

Meet the first of our new Deputy Principals: Cait Horan

This term we will be providing some email updates to our families. These will be written by our deputy principals and our principal, including some information about the members of this team.

Our first 'writer' is Cait Horan. Cait has been at Campbell High School for some time and you will recognise her as our previous executive teacher of Maths and PE. Cait will be acting as one of two deputies for the coming year.



Dear Campbell High Community,

This week we welcomed back our returning year 8 to 10 students along with 191 new year 7 students. It was wonderful seeing the buzz on the first day back from returning and new students alike. We also welcomed a number of new staff across many of our faculties. In true Campbell fashion I have had many reports from new students and staff of just how at ease they feel and how helpful and friendly the students of Campbell High are.

It has been a busy start to the year with the roll out of our new student management system, SENTRAL. This system is being rolled out across the directorate and as with any new system there have been some teething problems. We thank students and parents for their patience with timetabling, and the staff that have worked tirelessly to get SENTRAL up and running.

We have several events in the first few weeks of this term. Tuesday 13th of February we will have our Meet the Teacher evening for parents of year 7 students, this will kick off at 6pm. Wednesday of week 2 we will have our school photos taken, envelopes and information have already gone home. Wednesday of week 3 we will be holding our swimming carnival at Big Splash and Thursday of week 3 we will be distributing Chromebooks to students who have returned their notes and opted in.

We have launched our new timetable following a consultation period last year. The timetable is designed to support the learning needs of all students. We have received some feedback (both positive and negative) about the shortened break periods. Based on this first week's observations of how the new timings have impacted, we will be increasing our morning break to 35 minutes. This means that the break will be from 11.05 until 11.45 from Monday-Thursday. Friday is already a longer break. This was put in place to allow for students to engage in a range of more formalised activities such as musical performance, market stalls, fundraisers and organised sports as a way to end the week and to allow those involved in offsite enrichment activities to make the most of that experience. Afternoon break will remain at 25 minutes to allow students to simply refresh, attend to toileting and have a healthy snack.

We have a culture of continuous improvement at Campbell High and are happy to receive your constructive feedback. Bringing about any change takes some time to get used to and we will be seeking more formalised feedback from across all areas of our community over the coming months. We remind parents and carers that our philosophy is to work collaboratively and respectfully together to support students and that our communications need to reflect this.

We have hit the ground running and are looking forward to another exciting year at Campbell High. Please do not forget to have a look at the Campbell High School Guide to Student Support for Parents and Carers. This can be found on the school website and provides information about the programs and processes in place to support your child.

Kind regards
Cait Horan
Deputy Principal