Dear students, parents and carers,

Welcome to Campbell High School.

You are the “Class of 2018”, that’s the year you will graduate from Campbell High School!

We want your time with us to be positive and rewarding and we really look forward to you becoming a member of our school community.

At Campbell, we offer a wide curriculum of study. We place a high emphasis on supporting gifted and talented students through the Challenge Program. In 2015 we will be implementing the Education and Training Directorate’s new Gifted and Talented policy. This will begin with an identification process in year 7 next year. Our band program has grown over the past few years. For the parents of band students, we will be holding an information session early in term 1 to outline the band program for the year.

We continue to invest significant money on IT in 2015 and beyond to create a platform and infrastructure which will support us in meeting the rapid changes in the IT world. You will also find it easy to be part of co-curricular activities, such as Tournament of Minds, debating, musical groups and sporting teams. These activities and many more, will run through our Enrichment Program which all students participate in each Thursday. Every student can nominate a different enrichment activity each term.

All students have the opportunity to nominate for the Student Representative Council (SRC) and I encourage you to
consider being part of the student leadership of our school.

In this package you will also find a message from Ms Ellie Mayne who will be the year 7 Coordinator in 2015. She will be there for you through to the end of year 10. Ms Mayne and your Contact Teacher will be important contacts should you require any assistance or clarification.

Our school day commences at 8:50am and finishes at 3:05pm. Student Progress Reports are issued at the end of Term 1 and Term 3, followed by Parent / Teacher evenings. A more detailed End of Semester Report is issued at the end of Term 2 and Term 4. Our newsletter, The Bagpipe, is posted on our school website and is emailed twice per term in week 3 and week 8.

I would like to encourage all parents and carers to become involved in the school, and to actively participate in the P&C Association. The P&C meets once per month, with the first gathering for 2014 being a “Meet the Teachers – Wine and Cheese” evening, for parents and carers on Tuesday 10 February 2015 at 6:00pm.

I look forward to meeting you all on day one at school.

Heather Paterson
Principal

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To the year 7 class of 2015, welcome to Campbell High School! My name is Ms Ellie Mayne and I will be the year 7 Coordinator for 2015. I will be joining you for the exciting journey through high school from the start of year 7 until the end of year 10! I have already met many of you through the orientation day and school visits, and I am really excited about the prospect of getting to know you all next year.

I teach English and ESL at Campbell High School. You will find me in the English & Languages staff room most of the time and also generally around the school, visiting lessons. It is very pleasing to see how the students of Campbell High School work hard towards improving their abilities and achieving their goals. It is wonderful to be a part of a school community where teachers and students take pride in the way they represent the school and make the most of their opportunities.

I hope that you will settle in happily and quickly next year without being too overwhelmed. While it might seem like a big change now, the transition process will be helped by the positive and supportive environment that Campbell High School provides. The strong sense of school community here allows people to help one another, and we encourage high expectations of students so they can work to the best of their abilities.

I hope that year 7 will be a fantastic year for you all. Starting high school is a great chance to make new friends, learn a lot about yourself, and have many chances to be challenged in whatever fields you are interested in, be it music, art, sport, technology or academia. There is a friendly community of staff and students ready to support you if you need help along the way. There is also the much anticipated year 7 camp to look forward to during Term 1!

Enjoy your final days in Year 6, and have a safe and restful holiday over the Christmas break. I’ll see you Monday February 2 next year and I look forward to welcoming you to year 7 at Campbell High School.

Ellie Mayne
Year 7 Coordinator

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YEAR CO-ORDINATOR’S MESSAGE
The school has polo shirts, jackets, pants, shorts and jumpers and students are expected to wear full school uniform. The short-sleeved polo style tops have Campbell High embroidered on the left hand side with collars in keeping with the Education Directorate’s Sun Safe policy and are excellent quality and value for money. The long sleeved polar fleece is navy blue in colour and also has Campbell High embroidered on the left side. The Campbell jackets, pants and tartan skirts are also very popular. Acceptable pants include dark blue shorts, dark blue tracksuits pants or dark blue jeans. In line with the SunSmart policy hats will be compulsory in all year 7 and 8 PE classes from the start of next year. They come in white with navy trim or navy blue with a white trim.

Uniform items can be purchased through the finance office which is located at the front office. The uniform shop will be open on Thursday 29 January and Friday 30 January 2014 from 9:30am to 2:30pm for uniform purchases.

Footwear – For safety reasons, enclosed footwear is mandatory at all times. Canvas shoes are not permitted as they do not provide sufficient protection for your feet especially in science labs, woodwork, metalwork, food studies PE and wet weather. Open toe or backless shoes are definitely not permitted.

Your assistance is appreciated in ensuring your child is always in school uniform

**FIRST DAY ARRANGEMENTS**

The first day for year 7 students at Campbell High is Monday 2 February. At 8:50am the bell will ring to signal all students, and any parents who would like to stay, to assemble in the school hall. After a brief assembly parents will leave and the students will meet their Contact Teachers and year 10 student leaders. They will then start a mini-day that includes all of their classes.

Students will remain at school for a full day and finish at 3:05pm. The canteen will operate at each break time and regular buses will operate in the afternoon. Contact either ACTION (in the ACT) or QCity Transit (Deane’s, NSW) for timetable details. Deane’s timetable information is available from the website www.deanesbuslines.com.au. This site lists both Queanbeyan and rural services. Bus pass application forms are available from local primary schools or can be downloaded from the website.
Year 7 students should bring a note pad and pen, food or money to buy food from the canteen and wear a watch to school to ensure they are punctual for class.

**All students will be issued with a Campbell High Diary.** Students are encouraged to use their diary on a daily basis to assist in their personal organisation.

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**DEFENCE TRANSITION MENTOR**

A big welcome to all of our defence force family students for 2015. My name is Debbie Dimmock and I am the Defence Transition Mentor (DTM) here at Campbell High School. I am part of the Pastoral Care Team. This team has a strong focus on student’s wellbeing and welfare.

The Defence Transition Mentor (DTM) position is funded by the Department of Defence and has been created to help children and parents of ADF families with a smoother transition into their new school.

In brief, my role is:
- to be a point of contact for parents of ADF students in the school
- to assist teachers with individual ADF student needs
- refer ADF students to appropriate services within the school if necessary

I can also provide you with information regarding those services provided to students by defence, for example, extra tuition in compulsory subject areas. Tutoring support is provided in the first 18 months of a child starting school in the new location.

At the beginning of term 1, you will be invited to a free BBQ lunch, to welcome you to Campbell High School. Here you will get the opportunity to meet all the defence force family students that attend our school. Throughout the year you will be invited to various activities and excursions, where we get together with other schools in the area.

I work part-time from 9:00am to 2:30pm, usually Monday, Wednesday and Thursday and I can be contacted on (02) 6142 3193 or debbie.dimmock@ed.act.edu.au.

Note for parents: it is sometimes difficult to identify defence students, therefore if you have never received an email from me, could you please let me know your email address and the name of your child.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a very happy Christmas and enjoy the holidays. I very much look forward to meeting you all in the New Year.

Debbie Dimmock
Defence Transition Mentor
The canteen staff would like to welcome all new students and parents to Campbell High. A breakfast menu is provided from 8:30am – 8:50am. Many of our students travel long distances and have their breakfast before class. Break 1 (Long Break) begins at 10:55am and we have found many students are in need of nourishment by then and they often use this as their main meal of the day so we offer a wide variety of food over the counter. Break 2 (Short Break) begins at 1:40pm and we offer both wraps and hot food, though the variety is reduced at this time of day. We would prefer students to place orders for Break 1 first thing in the morning before 8:50am.

The canteen is run by the P & C which donates ALL profits each year to the school. We are always in need of helpers to serve students at Breaks 1 and 2. If you could help out on any day between 10:30am – 12:00pm or just at Break 1 we would really appreciate your assistance.

Please contact Hazel in the canteen on 6247 8049.

**SAMPLE TIMETABLE 2014**

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Meet the Teachers
Wine and Cheese Evening
Tuesday 10 February 2015
6:00pm – 8:00pm outside the school library

Campbell High School P&C invites all parents to its annual *Wine and Cheese Evening* to meet the principal and teachers.

The evening is an informal social gathering, with wine and service provided by the P&C.

We look forward to you joining us.

Diana Kerr
P&C President

Welcome to the Campbell High P&C. You are now entitled to be a member of a very constructive P&C organisation, the main role of which is to promote parent participation in the school and to provide strong positive community support by encouraging parents to be involved in their child’s education. Our Meet the Teachers evening at the beginning of the year is an example of the strong parent community at Campbell High School.

Over the last few years the P&C at Campbell High School has become known as one of the most active and positive P&C associations in the ACT. A succession of dedicated committees has coordinated parent effort, which has resulted in over $120,000 being donated to the school to improve educational opportunities and facilities for our children.

The P&C depends, for its continued energy, on new parents. You can support the P&C association by attending meetings and contributing to discussions on a variety of topics affecting our children’s education. At these meetings you will have the opportunity to meet other parents and hear about what is happening in this busy school. The P&C hosts an annual *Trivia Night* which is scheduled for 22 August 2015. This event is a successful fundraiser and community event due to the efforts of parents. The P&C also operates the school canteen employing five wonderful staff who provide breakfast, lunch and snacks to students and teachers every day. We are fortunate to have such a successful canteen so, if nothing else, please support the canteen by taking advantage of all it provides.

P&C meetings are usually held at 7pm on the Thursday of week 4 and week 8 each term, in the school’s conference room located near the school foyer. Dates of meetings and P&C events can be found on the calendar on the school website and agendas of forthcoming meetings are forwarded to all parents and carers on the P&C emailing list. Please provide your email details at the Wine and Cheese Evening or contact me at campbellhspandc@gmail.com if you would like to be informed of P&C activities.

Campbell High School celebrates its 50th birthday in 2015 so the P&C will be working with the school to host some special events. If you are a past pupil please make yourself known!

May 2015 mark the beginning of a very successful and happy high school experience for your student. I hope to see you at the first P&C meeting for 2015 on Thursday 26 February at 7:00pm.

Kind regards,

Diana Kerr
P&C President