**Southside Roadshow online resources**

**College Transition Information for Parents and Students**

**Dear Parents and Students**

This is a brief guide for parents and those students who are currently in year 10 and moving into college in 2021. Normally, a Roadshow would be organised with presentations in all high schools on the Southside to provide students with information about the college transition processes. For parents, normally we would be providing a similar message at our college open nights. However, due to the circumstances and restrictions imposed as a result of the COVID 19 virus, these events cannot obviously continue this year. As a result, this notice is to inform you of the current arrangements for enrolment at college for 2021 providing you with some links as well as online resources.

I strongly encourage parents and students to join the Transition Roadshow Classroom page which has information and specific links for our Southside colleges. Enter **whfa5ov** in google classroom to access the resources<https://classroom.google.com/>

1. **Choosing the right college for you:**
2. Students living within a Priority Enrolment Area (PEA) of a college are guaranteed a place at that college.
3. If you are considering an out of area college you need to account for travel time, study time, social time, work and sporting commitments.
4. Read all the brochures, access all the websites and the college handbooks
5. Don’t base your choice of college purely on where your friends go.
6. Make sure you do the research and ask questions in order to make the best decision for you.
7. **How To Apply For College**

All Year 10 students need to apply for a college placement online. Access to your Priority Enrolment Area College is guaranteed if the enrolment process is completed correctly. If a school has capacity after enrolling students from its PEA, it may offer enrolment to ACT students who live outside the PEA.

If you are looking at a non- PEA College, you will need to have a legitimate reason. Poor reasons include “All my friends are going there”, “That school gets a higher ATAR”, “The English/Science/Maths is better at college X”. All of these reasons are not legitimate. All ACT colleges are equal; ATAR results are based on your own academic performance. There is some minor variation of courses between colleges, for example languages. Core subjects are the same. For more guidance on this matter please refer to the specific college.

**Online enrolment**

ACT Public School enrolments for the 2020 school year will open on Monday 28th April 2020. Please complete the online application by 5th June 2020 to support timely processing and school planning.

All this information can be found on the ED website.

<http://www.det.act.gov.au/school_education/enrolling_in_an_act_public_school>

1. It’s important that good habits are formed in high school. Everything that students are learning now has an important role to play in preparing for college, CIT or the world of work. College students are expected to be self-reliant and to look after their own absences and assessment. Getting into the habit of regular attendance and prompt submission of assessment is a real step towards success.
2. It is really important to enrol in a college, even if unsure about whether it’s the right pathway. Legislation in the ACT demands that everyone under the age of 17 is either a full time student or a full time employee – EARN or LEARN.
3. Colleges offer a variety of pathways – A Senior Secondary certificate, a Senior Secondary certificate plus an ATAR, VET certification. An ATAR is a direct entry to a university, a Senior Secondary certificate can get you entry into some CIT courses and VET certification can lead to CIT, apprenticeships and employment.
4. All ACT colleges provide a broad range of subject choices, including tertiary, accredited, vocational and competency based courses.
5. All ACT colleges have specialist personnel available, including Transitions and Careers officers, Student Services teams, school psychologists and Work Experience coordinators. They are there to assist you through your college life.
6. All ACT colleges offer a wide range of personal and educational opportunities designed to maximise your college experience.

**For any further information, help or guidance place refer to the transition and careers officers at each of our Southside colleges:**

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