



Campbell High School

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Meet the second of our Deputy Principals: Katherine Stretton

This term we will provide weekly updates written by our deputy principals and principal. This week's is from the office of our new deputy principal, Katherine Stretton. Katherine is an experienced deputy principal, most recently providing leadership at Lake Tuggeranong College and then spending some months working on high level strategic projects in our Education Directorate. We are very pleased to welcome her to the senior leadership team at Campbell High.



Dear Families

Thank you to the amazing P&C parents who provided such an incredible welcome to our new families at the Meet and Greet this week. The event reflected the strong sense of community that makes Campbell High School such a privilege to be part of. I have been so impressed by the friendly nature of the staff and students who are ready to welcome newcomers with warmth and openness.

After a busy and exciting start to the school year, students have settled in well and it is great to see so much learning happening in classes. I look forward getting to know all of you and to connecting with your children.

As I am sure you know, the 10th Anniversary of the National Apology took place on Tuesday 16th February. As part of our improving cultural integrity focus across the school, staff had the opportunity to listen to guest speaker, Christine Doolan's story about her experiences as a member of the stolen generation. She shared valuable personal insights and emphasised the significance of our history in shaping a positive future together. Resources were shared with staff to use in classrooms to raise awareness of this historic event.

A few reminders...

Uniform Policy

Campbell High School has a uniform policy which is available on the school website. We have noticed that many students have grown over the holidays and may need to purchase new shorts or skirts to meet the requirement of mid-thigh length. Tights are not appropriate unless being worn under shorts or skirts. We are encouraging all students to wear hats when outside for protection.

Student Services

We are excited to have opened a new Student Services suite that is highly accessible and welcoming. Students are encouraged to go to the suite to make appointments to see year co-ordinators, SLCs or the psychologist. We welcome Liz Hanley, a highly trained and experienced psychologist, to join our Student Services team.

Late students who are unaccompanied by a parent are directed to sign in to Student Services, rather than the front office.

Compass teachers are the first point of contact for any concerns that may arise. At Campbell High School we have a clearly articulated communication process as outlined in the Parent Carer Guide to Student Support which is available on the website.



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Swimming Carnival

Please be reminded that permission notes need to be returned as soon as possible in anticipation of the fabulous Campbell High Swimming Carnival. I am excited to be part of this event which is spoken about with great enthusiasm by staff and students. I believe there is plenty of 80s music and some fabulous dancing on the day!

It is most important that students follow all Sunsmart guidelines on the day to ensure safety and a great day for all. ALL students will need to wear a hat, sunscreen and shirts (when not swimming) as protection. Students will be asked to sit in shaded areas and those who do not comply with these instructions will have parents contacted and will be required to be collected.

Class Changes

We understand that some students have been placed in electives that were not their first option. Students will be given the opportunity to change electives from Week 3 but these placements will not be guaranteed due to class sizes and other limitations.

We work to place students into core classes that meet the needs of our student body. We do not change students based on personal preferences for different teachers.

Afternoon Pick-up

Parents are encouraged to collect students from the school grounds as soon as possible after school ends at 3.05 for safety reasons. There is no active supervision after 3.30pm and therefore there is no duty of care after this time.

Parent/Carer Communications

We are trialling this weekly update for term 1 and will have one newsletter per term (in approximately Week 7). Please let us know if you find the weekly email update helpful or have suggestions by emailing us at info@campbellhs.act.edu.au.

Once again, thank you for welcoming me into the Campbell High School community. I look forward to seeing you around the school!

Best regards

Katherine