



Canterbury Tales

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TERM 2 WEEK 5

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome parents to another edition of Canterbury Tales.

I am very pleased to announce that applications for the Canterbury Boys High School Enrichment program for 2021 are now open. The program is designed to cater to the needs of academically talented boys through a targeted enrichment class.

Every teacher at Canterbury Boys works very hard to develop a culture of excellence in their classrooms, where high achievement is expected and challenge is celebrated. Our Enrichment class will be no exception.



This week we had a visit from Ms Megan Kelly. Megan is the Director for the Network of Canterbury schools. This essentially means she is my boss. Megan thoroughly enjoyed her visit, which included being a student in one of our College Mathematics classes, taking a tour of our newly renovated Support Unit Classrooms and the development of her own video which has been posted on our Facebook page. I encourage you to view this video, in particular, the part where she goes into detail regarding the bright future in store for Canterbury Boys High School.

Week 5, Term 2 will always be remembered as the week that students came back to school from distance learning. I am very happy to report that from the very first period, students and staff slipped into the groove amazingly well. This is a testament to the amazing students and staff we have at CBHS and I would like to thank everyone for their support over the past few weeks to ensure this occurred.

Like always, I am still responding personally to all emails that come in via the school email address. If you have any queries or would just like to provide us with feedback please feel to do so.

Ross Dummett



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DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



Monday 25 May was a great day.

It was wonderful to see the students return to some semblance of normality after weeks of self-isolation and remote learning. The staff at Canterbury Boys High School went above and beyond to support student learning during this period, their professionalism and determination to do the best for our students is to be congratulated.

Our College students, who were very grateful that the school prioritised their full time return during Phase 1, are reassured that they are back on track to achieving their best. There was some anxiety about the HSC exams but with the release of the HSC timetable last week, they now have a sense of certainty about this.

The HSC timetable starts five days later than expected, this gives students some extra time at school after the Autumn holiday period and this has allayed some of their concerns.

Every student I have asked has told me that they are very happy to be back at school. Many were highly motivated and self-regulated remote learners, others found it a bit more difficult, but all appreciate being back to see their friends and continue with their learning.

Self-regulation and reflection are an integral part of the wellbeing system at Canterbury Boys High School. Students are encouraged to check their behaviour, emotions, and thoughts in the pursuit of achieving their goals. It was fascinating to watch the student video during Careers Week to discover some of these goals. If you have not seen it yet I urge you to watch it on our Facebook page. It was also interesting to review the Career Plans that each student completed with Ms. Giameos and Ms. Bursill. These plans give staff valuable insight into their student's aspirations and, now that they are back at school, we can focus on working with them and their families to that end.

This week I worked closely with the newly appointed enrichment coordinators, Mr Glenn Smith and Mr Lindsay Miller. They are both passionate and motivated about the program and are excited to work with our first cohort of students in 2021.

Finally, as you know from the Principal Report, this week we had a visit from our Director - Educational Leadership, Ms. Megan Kelly. She had a fantastic time at CBHS and part of that can be attributed to the wonderful students who were her guides during her visit. Congratulations to the school captains, Fawaz Firoz and Alexander Lorenzon, and to Louis Xanthos (year 8) and John Tsolakas (year 7) for representing CBHS with pride.



Marilena Webster



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CANTERBURY BOYS HIGH SCHOOL ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

At Canterbury Boys High School we cater to the specific needs of boys with high potential through a targeted enrichment class. Boys identified as academically talented in a particular area need their interests and skills nurtured. Our program provides an enriched environment with stimulating challenges and

opportunities for our boys to maximise their academic potential. Enrichment at Canterbury Boys High School empowers students to develop higher order critical thinking skills.



Mr Glenn Smith Co-Ordinator Enrichment Program

The Enrichment Program will:

- Challenge your son to develop and apply their social and emotional skills to be 21st Century leaders.
- Guide your son to work collaboratively in team-based environments to enhance their capacity to learn.
- Extend your son's analytical skills through research and the use of technology.
- Develop the skills required to undertake inquiry based approaches to contemporary challenges.
- Foster a sense of curiosity and a determination to question.

How is my son chosen?

Apply for your son to sit for the enrichment test (contact the school for details).

After successful completion of the test, students will be interviewed by the Enrichment Co-ordinator and will need to provide a supporting portfolio outlining their academic achievements.





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SPOTLIGHT ON A STUDENT

Name: Francesco Poli

Year Group: Year 11

1. What was your primary/high school?

Liceo Scientifico Sportivo
Alessandro Tassoni
(Alexander Tassoni
Science Sport High
School)

2. Favourite subject and why??

Maths, because I like numbers.

3. What do you like most about being a student at CBHS

The multiculturalism

4. What are three words to describe you?

Strong, stubborn and friendly

5. How do you balance your school and home life commitments?

I go to the gym three times a week and swimming twice a week. I do some study or revision every day.

6. What has been the best holiday you have been on?

Coming to Australia

7. If you were an animal, what would it be and why?

A dolphin because everybody loves them

8. What would people be surprised if they knew about you?

I'm an environmentalist

9. What do you want to do when you leave high school?

I would like to go to University to study either dentistry or marine biology

10. What is your favourite joke or favourite meal?

PASTA!



RIDDLE ME THIS

Riddle: It belongs to you, but other people use it more than you do. What is it?

Riddle: I'm light as a feather, yet the strongest person can't hold me for five minutes. What am I?

ANSWERS IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER





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BELINDA CONWAY



1. When were you at CBHS?

I started in May of 2013 as Head Teacher of English and LOTE. I left the school to move to Sydney Secondary College Leichhardt near the end of 2018.

2. What was your role at the school?

I worked as English Head Teacher for several years before relieving as the Deputy Principal.



3. What did you like most about being a staff member at CBHS?

I loved the community in Canterbury. The students and staff were very welcoming and it was lovely to get to know families of students over my 6 years there. The staff were extremely hard working, cared for the students and worked so collegially. I am very proud of the strong public education system we have in NSW.

4. What have you done since leaving CBHS?

I have worked at Leichhardt until recently when I was appointed as Principal at Canterbury Girls HS. Really excited to be back with the Canterbury community.

5. Do you have a memorable moment you can share with us?

There are so many... I used to enjoy the Cantervale festival each year and I really enjoyed my time teaching at the school. I cannot pick just one thing.

YEAR 12 FUNDRAISING



As a fundraiser, Year 12 will be selling Entertainment Book subscriptions. 20% of book sales goes directly to Year 12. Click the link below for more information about this program.

<https://www.entertainment.com.au/orderbooks/96p5751>



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CAREERS CORNER

Helpful Information for Parents -University, TAFE & apprenticeships

To assist your son in making future career choices click on the links below:



<https://www.uts.edu.au/sites/default/files/uts-parents-guide-uni.pdf>



<https://www.mq.edu.au/study/why-study-here/information-for-parents>



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