

Learning Commons - Pav 6. Important changes to our college environment.

Students,

As of Monday Week 2 Term 1, the open area in Pav 6 (ground floor) will be a furnished social learning area called **The Learning Commons**. The Learning Commons is NOT a common room, nor is it a library - it is somewhere in between those two things. Therefore, what is acceptable conduct in that area changes.

Before / After school, Recess & Lunch times: access for all students. We are planning to establish a coffee outlet just as you enter Pav 6, with our own students trained in barista service. TV screens are also going up in the Learning Commons. If you've got ideas you'd like to see adopted, let Jim (Science/PE) or Julie (principal) know.

Class times: You can eat/drink and socialise there with friends in your lines off, BUT you must have your work out and be continuing your learning (hence the name). We will have staff actively supervising the area. You may be asked to go elsewhere if all you want to do is to socialise there. Likewise, if your social learning habits stop others with their learning, you will be asked to tone it down or relocate yourselves.

If you receive an alert that your usual class teacher is away, you may also be directed to Learning Commons for that lesson. Watch the screens, watch your device for updates each day. If your class is relocated to Learning Commons, a teacher will mark your class roll and be available to help you continue your learning.

The college has ordered significant amounts of new soft seating which will be delivered early March. These will go around the college and create smaller socialising spaces for you all to 'adopt' as your own. We ask that you work with us until those new spaces are established and moderate your use of Learning Commons.

Dear Students,

Absences

Please note that you have received your Absences Notification for Weeks 1-4 in your student email. Check them carefully and show your LINC teacher if you need some help reading these.

Please have your Absences sheet (which can be found at the Front Office or in College LIFE) signed by your parents, with a reasonable explanation attached for your absences.

This must be done within the next ten College days.

Absences submitted **after the ten day period** need to be signed off by the Executive Teacher for College LIFE.

Thanks for your help with this.

NCVER Surveys

Students who completed the NCVER Survey in LINC last week, need to return those ASAP to their LINC teacher to be submitted.

Dear LINC Teachers (Year 12), would you please ensure that NCVER Surveys are returned to College LIFE TODAY. :D

Moderation Day

Tomorrow is Moderation Day – students are not required to attend school on Tuesday – go forth, be free and study hard! :D

Academic Support

If you are struggling with personal issues that are impacting on your learning, please immediately see your Student Wellbeing Coordinator in College LIFE, where follow-on help will be provided.

Phones In Classes

Please keep using planners/calendars/organisers to keep on top of your workload.

Your phones are a tool, not your brain – use them when they're useful to support your learning in classes, not as a means to avoid thinking :-D.

Have a lovely week and enjoy your mini-break tomorrow.

School Psychologists at LTC

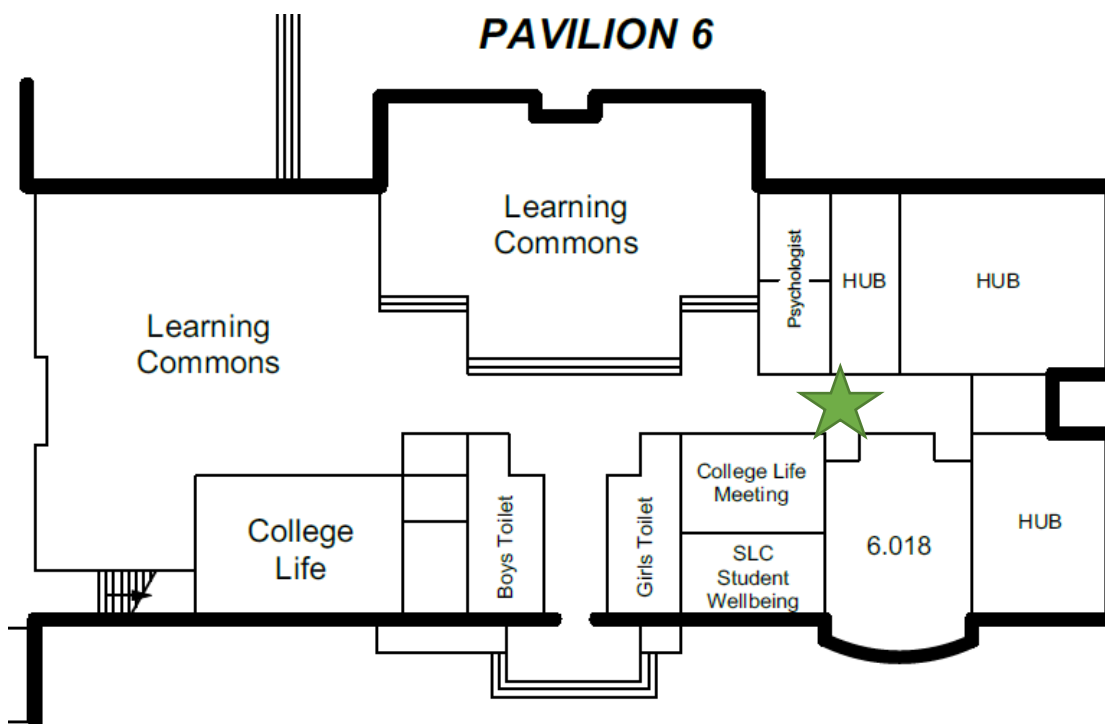
There are two school psychologists at Lake Tuggeranong College:

Stephen Henry (Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri) and **Ellen Sheridan** (Wed, Thurs [Even weeks])

If you are having difficulties or have concerns with problems such as mental health, sleep, relationships, home, motivation, or attendance at school, please speak to a member of College Life or self-refer to one of the psychologists.

To self-refer, go to Pavilion 6 past the Learning Commons and find the short corridor on your left. There will be four booking sheets, two for this week and two for next week, on the wall on which you can pick a line and time that best suits you and put your name or initials in that spot.

Alternatively, you can speak to a member of College Life staff or the Help Desk in Pavilion 6 and they can direct you towards the psychologist's office.



School Board Student Representative Ballot

The School Board has two vacancies for student representatives. As five nominations have been received a ballot must now be held. The period will be from today until next Monday.

If you would like to vote for one of the candidates please fill in the ballot paper and return it as per the instructions.

A summary of the candidates reason for nominating for the position are out lined on the reverse side of the ballot paper.

Environmental Science Guest Presenter

Friday this week – Line 3 – Lecture Theatre

Tarrant Borlase studied Environmental Science before working in the mining industry in site monitoring and regeneration. Most recently he has worked developing agriculture technologies in South America and assisted with disaster relief through the development of water filtering systems. He is back in Australia now and has generously agreed to come and tell his story about his career in science. Incursion form available from Adrian in the maths staffroom.

College Sports

Term 1 Sports 2018:

Sports Page Code for google classrooms is: tz5qde

Sign Up With Dave in PE and / or on Sports noticeboard outside Science staffroom

Thursday Sport This Week: (8 Mar)

- **Boys Basketball v Canberra at Canberra 2pm Tip Off**

One Day Carnivals: {Must Sign Up ASAP}

- Individual Tennis – Mon/Tue 5th / 6th March
- Rugby League 9's – Thursday 8th March
- Girls Rugby League Tag – Thursday 8th March
- Girls AFL – Tuesday 13th March
- Water Polo - **Now Friday 16th March**
- Girls Softball – Wednesday 21st March
- **Boys Rugby League Thursday 22nd March - NOW 1 Day instead of Thu afternoons.**
- Boys Softball – Tuesday 27th March
- Lawn Bowls – Wednesday 11th April

Opportunity For Community Service:

Mt Taylor primary are looking for students to assist with their swimming carnival on 21st March at Lakeside Leisure Centre 9.30-2pm. See Dave in PE / Science to put your name on the list of helpers. A permission note is in the "about" section of the Sports page on google classrooms.

Rugby League Players:

I need a brief but important meeting of all TODAY (Friday 2 March) at recess outside the gym. If you do not attend we can't play.