

# Canterbury Tales

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## **TERM 3 WEEK 9**

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome Students, Parents, Staff and Friends of Canterbury Boys High School to the final edition of Canterbury Tales for Term 3.

Recently, the State Government announced that schools will be able to allow parents to attend graduations, if we hold them after the HSC exams. We had originally planned to have our Year 12 graduation in Week 1 of Term 4, but on hearing we had the chance to include our parents, we decided to do everything we could to make this happen. This meant getting feedback from parents, staff and students. The latter overwhelmingly said they wanted their parents at the graduation, so based on this feedback, we have moved our 2020 graduation to Wednesday November 18, starting at



2pm. Every graduating student will be able to have two guests attend. There will be very strict guidelines in place to ensure we conform to social distancing protocols and advice from the relevant government departments.

When I first got to Canterbury Boys, I deliberately set aside money to have the school air conditioned. Our classrooms can get very hot during summer and it does not sit well with me that while I am sitting in my air-conditioned office, students and teachers are trying to work in classrooms that are not ideal for learning. Therefore, during the next school holidays we will be installing air conditioners in all classrooms in A Block. This will also mean that the college students will have perfect conditions to do their very best in the 2020

HSC Exams.

Earlier this week we were officially recognised for the great work we have done at Canterbury Boys High School in 2020. At the height of Online Learning, when stress levels for everyone were high, CBHS made the decision to introduce a program called Wellbeing Wednesday. Essentially this was a day for everyone, staff, students and parents to relax and enjoy activities that looked after their social, emotional and spiritual health. The program was highly successful and as a result we were awarded the Secretary's Award for an



Outstanding School Initiative. There were hundreds of nominations from across the state, so to be identified as the number one program is very much a testament to the great work we all do at CBHS on a daily basis.

I would like to end this edition of Canterbury Tales with a farewell to our graduating class of 2020. This time last year I spoke to Year 12 and welcomed them back after their first three HSC exams. I was very excited to see them come back as I wanted their support in making our school an even better school in 2020. I am very happy to say they have done a wonderful job in helping us all achieve this goal and will miss their smiling faces and pleasant conversation around the corridors. This has been a difficult year for Year 12, there have been numerous activities that have not been able to go ahead in 2020 but you have handled these setbacks as only a Cantabrian can, with Truth and Honour. Well done gentlemen and good luck in all your future pursuits.





## **DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

#### 2020 - 2021 Prefect News!!!

The process of selecting senior leaders commenced this term where a lengthy selection process identified a group of 10 school leaders.

Throughout this process, students were given the opportunity to demonstrate their leadership qualities, acknowledge their achievements and share their vision as potential leaders for 2020-2021 school year.

Students who were nominating to be school leaders had to answer a series of questions to a panel comprising of the Principal, the two deputies, the Leadership Coordinator, the Year 11 Adviser and two SRC representatives. What a daunting task! The gentlemen rose to the occasion and impressed the panel with their honesty and their

ideas about what they would like to achieve as school leaders.

The panel then had the challenging task of assigning the roles of captains, vice captains, senior prefect, sports captain and prefects. Now this was daunting! After much discussion the roles were filled and, as such, we had our 2020 -2021 school leadership team.

School Captains Kyle Macks

Boriu (Martin) Zhu

Vice Captains Elijah Bonifacio

Aris Georgoulopoulos

Senior Prefect Sports Captain

Prefects

Corey Brown
Suhaib Al Gnayen
Egerton Campbell
Sami Orakzai
Safeen Rahim

Thomas Raj



As has been tradition at Canterbury Boys High School the Year 12 student leaders pass the leadership "baton" to Year 11 in Term 3 so that the new leaders can take up their positions after the HSC. The Prefect Investiture is normally a ceremony that proud parents and family can attend to witness this momentous occasion in their son's school career. Sadly, due to COVID, we were not able to have parents at the Investiture which was held on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September during period 4. This is one of my favourite ceremonies in the school calendar and, although it was different, it did not disappoint. If you would like to view the ceremony it is available on the Canterbury Boys High School Facebook page.

I congratulate the senior leaders and look forward to working with them under the guidance of the Leadership Coordinator Ms Connie Stamos. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank her, as she has put many hours into supporting our leaders throughout this process.

## **Year 12 Final Day Events**

We are finalising arrangements to assist Year 12 in celebrating the end of their time at Canterbury Boys High School. We are working together to make sure that we give parents the greatest opportunity to be involved in their son's graduation ceremony. With current restrictions, if this event were held this term, parents could not attend.

The end of their time at CBHS is fast approaching. Students in 2020 Year 12 have made a valuable contribution to our school community and it is envisaged that they will continue to do so. They are expected to attend all scheduled lessons and make productive use of their time in these final weeks. It is also expected that they will continue to represent our school with pride until the day of their final HSC exam and that their exemplary behaviour will continue.

We have been very fortunate that NESA has put the first date of the HSC back to Tuesday 20 October and that classes have been extended to Friday 16 October by the Department of Education in order to allow us to make up for any time lost due to COVID-19.

I would like to thank all parents and caregivers for their continued support of their children and the school.

#### HSC exams: What do I do if... Students can check the NESA website

(https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/covid-19/coronavirus-advice/hsc/covid-19-safe-hsc-exams) to find out what to do if they are unwell or required to self-isolate on the day of an HSC exam. The contingency COVID-19 illness or misadventure process

(https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/11-12/hsc/rules-and-processes/illness-misadventure) is available if, on the day of an HSC exam, a student tests positive for COVID-19 or has COVID symptoms.





## **SENIOR PREFECT**

Name: Corey Brown

**Age:** 17

Primary School: Clemton Park Public School

Career Aspirations: TAFE, Vocational, Carpenter

What do you think makes a great leader? I believe what makes a great leader is their ability to overcome challenges and inspire others to do the same. They must also be able to take in to account other people's opinions when making decisions and also be able to provide their peers with feedback on how they are doing.

How will you honour the motto of truth and honour at CBHS? I will honour the school motto of truth and honour by upholding the values of the school and support in any way I can to the school. Keeping myself in line and making sure I am able to keep doing what I am doing at the moment.

When you graduate in 2021, what legacy will you leave CBHS as a direct result of your leadership? I believe I will leave behind a generation who is able to complete any goal they set and can better the school as a whole. I would also like to leave behind a legacy that can be built upon by the generations to come. I would like for the school to be a more enjoyable place for the future students of the school.

# **SPORT CAPTAIN**

Name: Suhaib Al Gnayen

**Age: 16** 

Primary School: Lakemba Public School

**Career Aspirations:** Construction

What do you think makes a great leader? Inspirational,

Confident, Integrity, Respectful, Empathy

How will you honour the motto of truth and honour at CBHS? Exhibiting the qualities of truth and honour to everyone and being a role model to younger students.

When you graduate in 2021, what legacy will you leave CBHS as a direct result of your leadership? An improved, better school culture with long term investments set in place for the future.





# SCHOOL PREFECTS

Name: Egerton Campbell

**Age:** 16

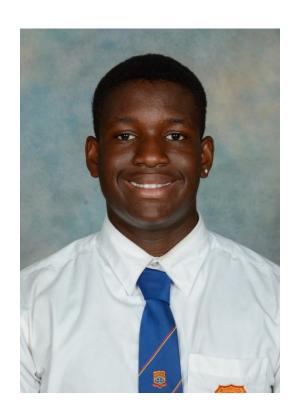
**Primary School:** Harcourt Primary school

Career Aspirations: Professional basketball player

What do you think makes a great leader? Honesty, responsible, truthful, good personality and punctual.

How will you honour the motto of truth and honour at CBHS? Being responsible and maintaining a good responsible relationship with teachers and peers.

When you graduate in 2021, what legacy will you leave CBHS as a direct result of your leadership? Have shown younger students what it means to be a leader and that it can be achieved if they choose to follow this path.





Name: Sami Orakazi

**Age:** 16

Primary School: Hampden Park Public School

**Career Aspirations:** Engineer

What do you think makes a great leader? Being confident

in your ability. Someone who is willing to take more

responsibility. Being honest and respectful.

How will you honour the motto of truth and honour at CBHS? I will be honest and truthful. I will care about my peers, follow school rules and be myself.

When you graduate in 2021, what legacy will you leave CBHS as a direct result of your leadership? I will leave the school in a better place, making it a more friendly and enjoyable place.





Name: Safeen Rahim

Age: 17

**Primary School:** Sunnydale School (Bangladesh)

Career Aspirations: Accountant

What do you think makes a great leader? Honesty, integrity, good personality, being punctual and responsible

How will you honour the motto of truth and honour at CBHS? Stay committed to my duties, maintain a good relationship with my teachers and peers. Be responsible towards the community.

When you graduate in 2021, what legacy will you leave CBHS as a direct result of your leadership? Inspire others to follow their ambitions and dreams. To always be the best version of themselves.

Name: Thomas Raj

**Age:** 17

Primary School: Canterbury Public School

Career Aspirations: Primary School Teacher

What do you think makes a great leader? Someone that shows their true self, is honest, confident, a role model in and out of the classroom. A great leader needs to be able to inspire others, be committed to what is expected of them, a good communicator and make good decisions and be able to stand by them.

How will you honour the motto of truth and honour at CBHS? I will honour the motto of truth and honour at CBHS to the best of my ability. I will uphold what it means to me, which is always telling the truth, honour everyone and show respect to everyone at school.

When you graduate in 2021, what legacy will you leave CBHS as a direct result of your leadership? When I graduate in 2021, the legacy I will leave at CBHS is continuing to have ambitions and goals. I would like to be an inspiration to all, someone to look up to as well as my achievements.





## **Casual Career Profiles**

Name: Imran Shafei

Year: 9

Where do you work? I work at McDonalds in Padstow. I used to work at Roselands McDonalds but they closed the store due to COVID and then decided to shut it down permanently. I have my first shift at Padstow after school today.



**How often do you work?** At Roselands I worked 2 shifts a week and my shifts were 3-4 hours, (because I was only 14) now I'm 15 I can work longer shifts.

When did you start working there? I got the job in October 2019

How did you apply for the job? I first applied for Bankstown McDonalds and did not even get an interview. Then I was getting ice-cream for my family at Lakemba McDonalds and saw a sign on the counter saying that they were hiring so I applied online for Lakemba, Punchbowl and Roselands. I got invited for an interview at all three stores but decided that I would prefer Lakemba or Roselands. I got the job at Roselands and started within a few weeks.

Why did you want to get a casual job? I really enjoy cooking. I prefer hands on work to school work and I wanted to learn new skills. I plan on getting an apprenticeship when I leave school.

What is the best part about your job? There are lots of good things. Making new friends. Cooking the food and learning new skills



What is your advice for students wanting to get a casual job? I think that you need to be a little bit independent and self-motivated to have a casual job.

## **RIDDLE ME THIS**

Riddle: What word is spelled wrong in every

Dictionary? Answer: Wrong

Riddle: What's black and white and read all over?

Answer: A newspaper

Riddle: The more you take, the more you leave

behind. What are they? **Answer: Footsteps** 



**Riddle:** You have me today, Tomorrow you'll have more; As your time passes, I'm not easy to store; I don't take up space, But I'm only in one place; I am what you saw, But not what you see. What am I?

**Answer on Page 9** 



## **USEFUL CAREER WEBSITES AND QUIZZES**



#### https://joboutlook.gov.au/

Job Outlook is an initiative of the Australian Government-Department of Education, Skills and Employment. Job Outlook provides information about careers, labour market trends and employment projections.

### **Job Outlook Career Quiz**

If you are not sure what sort of work you want to do, the Career Quiz can help you to think about your work preferences and to get ideas for careers you can aim for.

https://joboutlook.gov.au/CareerQuizStart



#### https://www.lifelauncher.nsw.gov.au/

LifeLauncher offers over 4000 careers and 1500 course options. You can complete the Careers Quiz to match your interests and strengths to career options suited to you. You can create online pin boards to short-list and explore courses and career that interest you.

#### LifeLauncher Careers Quizzes – Personality and Subjects

https://www.lifelauncher.nsw.gov.au/quizzes



#### https://www.skillsroad.com.au/

Explore industries and industry videos, search career information, and learn about training and education pathways. **The Skillsroad Career quiz** can help you find a career pathway that matches your natural skills and passions. https://www.skillsroad.com.au/my-account/my-careers-quiz



#### https://mvfuture.edu.au/

MyFuture is Australia's National Career Information Service and is a government-funded resource, designed for students, parents and teachers to assist with career planning, career pathways and work transitions. Select **Sign up** if you have never entered the site before. It is **free** to sign up.

Then go to **My Career Profile to start the quizzes.** The activities will help you explore career pathways which match your Interests and Skills.



## **HOMEWORK CENTRE**

- Does your student need help with his homework?
- Have they got an assessment task to complete?
- What about a quiet place to study?
- We invite your student to come along to the Homework Centre in the Library.

Staff will be available to help students with their homework, assessment tasks and study skills.

WHERE: School Library

WHEN: Every Monday and Thursday

TIME: 3:30 pm - 4:45 pm

COST: It's FREE!

Contact Ms Robson on 9798 8444.



## **YEAR 12 FUNDRAISING**

# Have you experienced an Entertainment Membership?



For a limited time, our school community is invited to trial the Entertainment Membership for 6 weeks!

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- It's easy to register, simply go to www.entertainment.com.au/orderbooks/96p5751

Do you have a question for the Principal?

Is there anything you want to know?

Please email the school and we will publish all questions and answers in the newsletter, for all parents and guardians to read.

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Answer to Riddle: Memories

