



Caroline Chisholm School
Preschool to Year 10

An ACT Public School

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NEWSLETTER

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the 2021 school year, the school's 36th year of providing learning and teaching experiences for the local community!

2021 promises to be another amazing year at CCS with the launch of our new five year strategic plan together with our new school mission, vision and values developed across 2020.

We have completed a number of upgrades to school facilities over the break including finalising the senior campus VET learning space, the upgrades to the JC and SC Learning Support Units, upgrades to the JC library and the purchase of \$100 000 worth of new furniture for our JC. We have also finished installing new blinds and carpet across many school learning spaces on both campuses. The JC fence was also installed around our new playground.

Across 2021 we look forward to redesigning the front office spaces on both campuses and starting the SC playground build and installing the SC fence. There is much to come and we are very excited to share this with you.

It has been an absolute pleasure to touch base with so many families over the past week. I would like to extend a warm welcome to all of our families who have recently joined the Caroline Chisholm community and look forward to getting to know you and your children. I would also like to extend a very warm welcome to all of our educators and students; I have already enjoyed hearing of the many adventures our students and families have had over the past six weeks.

A reminder to all families about those who may need to quarantine or self isolate. All up to date advice is available on the ACT Health website. We encourage you to read through this information carefully and reach out if you have any questions or concerns: <https://www.covid19.act.gov.au/>

Further into this newsletter you will find photos of our teaching teams for 2021. We are in the process of updating our school website to include all staff email addresses to assist you to communicate with our educators more easily. If there is any other information you would like to see included on the school website, please feel free to touch base with your suggestions.

This year we are launching a new school mission, vision and set of values. Our students and staff have provided key input into each of these across 2020 and we are now ready to share them with you. You will find each centres on being a P-10 school, providing opportunities for all learners to respond to challenges now and into the future. As we provide updates about our strategic work across the year, you will see that we reference these statements as key points to work towards.



Friday 5 February 2021
TERM 1 WEEK 1

DATES TO REMEMBER

FEBRUARY

- 8 CCS BOARD:
Nominations open@ 11am
- 10 SCHOOL PHOTOS:
Kinder to Year 6
Rosellas & Siblings
- 15 SCHOOL PHOTOS:
Pelicans & Siblings
- 15 P&C AGM
- 18 SCHOOL PHOTOS:
Year 7 to Year 10
& Siblings
- 19 SCHOLASTIC BOOK
CLUB Issue 1:
Last day for orders
- 22 CCS BOARD :
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Mission

CCS collaborates P-10 to deliver holistic learning experiences for students, staff, families and our community

Vision

CCS champions excellence in our community, enabling all learners to rise to the challenges of a changing world

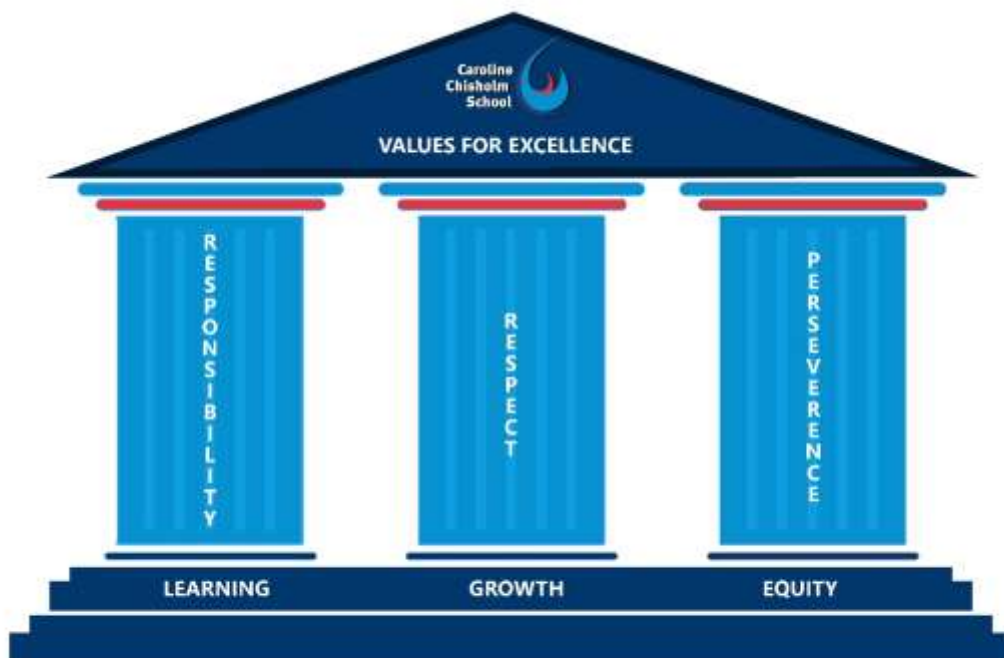
Values

Respect, Perseverance, Responsibility

Foundational Beliefs

Equity, Growth, Learning

We have captured this new thinking in the Pillars of CCS (see the diagram below). The Pillars are significant as they visually represent the physical school site but more than that they are based on the concept of the Pillars of a Deadly School released by the Stronger Smarter Institute. Embedded within a deadly school are people who are friendly, approachable and supportive, promote a positive cultural identity, make learning interesting, fun and challenging. If you would like to read more, here is a great article: https://strongersmarter.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/PUB_Stronger-Smarter-Approach-2017_final-3.pdf



**Caroline Chisholm School P - 10
Pillars of Values**

Meet the teams @ CCS



Admin & Support Team



Maths



English



Science



The Unit

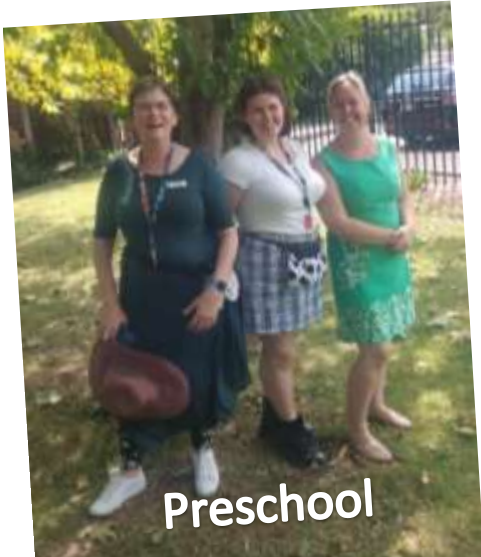


HaSS



HPE

Meet the teams @ CCS



Preschool



Kinder/Year 1, Science & PE



Year 1/2



Year 3/4



JC LSU



Year 5/6



Library & JC DP



No one should have to do a test on their first week back at school! But there is one test that can't be ignored. With increased travel over the summer holidays, it is important that all Canberrans – even children - get tested for COVID-19, even with the mildest of symptoms.

While evidence suggests that young children are less likely to acquire and transmit COVID-19, their symptoms should not be ignored, with testing our best surveillance tool against the virus.

The COVID-19 test is free, quick and easy and most people receive their test result within 24 hours.

Parents and carers who are required to take their children for testing can also be issued with a carers' certificate for the time when they take their child for a test and while they await results.

Symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, sore throat, cough, runny or blocked nose, or shortness of breath.

There are seven free COVID-19 testing locations across the ACT, with four of them open seven days a week.

Some testing clinics don't have facilities to test children under the age of eight. Please check the website to make sure you're going to the right clinic: www.covid19.act.gov.au/testing

WE WANT YOU FOR THE CCS BOARD!

If you would like to work with other board members to ensure the school functions in the best interests of its students the Caroline Chisholm School would be grateful for your nomination.

The following positions are vacant on the Caroline Chisholm School Board from 2020:

- ❖ **1 student** - 2 year tenure if in Year 9, 1 year tenure if in Year 10
- ❖ **1 teacher, for 1 year tenure**
- ❖ **1 teacher, for 2 year tenure**
- ❖ **1 parent/carer, for 2 year tenure**

Nominations open: 11am Monday **8th February 2021**

Nominations close 11am Monday **22nd February 2021**

Nomination forms may be collected from either the Junior or Senior Campus front office during normal business hours (8:30am – 3:30pm Monday - Friday).

You must submit your nomination before the closing date by either:

- ❖ Hand delivery to the box at the CCS Junior campus or Senior campus front office.

or

- ❖ Email to info@chisholm.act.edu.au with "CCS Board" in the subject space.

Appointments commence **1 April 2021**. There are generally 2 meetings each term on a day to suit the members.

Further information: contact the Assistant Returning Officer, Livia Tigwell, on 6142 3547 (direct), 6142 3550 (switch) or email: livia.tigwell@ed.act.edu.au



Welcome families to a new year at CCS! We hope to be able to go back to a little more "normal" this year and have a few more social events and a fete this year! We would, as always, appreciate your help. We aim to meet once a term to arrange fundraising events, we always welcome input and feedback. All parents, guardians, carers, and community members are welcome to any meeting or to join the committee. Remember "**Volunteers don't get paid, not because they're worthless, but because they're priceless**" - Sherry Anderson.

If you would like to join the committee, please consider filling out the nomination form attached to this email. There will be more available at the meeting though. We'd love to see you there.

Thank you and I hope this first week was a good one.

Amanda Caddick, P&C President



STUDENT BANKING



Student Banking will resume every FRIDAY from Week 1 Term 1 2021. Deposit wallets are to be left with the JC or SC Front Office by 9am and students can collect them again from the office in the afternoon.

Apply online at commbank.com.au/schoolbanking