



## Lyneham High School

**Care Quality Creativity**



*Lyneham High School is built on the traditional lands of the Ngunnawal people.  
We acknowledge the traditional owners of this land and pay our respects  
to their elders, past, present and future.*



## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

In the last fortnight we have seen a number of events and activities happening including excursions and camps, lunchtime and afternoon clubs, auditions for this year's musical production, "High School Musical" and nominations being finalised for the 2021 Student Forum. Things are starting to get busy and it is wonderful to see students engaging in the many opportunities our school offers.

As we approach the halfway point of term 1 (which is a shorter nine week term this year) we know that students will experience an increase in assessment tasks across their classes. It is therefore a timely reminder to be monitoring how organised students are (they know what tasks are current and the due dates) and supporting them to prioritise work and allocate time to ensure they can produce their best work. We always encourage our parents and carers to be actively involved in these discussions at home and invite you to contact individual teachers or the appropriate year group team for support.

### **Year 7 Mini Timetable Evening**

In the last newsletter I mentioned that the current ACT Health directions and

COVID-19 restrictions, in particular indoor density restrictions, meant that we were unable to safely host year 7 families for our annual Mini Timetable Evening. Instead we have asked year 7 teachers to speak with their class about the learning program being studied and classroom expectations. Each year 7 student has been issued with a booklet to record this information so that they can lead their parent/carer through a “remote” tour of their timetable of classes.

While this doesn't replace the challenge of navigating around the building or putting a face to the name of teachers, we hope that it is a way of communicating important information to you so that you gain a greater appreciation of how the school operates and what your child will be studying. We encourage parents/carers to set aside some time to sit down, go through the booklet, and have this conversation with your child.

### **Student Support and Wellbeing Team**

We are excited to announce that we have a new School Nurse, Jen Grant, joining our student wellbeing team. Jen has a strong background in mental health and health promotion. She will be in our school every Monday and Tuesday, working with individual students and families, groups of students and supporting staff to deliver health outcomes through the curriculum.

We also have been fortunate to welcome Ben Triglone, a Menslink counsellor, who will be available on Wednesday mornings to support our young men.

### **Camps and Excursions**

Last week our STAR girls headed to Tathra for their term 1 camp while this week the DARE boys are currently on the south coast near Lake Tabourie. At both camps, the organising teachers have planned challenging activities and experiences designed to build and demonstrate their leadership and teamwork skills. The students also have great fun and build strong relationships that are so important to the success of the two programs. I would like to thank the dedicated teachers who have organised these camps and given their time away

from families to provide these amazing opportunities. I would also like to recognise our amazing front office team who have been working tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure that excursions are approved, payments have been processed and the necessary paperwork has been completed.

### Student Support Funds

A reminder to all parents that the school operates a Student Support Fund. This provides limited funds to parents who are experiencing financial difficulty. Funds can be used to help any student access activities that the school would normally anticipate a whole year group, class or specific group of students would attend. If you are experiencing financial difficulties, please contact me so that we can discuss accessing this support fund. Information is kept confidential.

Warm Regards

Rob Emanuel

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### Uniform Shop

All smaller sized PE polo's have arrived at the shop. The larger sizes should arrive next week.

All navy/sky polos have arrived except XS adults which won't be available until early April.

Hopefully, all SEAL uniforms should arrive next week.

Pink slips for collection will be sent to students when their order is ready.

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### Runners: Did you know?

Along with other schools, Lyneham High has a long history of having student “runners”.

Runners are an important part of the school’s operational fabric: taking “pink” notes around the school and performing other ad-hoc tasks. If you ring and ask for your child to be sent a message or released from class early, you will often hear our front office staff say, “No worries, I’ll send the runner out.”

Most year 8 students are asked to be a runner once during the year.

While most students enjoy the opportunity to help the school out, we know that it’s not for everyone. We do not choose a student if:

- there are known conflicting academic/schooling reasons (eg a test or excursion),
- there are wellbeing or similar concerns that have been expressed to us,
- a parent/carer has advised that they do not wish for their child to participate.

If you do not wish your child to participate, please advise their home group teacher (refer to the [Teaching staff contact list](#), which is always available from the [Contact Us page](#) of the school’s website). Your child can also express this directly to the home group teacher.

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## Music Notes

Keep up to date with the music events happening this year with the Band Calendar on our LHS Band Program Portal (click on button below). A Doc version is also available on each band's Google Classroom page.

### BAND PERFORMANCE TOURS

With our Band Tours going ahead this year, deposits and tour commitment forms are due within the next month. The commitment notes have been posted to each band's Google Classroom. Please carefully consider your commitment to participating in these tours, as once the first deposits have been paid and commitment forms have returned, the final numbers will be confirmed at the venues. It is vital that these forms are completed and returned as this greatly affects the budget and final cost for individuals.

Please find the link to the Band Tours section on the Band Parent Portal by clicking the button below, here you will find PDFs of each band's note.

### BAND SECOND INSTRUMENT APPLICATION

Staff have been working hard to guarantee all students who hire an instrument have a well functioning main instrument. We ask students who would like a second, older instrument to complete the form posted on Google Classroom. We will do our best, but cannot guarantee that all applicants will be successful, as available instruments are of course limited.

Students should have this form completed by Friday, 26 February, Week 4.

### EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Our extra-curricular rehearsals have excitedly kicked off for the year, including our brand new Woodwind Ensemble, happening every Thursday lunch. There is still space for band students who would like to participate in any of the bands, especially including the 'High School Musical' Musical Chorus. Students who would like to join a band can

visit the Music Staffroom.

#### INSTRUMENTAL MATTERS - TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS

Students are reminded that any band instrument matters are handled on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Renee, our Admin Support Officer will gladly assist with any needs related to musical instrument repairs, loans or changes on those days.

#### BAND UNIFORM DONATIONS

We want to thank all of the families who have returned and donated band uniforms, however we are always looking for more. Specifically, we are hoping for donations of blue band polo shirts, blue band hoodies, black trousers and black socks. Additionally we would like to thank the families who have donated instruments to the Band Program; your generosity is very much appreciated.



Thank you to the Year 10 Concert Band for performing at the school assembly on Monday morning. We are excited to see live performances at our assemblies once more.

[Band Calendar](#)

[Band Tours](#)

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## SALT visit Lyneham High School

A big thankyou to the ladies from SALT for popping into LHS and running a day long workshop for female students in Years 8-10. The Supporting and Linking Tradeswomen workshop aims to encourage girls to learn new skills and to consider entering a trade if that is what they are interested in.

For more information go to

<https://saltaustralia.org.au/>

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**FOR YOUNG CARERS**  
**ADDITIONAL COVID-19 SUPPORT**



**ARE YOU A YOUNG CARER OR A YOUNG ADULT CARER  
WHO HAS BEEN IMPACTED BY COVID-19,  
OR DO YOU KNOW OF ONE?**

A Young Carer or Young Adult Carer provides unpaid care to a family member or friend that is living with a disability, a physical or mental illness, chronic health condition or is frail and aged.

If health and wellbeing have been impacted as a result of COVID, Young Carers may be able to access a package to meet additional costs, maintain their wellbeing and support their education.

Carers ACT is able to support Young Carers and Young Adult Carers, up to the age of 30 who have been impacted by COVID.

If you are a sibling to someone living with a disability or health condition, and have provided carer support you wouldn't normally do as a result of COVID 19, you may also be eligible.

Call us to discuss eligibility or to make a referral at 1800 960 990 or email [young.carers@carersact.org.au](mailto:young.carers@carersact.org.au)



For information, advice and support contact our Carers ACT Young Carer Coordinator

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**Did you know that Parentline relies on the time of volunteers and successful fundraising to keep our doors open? You can support our free service that supports parents and carers of children of all ages through the Hands Up for CBR Giving Day on Tuesday March 9 Support our campaign at <https://giving.handsacrosscanberra.org.au/.../parentline-act> Call us on 6287 3833 for free counselling and support**

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