



Term 4 Week 3 – October 20th, 2021

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



Our next P&C meeting will be held on Wednesday, 3rd November starting at 7pm. The P&C has arranged for the local MP for Canterbury, Ms Sophie Cotsis to speak to the parents and answer any questions you may have. If there is anything you would like Sophie to answer for you, can I ask that you email the school prior to the meeting so that she has time to get the answer for you. At this stage it will be via the Zoom platform, but we are hoping it can be back onsite, we will keep you posted on that last point.

Over the past 100 days, whilst NSW has been in lockdown, we have been working hard to improve the grounds for our students. A positive school atmosphere encourages student attendance, a factor that helps cure many school woes. It also helps reduce stress in teachers and students and boosts a more positive mindset in everyone at the school. Some studies even suggest that school climate is a key factor in student achievement and teacher retention. A very big thanks to Mr Bogan and Mr Tsolakis for your efforts in this area. We are noticing the difference.



Today was the first of the Year 6 to 7 Interviews with the Principal. The young man I met was very impressive and I have no doubt will be an asset to CBHS over the coming years. These meetings are essential in developing authentic relationships with our new families. It's these relationships that will be the cornerstone of all future academic success.

At the start of the year, the school purchased four table tennis tables for the boys to use during breaks. We did not know exactly how well they would work out and were unsure if we would have to put in place a timetable for different year groups to use them. What we have found is that the four tables are used every break and that in fact boys of all year groups patiently wait their turn to play. As a result, we will be purchasing two more over the coming weeks.





DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

College students returned on Monday to sit practice HSC exams. Many of them have taken the opportunity to use these exams as extra preparation for the HSC which will begin on Tuesday 9 November. HSC students will continue to have access to their teachers for revision and support during their usual timetabled HSC classes during Week 4.

Students in years 7-10 will return to face-to-face learning on **Monday 25 October 2021**.

Students are expected to attend school from their designated return to school date unless they are unwell or have even mild symptoms of COVID-19. Anyone who is unwell with COVID-19 symptoms is strongly encouraged to get tested and self-isolate until a negative result is received. In circumstances where children have other medical reasons for recurrent symptoms, please provide a letter from their GP.

We look forward to welcoming the whole school back on Monday of week 4 and have arrangements in place to provide a safe learning environment for students and staff.

Our schools COVID safe operations

Our COVID-safe return to school plan is NSW Health approved, developed in consultation with our school's COVID Council and includes numerous effective practices to support the health and wellbeing of our students and staff. These practices include vaccinations, mask wearing, reduced mingling of student groups and staff, ventilation in classrooms and continued good hygiene and cleaning.

Keeping student groups together

To minimise opportunities for transmission of COVID-19 and to enable effective contact tracing and containment, it is important that students are kept in their cohorts.

Measures to keep student groups together include, but are not limited to:

- students entering and leaving the school through the specific gate for their year group
- staggered exit times with Stage 5 students exiting the school five minutes before the end-of-day bell
- students staying in their playground area allocated to their year group during breaks
- students only going to the canteen at their year group's rostered time
- students only going to the toilet that has been allocated to their year group.

Mask wearing for students and staff

Masks are required to be worn on school site by all staff and students in Year 7 and above in all indoor settings unless exercising or eating. Students need to **bring their own masks** and always carry it with them.

Vaccinations

All staff on site supporting the return to school will be fully vaccinated from 18 October. Then from 8th November all staff, contractors and volunteers on our school site will need to be fully vaccinated.

School activities

During Term 4 many school-based activities will remain on hold until NSW Health advise otherwise. This includes large celebrations like assemblies, presentation day, graduation, and sporting events.

Wednesday sport will be adjusted so that activities minimise contact and cohorts remain separated. Interschool sport has been cancelled. Wednesday afternoon will involve wellbeing activities in year group cohorts.



COVID communication

Parents and students will be notified if a decision is made to close the school due to a confirmed case of COVID-19. During this time, all students will be required to learn from home. We will let you know when the department advises that we can return to face-to-face learning.

Enrichment Program 2022

The High Ability Moderating Assessment was held this week as part of the application process for the **Year 7 Enrichment Program 2022**.

Year 6 students from several primary schools undertook a rigorous assessment of their reading and writing skills, as well as their mathematical reasoning and abstract reasoning abilities. The boys will then meet with the Enrichment Panel later this term as part of the selection process.

Our Enrichment Program caters for the specific needs of boys with high potential in one or more academic areas, with a focus on investigating concepts through cross-curricular approach and fostering a sense of curiosity.

We're looking forward to welcoming the new cohort in 2022.



Supporting the return to school

Be positive about returning to school

- Ask your child how they are feeling about returning to school.
- Promote positive conversations by asking what they like about school and what they are looking forward to when they return.
- Let them know that school staff are looking forward to seeing them.
- If they feel nervous or worried, help them understand this is a normal reaction, and that you and their teachers are there to support them.
- Consider limiting media content your child is viewing if it is contributing to worry or distress.
- Remind your child that everyone at school is working hard to make sure that everyone is safe and that anyone who is unwell will stay home.

Re-establish your routines

- Routines help provide certainty and increase feelings of security, so it will help to re-establish routines and plan for the return.
- In the week before, bring back the usual wake up, bed and breakfast routines. Set aside time to find school equipment and check uniforms and shoes still fit – your child may have grown. Give yourself enough time to organise replacements or a uniform alternative if needed.
- The day before returning, encourage your child to check their school timetable if needed, pack their school bag, and get their lunch box, drink bottle and uniform ready.
- Allow more time than usual on the first morning back to calmly get ready.

Update the school

- Let the school know of any concerns relating to your child that may impact their transition back to school. This will assist the school to work with you to plan and put in place appropriate support strategies.



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COVID-safe operations for schools

Department Preschools,
Kindergarten & Year 1

18
October

All other years

25
October

From 18 October, students sitting their HSC exams will be able to access their schools full-time for revision and study sessions.

Students should be at school from the date indicated for their year group unless they are unwell.

Drop-offs and pick-ups



Drop-offs and pick-ups will be by staggered groups and all entrances and exits will be used to start and finish school days.

Please follow the physical distancing rules, avoid gathering outside gates, remain off school grounds and wear a mask. (some exceptions made for vulnerable students.)

Try to stay in the car. This does not apply to (OOSHC). Sign-in procedures are required.

Ventilation



Open or well-ventilated spaces reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19 because infectious particles are more quickly diffused in the open air than in spaces with less ventilation. Outdoor settings will be used where practicable.

Vaccination



All adults on school sites must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19, including employees, contractors, volunteers and essential visitors. Students aged 12 or above are now eligible for a COVID-19 vaccination. Parents and carers can book in a Pfizer or Moderna vaccine now.

Masks



Masks will be required indoors for all staff and students

Year 7 and above and masks are strongly recommended indoors for primary school students. Students should bring their own masks where possible, but schools will have back-up supplies just in case. Masks are also required for all travel on public transport for children 12 years and older.

Visitors



Only essential visitors are allowed on school sites. All visitors are required to wear a mask and sign-in using the Service NSW QR code when entering the school.

Hand hygiene & cleaning



Students will be reminded to wash their hands often. Sanitisers, soaps, paper towels and other essential items will be readily available for students. Enhanced cleaning will continue on our school site.





School Travel for 2022



2022 school travel applications are now open

Students who need a School Opal card or travel pass for 2022 can [apply](#) now. A new application will need to be submitted if they are applying for a school travel pass for the first time, or if they are requesting an additional travel entitlement as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation (joint custody).

Students who change address, school, campus location, or who have repeated a year or received an expiry notification from Transport for NSW for their school travel entitlement should [renew or update](#) their details before **the end of term 4**. This will ensure that schools can endorse applications and current entitlements are updated and remain valid. School Opal card holders will have the changes applied to their existing card.

If a student's distance eligibility has changed based on their grade the system will automatically update their entitlement if they meet the new criteria. If they do not meet the new [eligibility criteria](#), they will receive an expiry notification via email.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition that is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

[Term Bus Pass](#) holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

Students in the Opal network applying for an Opal card (including a Term Bus Pass) for the first time will receive their Student Opal card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out from January 2022.

Students living in rural and regional (R&R) areas should receive their travel pass at the start of the new school year from their nominated transport operator. It may come via the school or be sent directly to them at home. **Note:** some R&R operators do not issue travel passes. Students/parents should confirm with their nominated operator if they do not receive a pass.



School Student Transport Scheme site change

On 1 October 2021 the School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) information and application portal was moved to **transportnsw.info**. This will assist families find all their travel information in the one place.

Travel from Term 1 2022

We ask that parents plan and make sure their child knows which service/s to use and has a valid ticket to travel; either a School Opal card or Child/Youth Opal card (within Greater Sydney) or a School Travel Pass (outside Greater Sydney), from the start of the school year.

Applications for the School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) open at the start of Term 4 2021 for travel in 2022, so parents/students can [apply](#) or [update](#) details early and be ready for the start of the new school year.

Most students using the Opal network will not need a new Opal card and can continue travelling on their existing card each year.

The start of the year is a difficult period for local bus operators, and students travelling without a valid ticket make service planning and operations increasingly difficult.

We recognise that for some families last minute changes to school enrolments mean they may not have a School Opal card or Travel Pass for the start of term. In the Opal network, we strongly encourage these families to have their children travel on a Child/Youth Opal card until they receive their valid School Opal card. If outside Greater Sydney, parents should contact their [local bus operator](#) to discuss their travel needs.

Bus operators are flexible and understanding, particularly at the start of the school year, and will ensure students can travel safely to and from school. But to best support our operators we encourage all students to have a valid ticket, as early as possible, from the start of the school year.

Please also remember that students using Opal cards must tap on and tap off in line with the [Student code of conduct](#) and [Opal terms of use](#).



Further information can be found at transportnsw.info/travel-info/using-public-transport/school-travel Enquiries can be submitted at transportnsw.info/contact-us/feedback/passes-concessions-feedback



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Engineers Australia - schools programs update

Engineering your Future webinar series continues until Monday 29 November. Coming events include site visit to Dolby's OPaL Lab; life changing technology at Cochlear; a visit to the Victorian Heart Hospital construction site; learn about Defence Force Engineering; student projects "Solar Car Challenge" and more!

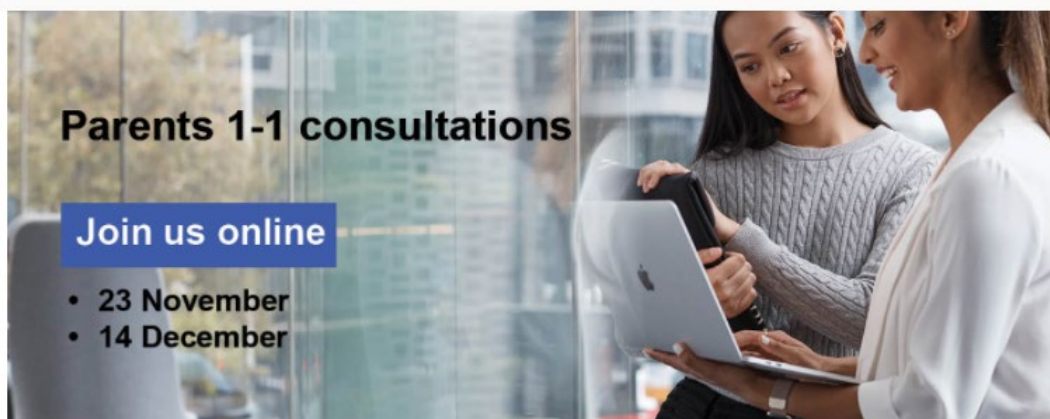
Who: Students Years 7-12, Parents, Careers Advisors, Teachers

When: Mondays between 5-6pm - all sessions are recorded and available within 48hrs

[Register](#)

https://ea.iomablue.com/reg/store/engineering_your_future_2021

Parents 1-1 consultations coming up!



Personalised 1-1 consultations for parents will be hosted on **Tuesday, 23 November 5pm-6pm** and **Tuesday, 14 December 12pm-1pm**. This is an opportunity for parents to get their UTS questions answered on topics such as course content, admission requirements, student life, and more.

[Registrations are now open.](#)



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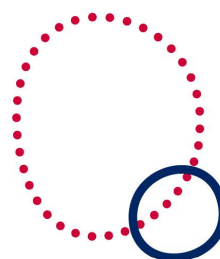
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Where: Webinar online

When: Wednesday 27 October

Time: 4.00PM – 4.45PM

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