



TERM 1
MARCH 2018

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Cambridge Park Times

CELEBRATING OUR SENIORS

On Wednesday 28th March Cambridge Park High celebrated Seniors Week with a High Afternoon Tea cooked and served by our Year 10,11,12 students as part of their Vocational Education Training to showcase what they have been learning.

We would like to thank the Senior members of our community for being part of our celebration and hope that everyone enjoyed their time with us at Cambridge Park High School.



UPCOMING EVENTS THIS TERM

March

Easter Break - Fri 30th - Mon 2nd April -
All return Tuesday 3rd April

April

Fri 13th - Last day of Term - In the Field Excursions
Mon 16th - Fri 27th - School Holidays
Mon 30th - Staff Return

May

Tue 1st May - ALL students return
Thur 17th - Biggest Morning Tea

ACTING PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Mr Tony Diaczok - Acting Principal

Growth Mindset

Cambridge Park High is embarking on a long term project of introducing Growth Mindset to all staff, students and the community. We are seeking to do this to reframe learning at our school to teach students that there are very logical patterns to learning and if they apply these patterns they can be successful at school and in life.

An outline of the characteristics of a person with a growth mindset include:

- knowing that their abilities are not fixed, they can be grown through effort
- recognising that learning takes repeated effort
- not giving up, being resilient and persistent is a key part of a Growth Mindset
- recognising that mistakes and failure are a natural part of learning
- seeing problems as challenges
- seeking and using feedback from teachers and others
- celebrating the success of those around them rather than being threatened by it

Having a Growth Mindset is about continuously trying to improve, no matter how good a person is at something.

If you are interested in learning more about Growth Mindset there are a number of good videos on Youtube and the link below will take you to an introductory video on Growth Mindset:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KUWn_TJTrnU

This is a long term project at our school and to start we are currently training Years 7 and 11 in Growth Mindset and in the near future we will train the remaining years.

This training includes sessions on:

- Fixed vs Growth Mindset
- Neuroplasticity - How the brain changes itself
- Mistakes and failure and the role they play in learning
- Applying a Growth Mindset to your learning

If you have any questions around Growth Mindset please do not hesitate to contact me at school for further information.



YEAR ADVISOR'S REPORTS

Mr Jonathan Rolfe - Year 12 Year Advisor

It has been a positive start to 2018 for the current Year 12 cohort and it's been pleasing to see the majority of students working diligently and to their potential in all subjects. Over the past month the group have been implementing home study programs and study skills in preparation for their Half-Yearly Examinations which is their second assessment task for the HSC. We had an excellent attendance for their final swimming carnival where the majority of students dressed in house colours and fun outfits to celebrate.

Early in the Term a group of students continued to raise money for their school formal by ensuring the school celebrated Valentine's Day. They did an outstanding job selling roses, chocolate covered strawberries and singing songs to the community of Cambridge Park High School.

I can confirm that the Year 12 School Formal will be held at the popular Twin Creeks Golf Club on the 16th of November. Please be sure to put this on your calendar! I am sure students have already started to organise dresses, suits, make-up and fancy cars, and I have every confidence that this will be a wonderful celebration of what has begun as a fantastic year for Year 12.

Lastly, on behalf of Year 12 I would like to wish everyone a Happy Easter and an enjoyable long weekend.

I look forward to seeing not only what Year 12 will achieve, but what the school will accomplish in 2018.



Mrs Anne Acret - Attendance Coach and Mentor



Good attendance helps students succeed in school and bolsters their self-esteem.

As part of my role as Attendance Coach and Mentor this year, I have had the pleasure of talking to some of our families about the education of their children.

I have started conversations with many of our students, who at times are finding it very difficult to get to school on time for a variety of reasons. I am very interested to know why students can't get to school on time and, while I appreciate there are many factors that can influence the decisions that students and their families make, it is vital that the school is kept informed so that we can assist in developing strategies to ensure that "All Day, Every Day" is a normal school day for our students.

Please ensure your child brings a note explaining absence - either a full day or if your child is late to school. This is so important for our records. School attendance is a simple, easily understood measure of student performance.

Research shows improving attendance can be facilitated by engaging students, parents, educators and community members and provide understanding for why getting to school on time and attending every day is important.

At Cambridge Park High School we will be working closely with our community to ensure each and every student gets the same opportunities to succeed in their education.

Remember you can email me with any queries you might have about attendance.

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Mathematics

Term 1 has nearly come to an end and most students have now completed one assessment task.

A reminder that all students are given written notification at least 2 weeks prior to the assessment task in addition to the task information provided in the relevant assessment handbook. Here are some hints for effective study in Mathematics:



- Students develop skills in Mathematics through "doing" not "looking". In other words, Mathematics is a participator sport not a spectator sport. Ask questions if unsure!
- In order to learn to the best of their ability students must abide by the teachers' classroom rules and ensure that they ask questions if they are unsure about a particular concept.
- Students are encouraged to keep a summary book that contains a brief summary of important information including formulas that may be used in a topic.
- Students are encouraged to review the work from each day at the end of the day and make summary notes from that lesson. For most assessments in Mathematics, students are encouraged to bring one double-sided A4 page of summary notes (please refer to relevant assessment notification).
- Students must complete all set class work and homework and submit homework weekly for marking.

WHAT'S ON... 2018

The Australian Mathematics Competition (AMC) run by the Australian Mathematics Trust will be held on Thursday 9th August, 2018. Further information will be provided to students who are interested in the coming weeks. The AMC is for students of all standards.

Students are asked to solve 30 problems in 75 minutes (Years 7–12). The problems are designed to test mathematical thinking and questions are designed so that they can be answered just as quickly without a calculator as with one. The problems get more difficult through the competition, so that at the end they are challenging. Students of all standards will make progress through the problems, and also be challenged along the way.

NAPLAN Numeracy (Calculator/Non-Calculator) for Year 7 and Year 9 will be held during Week 3, Term 2.

A few friendly reminders...

- Students must bring all of the required equipment to each and every Mathematics lesson. This includes a Maths book, pens, pencils, ruler and calculator. If you have not yet purchased a calculator (preferably the CASIO fx-82AU scientific calculator – available from the school office and most stationery stores), please invest in one as soon as possible.
- Students should be engaging in homework and revision activities on a weekly basis. Mathematics requires practice, practice, practice!!! Homework centre is available to all students (Years 7 -12) on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 3 – 4pm in the school library. There is often a Mathematics teacher there to help!



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Students can bring in any laptop or tablet that is supported by our schools wireless network for approved use in class. For further information and an optional easy to use order portal, please visit our school website on:
www.cambridge-h.schools.nsw.edu.au

EDMODO

If parents still require their unique parent code for EDMODO please contact the office on phone: 47 31 6722

ADMINISTRATION

It is important that we have accurate and up to date enrolment details of all students.

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