

DC Community Update Term 1– Week 2, 2023



From the Principal

Yuma and good afternoon,

Welcome to our first DC Community Update for 2023. This communication is sent approximately every two weeks during the term (or as required). To keep students and parents updated with important information about what's going on in the DC school community. Our newsletter, the DC News, is sent in weeks 3 and 8 each term and focuses on celebrating the amazing things that happen here at DC and in our community.

It has been a wonderful start to the year. Our Year 11 cohort have made a smooth transition into college life and are involving themselves in the many opportunities open to them. Classes are in full swing and our extracurricular groups are forming and brainstorming their projects for the year. There are many excursions, assemblies and student led events in the pipeline. I am looking forward to another great year here at DC.

I will be hosting a parent and student information evening Tuesday, 5.00pm, 21 February 2023 online. An invitation to the webinar will be emailed separately next week. This presentation is aimed at our Year 11 families, but anyone is welcome. I will focus on the structures of the ACT college system and what that looks like at DC. This presentation will also be recorded and uploaded to our website if you are unable to attend.

Kind regards,

Caitlin Horan
A/g Principal

School Board Nominations Opening

Are you passionate about the strategic direction of Dickson College? The School's Board is a formal mechanism for college staff, parents, carers, students, and the community to participate in the college's decision making.

This year there are three vacancies opening for the School Board starting in April 2023:

- 1 student member position (24-month term)
- 1 parent position (24-month term)
- 1 staff member position (24-month term)

Nominations will open Tuesday 7 February 2023 and close at 16:00pm Tuesday 21 February 2023. If you would like to be on the School Board, please complete the nomination form and email to bm.dckc@ed.act.edu.au.

[School Board Nomination Form](#)

In the event of an election, a short biography of each nominee would assist with the voting process. You are therefore invited to attach a biography when submitting your nominee form.

Voting will occur (if required) from Monday 27 February 2023 until Monday 6 March 2023.

Information about nominees will be available at the school and on the [Dickson College website](#).

For more information, contact the Assistant Returning Officer, Alex Tibbetts on 02 6142 0140 or bm.dckc@ed.act.edu.au.

Student ID Cards

Student ID cards for *most* year 11 students will be available to collect from the Library Front Desk from Tuesday morning (14th February).

Our apologies for the shortfall: we've temporarily run out of ID Card printer ribbon.

Students may request to have a Student ID card printed/re-printed if:

- Their name or date of birth is incorrect.
- They have joined Dickson College this year
- They have lost their ID card from last year
- The name or photo on their 2022 ID card no longer properly identifies them.

Please pop into to see Sam later in the week, when we hope we'll be able to print more cards.

Student Absences

If students are absent from school, parents/carer's need to provide a valid explanation in writing via the completion of a Student Absence Form (copies can be collected from Student Engagement) or emailing dicksonc.absences@ed.act.edu.au.

Please note, students should complete an extended absence agreement form if they know in advance, they will be on leave from school for more than 3 days. This is not required for a school sanctioned program such as an excursion or work experience.

Students must provide evidence of due cause for the absence and complete an Extended Absence Agreement with class teachers to ensure all assessment requirements are met. If a student is absent for three days or more without prior notice, such as a family emergency or illness, parents should notify dicksonc.absences@ed.act.edu.au and the relevant coordinator/case manager as soon as possible.

Moderation Day – no classes for students

Moderation Day, Tuesday 28 February, will be a student free day for all students.

The ACT Board of Senior Secondary Studies (BSSS) requires teachers to participate in system wide moderation of student work twice each year. Moderation is a valuable process which provides teachers the opportunity to ensure assessment across the ACT meets the underlying principles of being fair, equitable, transparent, rigorous, valid, reliable, timely and reviewed regularly.

On the day, students will not be required to attend the College and are encouraged to allocate some time towards home study or completing assessments.

Important Dates to remember

Remember!!!

21 February	Parent Information Session
22 February	Assembly 11.45am
28 February	Moderation Day (no classes for students)
13 March	Canberra Day (Public Holiday)
24 March	STEM Crossline Testing
27 March	STEM Crossline Testing
28 March	STEM Crossline Testing
29 March	STEM Crossline Testing
30 March	AST Trial Year 12 Pupil Free day for moderation and assessment
31 March	AST Trial Year 11 & 12 Pupil Free day for moderation and assessment
6 April	Last day Term
7 April	Good Friday