

DC Community Update Term 4 – Week 16, 2022



From the Principal(s)

Yuma students and families,

The end of the year is approaching rapidly, so please check dates and times for upcoming tests and end of year events (info below). Handback Day is on Wednesday the 23 November and students should attend in the morning to collect any remaining teacher feedback on their assessment items. The whole College gave Year 12 an enthusiastic farewell assembly on Monday. This is first of many end of year celebrations that our Year 12 students will engage in. The next will be the Year 12 Breakfast and final package check where staff put on a special breakfast for Year 12. This is followed by the all-important final check of year 12 certification for each student, prior to the scaling of results process and ATAR results.

We had a fantastic Fashion Parade and Arts Festival last Thursday evening. Thank you to everyone who came and supported our students on the night. The student's work was incredible, we definitely have some talent here at Dickson College! Also, a big thank you to all the students, parents, staff, and members of the community who contributed in some way to make the event such a success. See our next Newsletter edition for photos.

Now over to Craig...

Yarra,

Victoria Margrain
Acting Principal

Dear students and families,

It was wonderful to see students and staff fill the hall on Monday to Farewell Year 12. As this year's 12 group of students transition out of school, things are also changing for me. I have recently won a position in School Improvement Section of the Directorate, as Senior Director of School Review and Planning. For now, it is a temporary position until the end of term 1 2023 but may be extended longer in 2023. Victoria Margrain will continue to act as Principal for term 4 and Caitlin Horan will act as Principal next term. The job, which I have already started, links to a broader project for the system which I believe will lead to positive outcomes for students in all ACT schools. Fortunately, I have been given the flexibility to support the Victoria and the College in end of year processes if needed and will attend all the end of year events and celebrations.

The College is in good hands, and I am really looking forward to participating in end of year events to say goodbye to Year 12 students and their families. I'd like to wish all our students the best in their final assessments for the year.

Craig Edwards
Principal

DC Formal



Summer Night Formal 2022

Tickets available from the front office until 25 November.

- When: 28th November
- Where: National Museum of Australia
- Who: Dickson College Students only
- Event: Formal Cocktail
- Time: Arrivals 5.30pm, Event from 6pm
- Cost: \$125 per ticket
- Tickets close: Friday the 25th November

DC Graduation

The Dickson College staff are looking forward to the Year 12 Graduation Ceremony and we invite you to join us for the occasion.

Date: Thursday 15 December 2022

Place: Canberra Theatre, Civic Square, London Circuit, Civic

Time: 5.30pm to 7.30pm (graduates to arrive at 4:45pm)

Cost: Free but tickets are required

Due to theatre capacity, students may invite **a total of 2 guests only**.

Tickets are to be collected from the Dickson College front office from 14th November until COB December 2nd. You will need to present your tickets at the theatre to access the event.

Graduating students will not require a ticket.

Year 12 Special Awards and Year 11 Semester Awards

The Year 12 Special Awards and Year 11 Semester Awards will be held in the Dickson College Hall on Thursday 15 December 2022 commencing at 11.00am.

This event is by invitation only, for the students involved, correspondence will be sent out at a later date.

AST Trial

All year 11 students who are intending on completing a tertiary package and want to receive an ATAR at the end of year 12 have their next AST Trial coming up next week. The AST Trials form an integral part of the AST prep program and participation in the AST trials for tertiary students is compulsory. The Year 11 AST Trial is scheduled for Tuesday 22nd November (week 17). Starting at 8:45am with the Short-response test and at 12:45 pm students will complete the Multiple Choice. Students are to bring Photo ID (driver's licence, school ID, 18+ card, passport, etc), pens, pencils, eraser, sharpener, ruler. Students may bring a dictionary, but it cannot have an attached Thesaurus. Students may also bring a clear water bottle. Students are not allowed to bring phones, calculators, food, or other external stimulus into the exam venue.

Returning Library Resources

Students are reminded to return all library resources, including class novels and textbooks, as soon as possible. Resources can be kept on loan if they are needed for exams. They can be returned after exams or on Handback Day Wednesday 23 November. The library remains open until Friday 16 December for returns, but it would be great if resources could be returned as soon as possible.

Chromebooks

As the end of the year approaches, we would like to take this opportunity to remind you that we need you to ensure that all 2022 Year 12 students return their Chromebooks to school prior to finishing.

2022 Year 12 students were issued new Chromebooks in the 2018 rollout of the *better schools for our kids – technology enabled learning* initiative. These devices were provided to students to ensure that irrespective of family circumstances, every student has an equal opportunity to learn wherever they are and whenever they need it. Under this initiative the ACT Government owns the device, and as a result, these devices now need to be returned to their school prior to leaving the Canberra Public School System permanently at the end of 2022.

Chromebooks should be returned to Sam Bennett, Dickson College's IT Officer located in the library, and we ask that:

- as far as possible, any personalisation (stickers etc.) have been removed,
- the outside of the Chromebook is wiped clean with a little hand-sanitiser or a disinfectant wipe,
- the Chromebook's power supply is also returned,
- and for *Lenovo* Chromebooks, the stylus should be secured in its slot in the front, right-hand side before the device is returned.

We will be in contact with further details about device collection towards the end of Term 4. If you have any questions or concerns, please email Sam, sam.bennett@ed.act.edu.au

Your assistance is appreciated.

Lost Property

We have a vast collection of items in our lost property box. We encourage students to come and check if any of their lost belongings are in the lost property box before the end of term. Any items left will be donated to charity at the end of term.

School Photos and Student ID card - 2023

Next year we are offering the families the opportunity of School photograph packages and they will be taken for all students in Year 11 and Year 12. Package prices range from \$31 to \$48. Students will be photographed on Tuesday 31st January 2023.

Please go online at www.schoolhousepics.com.au and press order photos. There you will see all packages available to the students. There is a code to get onto the site which is DIC21SON.

Any further information regarding the photos please contact us on 1300 794 741.

eSafety Awareness Update: Sextortion

We would like to provide our community with information to raise awareness of Sextortion (Sexual Extortion) and how it is becoming a larger risk to our young people.

From the Australian Federal Police:

- Investigators are warning that overseas offenders are increasingly preying on Australian children, particularly teenage males, coercing them into producing explicit images and then extorting them for money.
- Sextortion is a crime that can involve child victims being manipulated by online offenders into sending sexualised images, often through the offender pretending to be another young person.
- An offender will then threaten to share the content with others unless their demands are met. These demands include more images, sexual favours, and money.
- Authorities globally are seeing a significant increase in offshore criminal syndicates targeting teenagers. Investigators hope highlighting the trend will encourage children who have become victims to seek help and report the crime to the AFP-led Australian Centre to Counter Child Exploitation at www.acce.gov.au/report

Some of the AFP's top tips to keep children safe include having the privacy settings of their social media account set to 'friends only' or 'private' to ensure they are not contacted by someone wanting to do them harm and turning off any location settings that could show where they go to school or where they live.

Parents should also encourage children not to share any personal information with 'friends' they meet online. For more information you can visit the Office of the eSafety Commissioner's page.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Upcoming Events

Remember!!!

Week 17	
Tuesday 22 November	Year 11 AST Trial
Wednesday 23 November	Handback Day S46 Media Film Festival
Week 18	
Monday 28 November	Year 12 Brunch & Final package check Year 12 Formal
Week 10	
Monday 12 December	BSSS Recognition of Excellence Ceremony
Thursday 15 December	Semester Awards & Special Awards DC Graduation
Friday 16 December	Last day Term.

Monday November 21st - Week 17

Catch Up Testing

Tuesday November 22nd - Week 17

Year 11 AST Trial - 9:00am - 4:00pm

Wednesday November 23rd - Week 17

Handback Day 9:00am - 11:00am

Monday November 28th - Week 18

Year 12 Brunch and Package Check 9:30am

Formal at National Museum of Australia, arrivals from 5:30pm

Thursday December 15th - Week 20

Graduation Rehearsal 9:30am -10:30am DC School Hall

Awards Ceremony Year 11 and 12 - 11:00am DC School Hall

Graduation 5:00pm The Canberra Theatre

