
Our Vision

At UC SSC Lake Ginninderra we have a commitment to Excellence in education that provides students with the skills and enthusiasm for a life of learning.

Our values

a responsibility for one's own learning;
skills that foster lifelong development;
respect for oneself and others;
taking responsibility for oneself and others;
a commitment to success; and
learning and working with others.

Lake NEWS

*Welcome
all Students
to 2017*

*First day for Year 11 and new Year 12 students
Monday 30 January*

*First day for returning Year 12 students
Tuesday 31 January*

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Dates

January 2017

24, 25 Tue, Wed	Staff Professional Learning
26 Thursday	Australia Day Holiday
37 Friday	Planning Day (Student free)

Monday 30th

College begins for Year 11 and new Year 12 students

Tuesday 31st

College begins for returning Year 12 students
Year 11 Activities Day
Year 12 Preparation and Development Day

February 2017

Wednesday 1st

Normal Classes Commence

Monday 6th

ID Photos

Tuesday 14th

Meet the Teacher Evening

March 2017

Tuesday 7th

Moderation Day 1 2017 - No classes

Monday 13th

Canberra Day Public Holiday

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From the Principal

Dear students, families, community members and staff,

On behalf of the Community of the College I would like to welcome all new and returning students.

In this newsletter we have information about the new school year. **New students** will be given an orientation booklet at their first college meeting - **starting at 8.40 am sharp on Monday the 30th of January. Returning students** meet at **8.50 am sharp on Tuesday the 30th of January.**

Transition and Support

It will be a busy year and the staff will be supporting you in your studies and helping you make the most of your time at college. A comprehensive range of services will be made available to you. Take advantage of this support! These include transition, academic support, course and careers planning and guidance, pastoral care and counsellor services, workplace opportunities, vocational pathways and more.

Class Selections

If there are problems with your class selections or you now wish to change one or more of your choices - **do not panic**. It is entirely usual for students to review class selection. All students will be given the opportunity to discuss their classes and changes can be made subject to appropriateness of choice and availability of places. Likewise if you have not yet selected your subjects you

will be supported through this process. Class requirements will be part of discussions with your class teachers during the first week.

Meet the Teacher Evening

The evening is the first opportunity of the year for parents and carers to make substantial and early contact with the college and meet those teachers that will be directing the learning of their student - **Tuesday 14th February at 6.00 pm.**

ATAR and AST

If you are a motivated academic student and have an interest in gaining an ATAR (Australian Tertiary Admission Rank) and sitting the AST (ACT Scaling Test) you will receive information outlining our support program, detailing the expectations of the program and the significant dates in 2017. The AST is as crucial as any other courses studied and a full commitment is expected. An AST/ ATAR information evening will be held for all students/parents/carers of students considering this pathway to University post college. The date and time will be published in an upcoming Lake News, on the Website and discussed at Meet the Teacher Evening.

ASbA

Those students wishing to establish an Australian School Based Apprenticeship (ASbA) in an area of vocational studies can explore these options early in term 1 starting with an information meeting

in week 2. We also encourage all students to **participate in work experience** as a very valuable experience for students to develop ideas about future areas of work and study.

ID Card

New students should note that ID Card photos will be taken in week 2. This will enable the early issue of school ID cards and the UC school ID card which opens some fantastic opportunities for students such as complete access to all aspects of the UC Library including online journals, research materials and staff support.

ANU Extension

I also encourage Year 11 T students to visit the ANU extension webpage to investigate the possibilities for extension studies:

<http://extension.anu.edu.au/>

These options should be given serious consideration. I will meet with interested students during the first week of Term 1.

I look forward to the college and its staff giving all students a safe, positive, exciting and challenging experience in 2017. I'll see new students at the college for your first assembly on

Monday the 30th of January at 8.40am and returning students on **Tuesday the 31st at 8.50am.**

It's great to have you with us in 2017!
Martin Watson

Monday 30 January - Year 11 and New Year 12

Year 11 and new Year 12 Students Getting to know the college

8.40 am Meeting in College Theatre

- Welcome and introductions – Martin Watson
- Students meet their SG (Student Group) teachers and then move to their SG rooms
- New Year 12 students stay in the theatre and meet with the Year 12 Coordinators

9.00 am Year 11 Student Group Orientation Session

- Introductions, questions, class timetables re-distributed and checked
- The orientation guide
- Permission notes for Tuesday's excursion
- New Year 12 students continue orientation

9.40 am Special presentations

- Sessions one, two and three. Students will attend each workshop with their designated group. Each presentation is 20 minutes in duration. Presentations support and complement the Student Orientation and Academic Skills Handbooks for 2017.

10.40 am Recess

11.00 am Special presentations

- Sessions four, five and six. Students will attend each workshop with their designated group. Each presentation is 20 minutes in duration. Presentations support and complement the Student Orientation and Academic Skills Handbooks for 2017.

12.00 noon Meet your teachers/find your classrooms - Mini timetable (Lines A to D)

12.00 – 12.20	Line A	
12.20 – 12.40	Line B	Students should seek
12.40 – 1.00	Line C	answers to the QUIZ
1.00 – 1.20	Line D	on their non-class lines

1.20 pm Lunch - BBQ in Courtyard

2.00 pm Meet your teachers/find your classrooms - Mini timetable (Lines E to H)

2.00 – 2.20	Line A	
2.20 – 2.40	Line B	Students should seek
2.40 – 3.00	Line C	answers to the QUIZ
3.00 – 3.20	Line D	on their non-class lines

3.20 pm Year Assembly with questions and also planning and reminders for Tuesday.

3.40 pm Day concludes.

Tuesday 31 January - Year 11 and 12

Year 11

Getting to know Staff and Students

8.40 am

Year assembly and introduction to the day.

9.00 am

Meet with SG teacher in SG room and return permission notes.

9.30 am

Students assemble at the front of College to catch buses for the activity program. Students will be based at Civic Pool with alternative sites/activities available as well.

BBQ lunch provided.

This is a compulsory activity day where all year 11s need to attend.

2.00 pm

Return to College by bus.

2.45 pm

Year assembly and reflections on the day.

Readiness for Wednesday - the first day of classes.

3.15 pm

Day concludes.

Year 12

Year 12 Preparation and Development Program

8.50 am

Year assembly and introduction to the day.

9.10 am

Meet and greet with SG Teacher in SG room. Introductions, questions, class timetables distributed and checked, program overview and course package check interview bookings.

9.40 am

Presentations

Important and informative presentations for students geared towards success in Year 12 and post college pathways planning - Academic and Career presentations including AST/ ATAR, readiness for University or CIT/Training or Work, Time and study workload management, Work Experience, and Google Classroom information.

10.40 am

Recess

11.00 am

Compulsory course package check interview with SG teacher – individual booking times.

Students may only request class changes in Student Services after completing their course package check.

1.00 pm

Lunch BBQ in courtyard.

1.40 pm

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3.40 pm

Day concludes.

Meet the Teacher Evening

Tuesday 14 February 2017

6.00pm - 8.00pm

ALL WELCOME

CONTACT AND COMMUNICATION

Introducing **Meet the Teacher Evening** at the University of Canberra Senior Secondary College. The evening is a great opportunity to make early contact with the college and meet those teachers that will be directing the learning of your student.

You will have the opportunity to meet with the Student Group (SG) pastoral care teacher and also introduce yourself to subject teachers.

The front office will be open until 7.30pm for those that would like to make voluntary school contributions and voluntary subject contributions.

1 MEET THE SUPPORT GROUP (SG) TEACHER 6.00pm- 6.45pm

You will be met as you enter the foyer of the College, given a copy of your son/daughter's list of classes and then directed to a location where you can meet your son/daughter's Student Group (SG) teacher. A member of our student services team will present to each group and explain the Pastoral Care model at the College.

2 MEET THE TEACHERS 6.45pm – 7.30pm

All parents and carers will be directed to the College Theatre. Teaching staff from across all faculties will be available to meet briefly and discuss any issues you would like to talk about. We request parents/carers be mindful of and respect the need for other families to also speak to teachers. Follow up contact can be arranged if you do not get the opportunity to speak to all the staff you wished to. Refreshments including brewed coffee, tea, cool drinks and sweet and savoury snacks will be served.

3 P&C INTRODUCTION TO UC Senior Secondary College 7.30pm – 8.00pm

You are encouraged to stay for this meeting. The P&C is a wonderful community service opportunity and plays a major role in the life of the College and is a unique opportunity for you to contribute to the educational outcomes of your children and the corporate life of the school.

We look forward to seeing you at this important event.

Timetable Improvements

For 2017, the college has improved the timetable.

The flexibility and adaptability of the timetable has been a great strength of the college. However, with some subtle changes it has now been further developed in order to maximise the application of the double lessons.

UC Lake G Timetable 2017				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8.40 am A	8.40 am E	8.40 am F	8.40 am G	8.40 am H
9.20 am B				
10.00 am C				
10.40 am Recess	10.40 am Recess	10.40 am Recess	10.40 am Recess	10.40 am Recess
11.00 am D	11.00 am A	11.00 am B	11.00 am E	11.00 am D
11.40 am SG			12.00 am A	
12.20 pm E				
1.00 pm Lunch	1.00 pm Lunch	1.00 pm Lunch	1.00 pm Lunch	1.00 pm Lunch
1.40 pm F	1.40 am C	1.40 am H	1.40 pm C	1.40 pm F
2.20 pm G				
3.00 pm H		2.40 pm G		2.40 pm D
3.40 pm	3.40 pm	3.40 pm	3.40 pm	3.40 pm

Key change characteristics

The Double lessons (A, B, D) have moved to the middle of the day from the afternoon.

The single lessons on Tue, Wed, Fri have moved to the afternoon.

The Thursday afternoon double (C line) will remain due intercollege College Sport - time set aside by all colleges for Thursday afternoon activities, and registered units such as Theatre Productions.

Lessons A, C, E and G remain on MON, TUE and THU with lessons B, D, F and H remaining on MON, WED and FRI.

As an example of curriculum support, Hospitality classes can now cater at lunchtimes on TUE, WED and FRI.

Class Changes

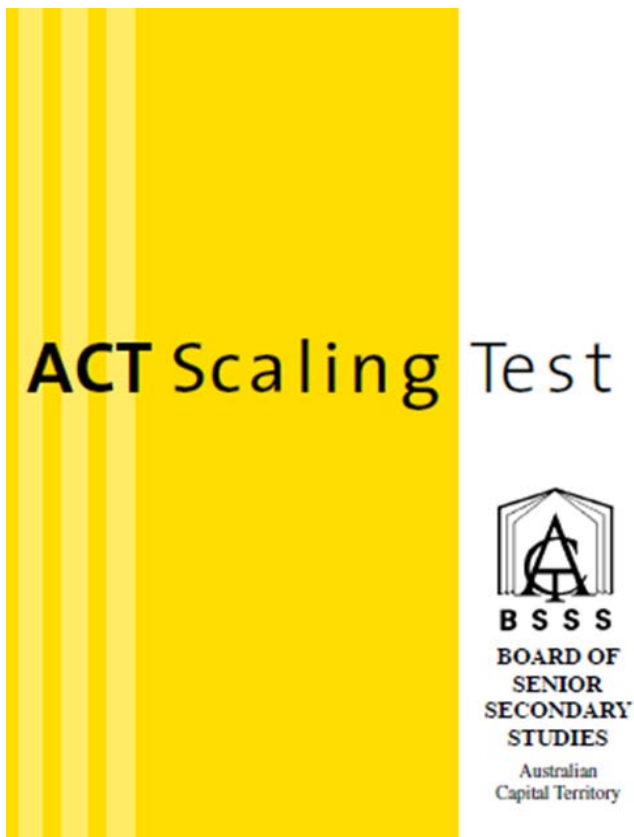
All students should have their 2017 classes attached to this mail out.

As usual, all students have the opportunity to request changes to their classes in the first two weeks of school.

Graeme Budd

Deputy Principal - Students

AST update



AST dates for 2017

Tuesday 5 September

Multiple Choice task
Short Response task

Wednesday 6 September

Writing task

BSSS Website

<http://www.bsss.act.edu.au/home>

The AST is comprised of three tasks, the Multiple Choice on Tuesday morning, the Short Response on Tuesday afternoon, and the Writing Task on Wednesday morning.

Preparation for AST began with trials for Year 11 students in 2016 at the conclusion of second semester.

These were formal trials under full exam conditions.

Results of these trials will be available to Year 12 T students through individual interview and will help inform academic expectations, course selections/variations and career pathways decisions.

ATAR estimates will also be available at this interview will including discussion about possible improvement of the estimated ATAR and importantly other recommended pathways to further education.

Students continuing T will be assigned tutorial groups and receive instruction about each of the three tasks.

No ATAR estimates will be presented to students without an interview.

Parents are invited to attend if they are available and wish to do so.

Communicating Online

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UC SSC Lake G is **online** with the majority of general college communications. Newsletters will continue to be posted home for those who do not have online access or specifically request paper-based versions. Up to date email addresses and mobile numbers are important.

Please contact the college on 6142 0222 to update your contact information

OR

complete this slip and return to the office.

Parent/Carer Name: _____ **Student Name:** _____

Mobile: _____

Email: _____

Facebook

The college Facebook page has replaced the web page and the newsletter as the most up-to-date source of news about the college.

Events are reported in advance, or as they happen on Facebook, often with a photograph.

The college Facebook page is accessible via the college webpage

(<http://www.lakeonline.act.edu.au>) or via your mobile Facebook application.



The Lake G App... now available on Google Play and the iTunes store

Access to a range of college information and forms is at your fingertips on an iPhone and Android phones.

The App will continue to be developed and provide up to date information on happenings in the school, and access to school documents such as absence notes.

Students will also be able to customise the timetable screen which will open automatically on the correct week day and save their credentials for logging in.

Parents can equally have their student's timetable in the App, print absence notes and participate in college surveys.

Reception

Front Office Reception Hours

8.30am - 4.00pm Daily

Payments accepted from

8.30am - 2.30pm

Monday to Friday

Office is Closed Fridays

10.40am - 11.10am

Attendance



Teachers record college attendance using an app developed for smartphones and tablets.

This flexible app is also available for parents and students through the Google Play store and the Apple App Store and may also be used through an online portal.

Parents and students who use the app, called AppSence, will receive immediate notification of a class absence when the roll is marked.

With the username and password provided by the school, parents can login to keep informed of their child's attendance, and to explain student absences as a result of sickness or approved leave.

Username and passwords are provided by email to parent/guardians. If you would like additional access for others with caring responsibility contact Student Services (6142 0242).

Parents and Citizens

Lake Ginninderra P&C

If you would like updates of parent activities,
Email us on lakegpandc@gmail.com
and find out more about your college

Careers and Transition

Scholarships, Special Entry and Access Schemes

The UAC Guide has some information, but you should refer to the university website. Some examples

www.co-op.unsw.edu.au

Gives details of the UNSW CO-OP Program with work experience and scholarships available in Commerce, Engineering and Science.

www.usyd.edu.au/study/scholarships

Gives details of a wide range of scholarships at the University of Sydney.

www.anu.edu.au/scholarships

This website shows all scholarships, not merely those for Year 12 leavers.

www.une.edu.au

University of New England's School Recommended Admission Scheme is available to motivated students with good study habits and prospects of university success may be offered a place at university (in November of their HSC year) irrespective of the UAI they are later awarded.

www.uac.edu.au

UAC (University Admissions Centre) is the central processing organisation for universities in ACT/NSW. You will find information on its website about EAS (Educational Access Scheme) which can assist students who have suffered some educational disadvantage during Years 11 and 12.

There is also information listed about Equity Scholarships for students who are financially disadvantaged.

Thinking of Taking a Year Off in between School and Further Study

The following websites give students some avenues for exploring a year away from study after Year 12.

<http://www.ryea.org.au/>

Rotary Exchange

http://www.defencejobs.gov.au/education/Gapyear/?utm_source=education_home&utm_medium=carousel&utm_content=img&utm_campaign=gap_year

This link is o the Gap Year program conducted by the Australian Defence Force.

www.pgl.co.uk

PGL Adventure Holidays in the UK, France and Spain employ over 2000 young people from around the world to help staff their adventure holiday programs for young people from February through to November.

www.ccusa.com.au

Offers the opportunity to work in Summer Camps in the USA.

www.statravel.com.au

STA Travel is the agent for many such programs and also provides International Student ID Cards and travel arrangements.

www.tutorsworldwide.org

Gives advice here for tutoring students in countries such as UK, New Zealand and South Africa

www.letzlive.org

This is a Queensland based organisation that facilitates GAP year opportunities. They recruit GAP assistants for leading boarding schools throughout Australia, Canada, New Zealand, Thailand and the United Kingdom.

ASbA and Work Experience (WEX)

Australian School-based Apprenticeships (ASbA's)

ASbA's offer students, 15 years of age or over, the opportunity to achieve a nationally recognised vocational qualification by combining paid work and training as part of their education program.

What are the benefits of an ASbA?

You receive valuable experience that provides pathways to future training and employment. The minimum amount you will get paid is described in the Modern Award for your industry for the time spent in the workplace.

On successful completion you receive a nationally recognised vocational qualification along with your ACT Year 12 Certificate. A component of the hours spent at your ASbA workplace and study also assist you gaining points towards your Year 12 Certificate.

An ASbA provides you the opportunity to get a great head start in your career.

2016 was a busy year with many students engaged in ASbA's at both Certificate II and III levels in a variety of industries including:

Aged Care	Business	Carpentry
Children's Services	Community Recreation	Electrical
Hairdressing	Horticulture	Hospitality
Plumbing	Retail	Sport and Recreation
Transport and Logistics		

We wish all those students well in their future careers and trust that the experience and knowledge obtained whilst participating in their ASbA will assist them in their future.

Work Experience (WEX)

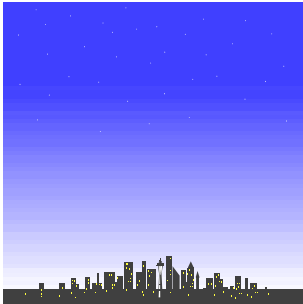
WEX is short-term unpaid participation in the workplace as a learner and observer. WEX allows you to gain knowledge of an industry and understanding of the variety of roles and responsibilities in the workplace. This will help you plan your future career pathway and make more informed career decisions. If you successfully participate in a WEX and hand in your completed log book, it can also earn you points towards your Year 12 Certificate.

There are many WEX placement options to choose from and you can participate in one WEX per term. 2016 was also a busy year with numerous placements in a diverse range of industries such as:

Advertising	Aged Care	Automotive	Beauty
Bricklaying	Childcare	Car detailing	Dance
Defence	Disability	Electrical	Equestrian
Glazing	Hairdressing	Hospitality	IT
Music	Pet Grooming	Physiotherapy	Plumbing
Retail	Science assistant	Spray Painting	TAMS Ranger
Teaching	Technology	Travel	Zoo

I hope this will assist in your future pathway decisions.

Athina Whild - ASbA/WEX Coordinator



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www.lakenitelearning.com.au

The program for Term 1 2017 starts 6th February

Enrol online any time, or in person at the UC Senior Secondary College, Lake Ginninderra.

Tel: 6142 0221

Email: info@lakenitelearning.com.au

Location: 2 Emu Bank Belconnen



