



31 May 2022

Dear students, parents, carers and neighbours

I am writing to you regarding a proposed boundary fence for Hawker College.

The ACT Education Directorate installs boundary fencing at the request of school communities primarily for the safety and wellbeing of students and staff. In considering these requests, the Education Directorate requires that key school assets continue to be available for community access.

In recent years Hawker College has experienced a significant increase in vandalism, illegal dumping in and around the school as well as trespassers on the school grounds during school hours.

The safety of our students and staff is our priority. As a way of reducing vandalism and increasing the safety of students and staff, Hawker College is working with the ACT Education Directorate to install a boundary fence around the college.

Please note, the school tennis courts, eastern carpark and a proportion of the greenspace adjacent to the community pathway will continue to be accessible to the wider Hawker community.

The proposed fence will be a 2.1metre high fence around the college campus with gated access and egress areas in various locations.

An initial community drop-in session was held 25 May 2022 to discuss the proposed fence plans. The Education Directorate thanks those who attended and are taking their input into account. We are offering a further opportunity for community to comment on the attached draft fence design.

The attached preliminary fence plan indicates where the fence is proposed to be installed.

To submit comments and questions you can contact us via email at [ACT.Education@act.gov.au](mailto:ACT.Education@act.gov.au).

For those who would prefer to provide feedback face to face, a representative from the Directorate will be available at Hawker College, Thursday 9 June between 1:30pm - 2:30pm to take comments. Comments will be collated and passed on to inform the process.

**The opportunity to provide feedback will close Friday 10 June 2022.**

Kind regards

Lyndall Henman

# Ag Principal

