

WEEK 2 TERM 1

NEW INFORMATION

UPCOMING EVENTS

6-7 Feb	Badgers Camp
11-13 Feb	Year 7 Jindabyne Camp
12 Feb	P&C Meeting – 7:15pm
16 Feb	Aquatics Fun Day
22 Feb	Hospitality Excursion
23 Feb	Café Culture Excursion

PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

Welcome, returning and new families, to another year of learning at Mount Stromlo High School, where we continue as a school community to reach for the stars. The first week of the year has been fantastic and it was wonderful to meet all of the new students that have joined Mt Stromlo HS this year on Tuesday, as well as seeing the smiling faces of returning students on Wednesday. We also welcome a number of new staff this year including: Miss Benedictos (Japanese), Miss Crampton (HaSS), Miss Moala (HaSS), Miss Rapson (HaSS), Mr Angel (PE & HaSS), Mr Lambert (PE), Mr Torrance (Science), Miss Mills (Science), and Miss Thain (TAF). I'm sure they will fit into our culture and will enjoy their time at our school.

The new mobile phone policy is one week in and so far the vast majority of students have responded with maturity and responsibility, either not bringing their phones or having them in their bags and switched off. Phone use at school has reduced significantly, to almost zero, with staff commenting on the reduction in distractions to learning that the policy has brought about. I know that if I have ice cream in the house that I will eat it (when I shouldn't!), therefore I don't have it in the house. The same is true for mobile phones. We strongly encourage students to not bring their phone to school if they don't need it before or after school, as it takes away the temptation to use it. One of the challenges with the policy however is that students sometimes pay for their canteen food with their phone. We recommend either using Flexischools, bring cash, or speak to the bank about getting a physical debit card.

Lastly, I'd like to ask that if you have any constructive feedback for us as a school we would love to hear it. This could be things that we are doing well that we should continue, or things that could be improved. Feedback is a gift and without it there is no improvement, so if you have any can you please email us at Stromlo.enquiries@ed.act.edu.au

CAREERS

We are very excited to be working with the year 9 and 10 students this year and helping them work towards their career aspirations.

In Careers this year we will be offering to the students in both year 9 and 10 lots of different opportunities that they can choose to engage with. These opportunities will come from both within the school and from the Education Directorate, these could include the following: CIT Coffee Course, First Aid, White Card, Asbestos and Silica Training, Head Start ASbA opportunities and short industry introduction courses.

These opportunities will be communicated from the Careers team using the following platforms Careers Google Classroom, Weekly Newsletter, at year group meetings and via email.

- Could we please ask that all students in both year 9 and 10 make sure they have joined the Careers Google Classroom so opportunities aren't missed out on as they are often time sensitive and may have limited places available. The code for the Google classroom is **zzox4o7**.

The following opportunities have been organised for term 1 2024, these are open to Year 10 students only. Year 9 will have the same opportunities available to them in term 2.

Opportunity	Available to Year Group	Cost	Places available	Dates
CIT Coffee Course	10	\$240	16	4 x Thursdays commencing on 15 February (Week 4)
White card, Asbestos and Silica Training	10	\$150 – White card and Asbestos \$240 - Silica	20	4 and 5 March (Week 6)
First Aid Training	10	In total \$390 \$91	20	4 April 2024 (Week 10)

Hard copies of all the permission notes are available at the Careers Room in the Library for students to collect.

INTERESTED IN A CAREER IN THE DEFENCE FORCE?

	Defence Force work experience	CLOSES
APS	ASD Cyber Security and Robotics Work Experience Program (April) Job Ref - WEP/00770/24 Australian Public Service Brindabella Park, ACT 8 - 12 April 2024	25-Feb-23 11:30 PM
	SD Cyber Security and Robotics Work Experience Program (April) Job Ref - WEP/00773/24 15-19 April 2024	25-Feb-23 11:30 PM
ARMY	Exercise First Glance - Indigenous Youth Placement: RMC Duntroon Job Ref - WEP/12716/23 Duntroon, ACT 8-12 April 2024	08-Mar-2024 11:30 PM
RAAF	Air Force Familiarisation Placement - RAAF Richmond - March 2024 Job Ref - WEP/00459/24 Richmond, NSW 26 – 28 March 2024	25-Feb-24 8:00 PM
	Air Force Aviation Amplify Program for Women 1 Job Ref - WEP/12745/23 RAAF Williamtown (Hunter Region) 07-11 April 2024	03-Mar-24 11:30 PM
	Air Force Aviation Amplify Program for Women 2 Job Ref - WEP/00015/24 RAAF Williamtown (Hunter Region) 14-18 April 2024	03-Mar-24 11:30 PM
NAVY	Navy Aviation Overview (April) Job Ref - WEP/12847/23 Nowra, NSW 8-10 April 2024	03-Mar-24 11:30 PM

[Navy Aviation Overview \(May\) Job Ref - WEP/12851/23](#)

Nowra, NSW

20-22 May 2024

07-Apr-24

11:30 PM

[Navy Aviation Overview \(June\) Job Ref - WEP/12853/23](#)

Nowra, NSW

17-19 June 2024

05-May-24

11:30 PM

Please click on website link below for full details on how to apply and further opportunities.

<https://www.defence.gov.au/jobs-careers/student-pathways/defence-work-experience-program>

INTERESTED IN A CAREER IN THE PERFORMING ARTS?

Work Experience at the Canberra Theatre Centre (CTC) is a crucial first step to understand the performing arts industry and how it operates.

Canberra Theatre Centre offers Year 10 & senior school students a chance to spend a week in Canberra's largest professional theatres, learning, developing, observing, and participating in various areas of operation. The Canberra Theatre Centre is the major presenter for performing arts in the ACT. It comprises three theatre spaces, the Canberra Theatre, The Playhouse and The Courtyard Studio.

Students will spend time working out of The Courtyard Studio with a small group of passionate theatre makers, while learning from industry professionals across all areas of theatre, including directing, stage management, lighting, sound, mechanics, performance, design and more. Participants will also be given the opportunity to directly pursue their passion in theatre or stagecraft and design, direct or produce a pre-selected scene throughout the week.

Students will gain valuable feedback from industry professionals on the strengths and weaknesses of their own work and suggestions and adjustments to improve their processes in theatre production.

The CTC Work Experience Program will run during the following weeks in 2024:

- **April 15 – 19, 2024**
- **June 24 – 28, 2024**
- **December 2 – 6, 2024**

SELECTION CRITERIA

You need to fit the following criteria:

- Be in Year 10 or above or a tertiary student (if work experience is a mandatory requirement to complete the relevant course)
- Demonstrate an interest in the performing arts.
- Be available to do work experience at an allocated time.

To apply for a placement please students must complete all sections and submit the [Work Experience Application Form](#). Interviews are conducted to select appropriate candidates.

The Education team at the Canberra Theatre Centre will contact you to arrange an interview on receipt of your application. For further details please email Christopher.Maher@act.gov.au.

Careers Website - <https://www.mountstromlocareers.com/>

Careers Google Classroom code: zzox4o7

For further information on any of the Career opportunities please contact traci.Chatfield@ed.act.edu.au

Check out the parent's section on our website.

www.mountstromlocareers.com

REMINDERS

Follow us on Facebook to stay up to date on all the happening at school [here](#) or search for Mount Stromlo High School in your app.

UPDATING CONTACT DETAILS

Need to update your contact details? Call the Front Office anytime or email Student Records.

