



## Principal's Report

### School Hall Update

Shortly we will hold the grand opening of our new multi-purpose school hall, a beacon of learning and community unity. This state-of-the-art facility is a testament to the department's commitment to providing our students with the best educational experiences. With its spacious design and cutting-edge technology, the hall will serve as a hub for various school activities, from assemblies and lectures to theatre productions and sports events. Moreover, this space isn't just for our students; it's also designed to be a hub for the broader community. We hope that the hall will become a place where our school and the local community can come together, forging lasting connections and enhancing the overall educational experience for all. We look forward to the countless opportunities and memories this space will create for our students and the community at large.



### Chess Tour

The school chess tour to Chatham High School in Taree from December 6 to 8 promises to be an enriching and educational experience for our students. Chess, often referred to as the "game of kings," offers a plethora of educational benefits, including critical thinking, problem-solving, strategic planning, and improved concentration. This trip not only provides our boys with the opportunity to engage in intellectual challenges but also to explore the local area. In addition to sharpening their minds through chess competitions, the students will have the chance to immerse themselves in the rich culture of the region by experiencing local First Nations bushwalks. This combination of mental stimulation and cultural exploration makes the trip to Chatham High School a well-rounded educational adventure.





## Situational Analysis Process

The school is currently embarking on a comprehensive situational analysis to inform our upcoming four-year school plan, set to begin in 2024. This analysis aims to evaluate both internal and external data, enabling us to reflect on our past successes and areas that require prioritisation in the pursuit of educational excellence. Internally, we will assess the performance of our students, the effectiveness of our teaching methodologies, and the overall wellbeing of our school community. Externally, we will consider demographic trends, emerging educational technologies, and the evolving needs of our students in an ever-changing world. We wholeheartedly welcome feedback from parents and the wider community, as their insights are invaluable in shaping our future direction and ensuring that our school remains a dynamic and responsive institution committed to providing the best possible educational experience for our students.



## Mobile Phone Policy

We are excited to introduce the new mobile phone policy starting this term. Our policy requires students to have their phones off and away during school hours. In the initial three weeks of implementation, it was heartening to see the majority of boys willingly handing over their phones. Most incidents occurred as a result of students innocently checking the time and momentarily forgetting about the new policy. The overwhelming support from our dedicated staff, committed students, and understanding parents has been truly incredible. We deeply appreciate everyone's cooperation and efforts in successfully integrating this new policy into our school's daily routine. Together, we are fostering a more focused and conducive learning environment for all our students.





## Commitment To Excellence

Canterbury Boys High School proudly stands as a trailblazer in boys' education within the local area. Our recent academic triumphs serve as a vivid reminder that boys possess unique learning needs and preferences, distinct from their female counterparts. With a faculty of dedicated educators who are well-versed in the latest educational research on boys' education, we take pride in our ability to maximise every young man's educational potential. Our ultimate objective is to ascend to the position of the number one boys' high school in the state. We aspire to be the trusted and preferred school in our local community, ensuring that parents and students alike recognise Canterbury Boys High School as the prime choice for boys' education.



Our commitment to excellence and the holistic development of young men remains unwavering as we strive for academic success and personal growth.

## Year 6 into 7 Update

We're thrilled to announce that the highly anticipated Year 6 to 7 interviews have officially commenced! This marks an exciting opportunity for our school to establish connections with every student before they embark on their journey into high school in 2024. At CBHS, we take immense pride in nurturing authentic relationships with our students and their families, and these interviews serve as just one of the many strategies we employ to achieve this goal. To make this transition even more special, at the conclusion of each meeting, every boy is presented with their first school tie, a thoughtful gift from our dedicated alumni community. This gesture symbolises a warm welcome into our school family and sets the tone for the exciting years that lie ahead.





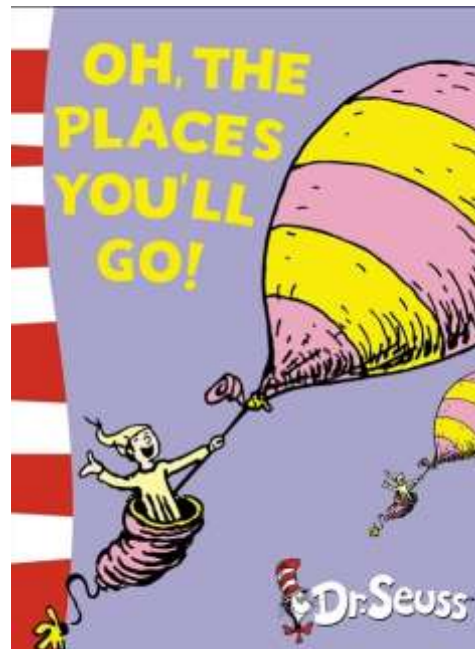
## Deputy's Report

### Congratulations

Congratulations to our Year 12 students who have now completed their HSC exams. Our students were calm and prepared for their exams; the feedback from the HSC invigilators was that our students were serious, focused and spent the whole exam time writing furiously.

We look forward to celebrating the Year 12 Graduation Ceremony with our families on Wednesday 8 November. The afternoon will be the culmination of all the efforts that the students, families and teachers have put in over the last 13 years.

Graduating from high school is not always an easy task, it requires focus, commitment and persistence. I congratulate our 2023 cohort for their determination and wish them all a bright future.



### Check-in assessment for Years 7, 8 and 9

Years 7, 8 and 9 will be doing Check In Assessments during Weeks 4 to 7. Check-in assessments are online assessments that are mapped to the NSW Syllabuses and National Literacy and Numeracy Learning Progressions. These assessments supplement our existing school practices to identify how students are performing and help teachers to tailor their teaching more specifically to student needs.



## Leadership

At the end of Term 3 the 2024 leadership group were invested. As I have said before Prefect Investiture is my favourite ceremony among all that we celebrate at Canterbury Boys High School. It is so wonderful to witness the current Year 12 student leaders pass the leadership “baton” onto the new leaders at this event.

I would like to congratulate the 2023 Leadership group for their wonderful efforts this year, they have always represented the school with pride and have lived the pledge and “added lustre to the name of Canterbury Boys High School.” Good luck with your future endeavours gentlemen.

Thanks to the Leadership Coordinator, Ms Connie Stamos, for supporting and guiding our students to become excellent leaders.





## Being on time for school

Good attendance is crucial to success at school. This includes arriving on time in the morning. Our first bell rings at 8:35am, giving students a full 5 minutes to reach the classroom before the lesson begins at 8:40am.

Being late impacts on the learning for the student and distracts the other students in class. It impacts on the flow of teaching as well. Any absence from school (whether for a whole day, late arrival in the morning or application to leave early) must have a note from a parent providing a valid reason.

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## Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to...



Learn



Build friendships



Develop life skills

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## Minutes lost = days lost per year

A couple of minutes here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss days per year

5 mins per day



=

3 days



30 mins per day



=

18 days



Patterns of lateness can have a serious impact on your child's education.

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## Year Adviser Report

### Year 7

As we are approaching the end of the school year it is time for Year 7 to reflect on their first year of high school at Canterbury Boys High School. Students have displayed many excellent learning habits over the year and have been rewarded for their positive choices with over 40 Certificates of Achievement and Certificates of Excellence being handed out in terms 2 and 3.

So far this year students have participated in a number of wellbeing programs including the National Day Against Bullying and Violence and Elephant Ed which help support students to build respectful relationships with their peers.



Wear it Purple Day

During term 3 students have been developing strategies to improve their learning habits by focusing on being organised and prepared for learning and showing initiative towards their learning. Parents can assist their child to be more organised for school by reminding students the night before about packing their bag, checking their timetable, and completing any homework or assessment tasks that may be due. In our Year Meetings we have been reviewing the expectations in the playground and a discussion on items that should not be brought to school, including aerosol cans and energy drinks.

This term the state governments mobile phone policy has been implemented to support student engagement in the classroom and playground. To support students under the new mobile phone policy students will be encouraged to socialise with their peers and play games at recess and lunch.

There are many opportunities for students to play sports at break times such as table tennis, handball, volleyball, basketball and soccer on the oval. The library is always open for students who enjoy playing chess or reading. The SRC has a borrow box that Year 7 students can access if they need to borrow any sporting equipment.



National Day Against Bullying and Violence Program



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Overall, I would like to congratulate Year 7 on their maturity in adhering to the new mobile policy. Well done boys.

As the weather warms up, please make sure your child wears the correct summer uniform and CBHS school cap.



Term 4  
Phones off, away  
and in bags,  
during class and  
break times.



Chess competition



Wet weather sport





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## HSIE

It has been a busy term in HSIE. Here are some of the learning activities in which students have been engaged in recent weeks.



Stage 5 students competed in the HSIE Trivia Competition



7N investigated the development and liveability of the Pyrmont area.



The Future Entrepreneurs students ran their market day stalls.



Stage 4 students achieved excellent results in the Australian Geography Competition with 9 distinctions and 4 high distinctions.



8N Geography debated the question 'Has Bali fallen victim to over tourism?' The negative debaters won with lots of relevant rebuttals!



## TAS

Students in year 7 technology mandatory have been practicing their cooking skills, as well as understanding how a kitchen operates safely, ensuring all workspaces are hygienic and free from bacteria. The boys have enjoyed their cooking lessons, particularly the lesson where they made pizza muffins!





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2023 has seen music department blossoming in many directions.

In class, our stage 4 students are learning guitar and keyboards. The enrichment classes have additional side projects producing their own podcasts and filming their music topic centred class debates.



Our Stage 5 and 6 class are learning to produce their own recordings utilising MuseScore, GarageBand and Logic Pro X recording software.

Several of our developing bands are preparing for public performances. Our year 8 band have been given the honour of performing at Canterbury South Public School for the schools' Network Awards.

Our school Stage Band is also making great advances with the aid of our great tutors Miles Bennett (brass) and Stanislav Radzievskiy (saxophone). They are developing our budding musicians and preparing them for our upcoming stage band performances.

With 2023 ending, there are many major performances ahead including Presentation Night, Year 12 graduation, the Perfect's Induction and Cantervale. Stay tuned!



## The new Sydney Fish Market excursion

Engineering Studies students learning about cofferdams as part of their civil structures unit at the new Sydney Fish Market construction site.





## Future Thinkers Program

This term Year 7N and 8N classes participated in the ABCN Future Thinkers program with member companies, LinkedIn and IAG at their Head Offices. Future Thinkers is an ABCN developed design thinking workshop.

The day commenced with mentors introducing themselves and their roles within LinkedIn and IAG, followed by fun ice breaker activities for students to get to know their mentors.

Students collaborated with their mentors and groups to solve a given challenge using the design thinking methodology. At the end of the session student groups presented their ideas in front of the whole audience.

A huge thank you to ABCN, LinkedIn and IAG for this unique learning experience in building students' key enterprise skills essential for their future and rapidly changing global workforce.

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## 2024 Leadership group

Congratulations to the 2024 Leadership Group:

School Captain - Ortiz Tekoronga-Riggot 		School Captain - Tevita Taniora 		
Vice Captain - Mino Gaiga 		Vice Captain - Gregory Geering 		
Senior Prefect - Joshua Henriques 		Senior Prefect - Muhammad Ibrahim 		
Sports Captain – Rocco Arena 				
Hudhayfah Al Gnayen 	Rayane Boudaoud 	Isaac El Rez 	Sheikh Mainuzzaman 	Khalil Mukhrizal 



## Notifications

### Voluntary General Contribution

The School Finance Committee has determined that from the start of 2024 the Voluntary General Contribution will increase from \$90 to \$110 for each student.

### School Bus Information

Please check <http://www.wearekinetic.com> for School Bus information (timetables and live tracking), along with Enquiry Forms for lost property, charters, and local contact information.





## P & C NEWS

The Canterbury Boys High School P&C wishes to acknowledge the following supporters of our P&C as well as various community partners.

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