurant catered by Yr 11 & 12 Hospitality students), which we hope to continue in 2017. Fundraising is kept to essential minimal levels to cover ACT P&C Council requirements to exist.

As many hands make light work, please consider attending the next P&C meeting and get involved in your student’s education both at home and in the college.

The date for the AGM and first general meeting is Wednesday, 8 March 2017. Dates for parent forums will be advised as soon as they are confirmed. Check the College’s upcoming newsletters or the college website http://www.hawker.c.act.edu.au/our_college/p_and_c
To contact us and join our email list for advice on upcoming events please email us on hawkercollegepandc@gmail.com

Hawker College P&C

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**All NSW bus passes are now an online application.**
no more paper applications.

Apply through:  [www.transportnsw.info/school-students](http://www.transportnsw.info/school-students)
Any trouble call:  131500

Any enquiries regarding school bus timetable information parents/guardians or students can **call Qcity Transit on 62993722 (Option 1)**

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**Chief Minister’s Canberra Gold Awards**

Have you or someone you know lived in Canberra for fifty years or more? What about an organisation or community group that has been contributing to our city for fifty years or more? Then consider nominating them for the Chief Minister’s Canberra Gold Awards.

Nominations can be made online at  [www.act.gov.au/cbrgold](http://www.act.gov.au/cbrgold)

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**Canberra Citizen of the Year Award**

Nominate a Canberran who inspires you for the Canberra Citizen of the Year Award. The Award recognises citizens who have made a major contribution to the Canberra community. This award is open to a person or group in any field, including the arts,
education, community work and business.

Nominations can be made online at www.act.gov.au/cbrcitizen