

## Student Support/Pastoral Care

At college, students will be required to make a number of important decisions concerning courses of study leading to post-college study and future career directions.

During this time students often experience a range of physical, emotional and social changes. The college provides the services of trained, experienced and committed staff to assist students during this crucial time in their personal development.

The members of the Student Services Team are closely involved in the transition and orientation of new students and assist them in choosing a course of study that is best suited to their needs.

The Student Services Team share a common responsibility for advising students about course choices and providing guidance and support for those in need. The Student Services Team includes Year Advisors, Counsellor, Chaplain, Moving Forward Officer (Transitions), Careers Advisor, WEX Coordinator, ASbA Coordinator and more.

## Support Groups (SG)

Hand in hand with the Student Services Team are Support Groups, (SG) central to the college's pastoral care approach. The SG teacher monitors student progress, general welfare, attendance and educational packages. Students, with the SG teacher, build on their "Pathway", through college and beyond. The Student Pathway document includes information about past and present study, a resume, career goals, interests and material for a college reference.

The Student Services team encourages students to discuss their study package and class selection with their SG teacher and / or Year coordinator. All important and relevant communication between Student Services and students regarding class changes, package checking, personal development and community services is carried out through SG sessions once per week.



## Communication

**Lake News** is the college newsletter produced regularly during term. The articles aim to keep parents informed about college activities and to celebrate student achievements.

**TV Monitors** around the College continuously scroll through notices for student information.

**College Meetings** are organised for items of interest to the whole student body. Awards are presented, and students give information about social, fundraising or interschool activities.

**Reports** are issued at the end of each term. These are either Progress Reports or End of Unit Reports.

**Alerts** are issued around week 5 of each term giving students and parents notice of any attendance or assessment concerns.

**Absences.** A student absence printout is provided each week in SG detailing student attendance.

**Appsence.** A new mobile App technology that gives immediate feedback to parents via text messages and push alerts. Parents can also provide sick notes to student services via this app.

**Facebook.** The college facebook page has frequent reminders of upcoming events.

## College Website

[www.lakeonline.act.edu.au](http://www.lakeonline.act.edu.au)

## Apprenticeships

Student apprenticeships while at the college are known as Australian School based Apprenticeships (ASbA's). ASbA students are part-time at school. Their program is made flexible enough to accommodate the students' school, work and training needs.

## Careers

Careers advice is given by teachers who also discuss courses, career goals, and vocational and educational opportunities.

We encourage students to visit careers

- To check their academic package
- For advice on gaining entry into competitive courses
- To determine pre-requisites for further study outside college
- For advice and guidance about possible career pathways and choices

## Work Experience (WEX)

Work Experience is encouraged for all students during their time at college. Students may select from a wide variety of work places, or may choose to organise their own placement. Most work experience placements occur in the non-teaching week/s at the end of each semester, but placements during a semester are also possible. Each student has multiple opportunities to do work experience. Work experience contributes points towards a Senior Secondary Certificate.