



Principal's Report

The Importance of Positive Attendance

Regular school attendance is one of the most significant factors in a child's education. When students attend school consistently, they not only improve their academic outcomes but also strengthen their connections to their peers, teachers, and the broader school community. Attendance fosters a sense of belonging, encourages participation in school life, and builds resilience. We appreciate the ongoing support of parents and caregivers in ensuring that students attend school every day, ready to engage and learn. Thank you for working with us to build a culture of commitment and responsibility at Canterbury Boys High School.



A Spectacular 2025 Open Day!

I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to everyone who contributed to the success of our 2025 Open Day on March 6. This was, without a doubt, the best Open Day I have been a part of since becoming Principal in 2019. The school tours were engaging and informative, our student helpers were exceptional ambassadors, and the presentations from our faculty were nothing short of inspiring. A special mention must go to the School Band, whose outstanding performance set the perfect tone for the day. We filled the room with engaged parents, all of whom walked away thoroughly impressed with Canterbury Boys High School as a top choice for their sons. Thank you all for making this event a resounding success!

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OPEN DAY

6 MARCH 2025

4.30 PM - 6.30 PM

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NAPLAN 2025 – Thank You & Congratulations

NAPLAN 2025 has come and gone, and I want to take this opportunity to thank all staff for their hard work in preparing our students for these important assessments. I would also like to congratulate our students for their focus and determination throughout the testing period. It is important to remember that NAPLAN is a diagnostic tool that helps us identify strengths and areas for improvement so we can put targeted learning strategies in place. Parents will receive results later in the year, and we will continue working together to support student growth.

Duke of Edinburgh's Award – An Exciting New Chapter



We are proud to announce that Canterbury Boys High School is now a registered Duke of Edinburgh Award school! This means our students will have the opportunity to develop valuable life skills, resilience, and leadership through the Duke of Ed program, which will begin later this year. We look forward to seeing our students embrace this exciting opportunity. More details will be shared soon.

Chess Update – The Maxwell L. Fuller Invitational Tournament

Canterbury Boys High School is thrilled to be hosting the Maxwell L. Fuller Invitational Chess Tournament on March 27 for secondary schools and March 28 for primary schools. With over 200 chess players from 18 different schools competing, this will be a fantastic showcase of strategy, patience, and skill. Our school will be entering three teams, and we wish all participants the best of luck. Hopefully, many of our students will get to say “Checkmate” during the tournament!



AFL Back Oval Upgrade – Exciting News for Our School!

We are excited to share that AFL NSW/ACT is expected to invest significant funding to enhance our back oval. The planned upgrades include new lighting for night fixtures, netting behind the goalposts, and an improved playing surface. These enhancements will ensure that our school grounds are ready to host both day and night AFL matches in the coming months. We can't wait for the Canterbury Kookaburras, our school AFL team, to play their first home game on the back oval soon. Stay tuned for more updates!



Thank you for your continued support of Canterbury Boys High School. We look forward to another term of growth, success, and community spirit.

Warm regards,

Mr. Ross Dummett

Principal, Canterbury Boys High School



Deputy Principals' Report

Parent – School Partnerships

One of the highlights of Term 1 has been our Year 7 parent afternoon tea, where we had the opportunity to welcome our new parents into the CBHS community. We enjoyed a BBQ, coffee and a chat together, accompanied by music from Leo M and Adam B. Congratulations to all the lucky winners of the raffle!



Coming up next term are other important parent events – please put these dates in your diary. We'll send out details closer to the dates.

Year 7 Meet the Teacher afternoon - interim reports and showcase

Tuesday 6 May

Year 11 and 12 Parent Teacher interviews – academic reports

Tuesday 14 May

Years 7 to 10 Parent Teacher interviews – Semester 1 academic reports

Tuesday 1 July

These are valuable opportunities to support your son's academic progress and continue to build strong partnerships between school and home. We look forward to seeing you at these events.

Study Hours

There is a direct correlation between the number of hours spent studying and academic success. While studying can be challenging, it is essential for achieving your goals not only in school but in life. Hard work and dedication will always pay off. Effective study habits, such as setting goals, minimising distractions, and reviewing material regularly, can significantly improve retention and understanding.

We encourage all students to make study a priority. Small, consistent efforts over time lead to big improvements. Take charge of your learning!



Year Advisers – your first point of contact

We have a dynamic and committed team of Year Advisers who are responsible for supporting the wellbeing needs of the students in their year cohort. For most school-related matters, your son's Year Adviser will be your first point of contact. They will answer your query, find an answer to your query or know who to direct your query to.

Your son will know who his Year Adviser is – here is the team:



Ms A Kim
Year 7



Mr S Kendrick
Year 8



Ms A Simpson
Year 9



Mr M Papadakis
Year 10



Mr M Wong
Year 11



Mr J Riordan
Year 12

ALPHA Update

To our **ALPHA** students and their families, we are pleased to share that our Year 11 ALPHA students have now been paired with their mentors and are well into their Preliminary HSC year. To both our Year 11 and 12 students, we encourage you to develop strong, meaningful connections with your mentors. A great mentor-mentee relationship provides guidance, motivation, and insight, all of which contribute to improved educational outcomes. Your mentor is not just a guide but a resource to help you navigate challenges, set ambitious goals, and stay on track with your studies. Take full advantage of their wisdom and experience.

As the school holidays approach, remember that this is not a break from learning but rather a two-week pause from face-to-face instruction. Keep up your studies, maintain a disciplined approach to your learning, and use this time wisely to consolidate your knowledge. As Aristotle once said, *"We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit."*

Harmony Day

Last week, we celebrated Harmony Day with a vibrant display of the many cultural backgrounds of our community. We take pride in our inclusive and supportive environment. Harmony Day serves as a reminder that every student has a place in our school community. The values of respect, unity, and understanding that we celebrate on this day are the very foundation of our school culture, ensuring that we continue to be a place where everyone belongs and thrives.





We extend our sincere gratitude to all students and staff who contributed to the event, especially Ms Clark for her outstanding efforts. With students and staff from such a variety of backgrounds, our differences make us stronger, teaching us acceptance, understanding, and respect.



Ramadan

As Ramadan comes to an end, we say Eid Mubarak to our Muslim students and their families. Ramadan is a period of reflection, discipline, and devotion, and we commend our students who have balanced their religious commitments with their academic responsibilities.

Attendance matters

Why attendance matters
When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to...

Learn Build friendships Develop life skills

As Mr. Dummett reminds us, attendance is a high priority at CBHS.

Every day matters.

If your son needs to be away from school, a valid reason needs to be provided on the day or within seven days at the latest. The principal is

responsible for accepting or declining the justification for the absence.



Acceptable reasons include:

- Sickness. Where the sickness extends beyond three days, please provide a medical certificate.
- Misadventure / an unforeseen significant event
- Recognised religious festivals or ceremonial occasions including Sorry Business
- Significant special events, not related to the school e.g. Citizenship Ceremony
- Domestic necessity, such as a serious illness of an immediate family member

Please note that an explanation of traffic problems is not a justifiable reason according to the Department of Education. We encourage our students to factor in traffic / transport delays when setting their alarm clocks.

Families are encouraged to holiday or travel during school vacations rather than during term. Similarly, we encourage families to make medical appointments outside of school hours wherever possible.

Having pride in our school – wearing our uniform with pride

We're a uniform school, so we expect that all uniform requirements such as school winter jackets and jumpers will be worn by every student. You can buy our **winter jacket**, **school blazer** and **beanie** from the school office. Non-school hoodies aren't accepted as part of the uniform and aren't to be worn.

Other Uniform supplies can be purchased at Lowes, which has now relocated to Burwood Plaza.



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Thank You Staff

As we wrap up a busy and productive term, we want to take a moment to express our appreciation to our dedicated staff — both teaching and non-teaching. Your hard work in organising challenging and engaging lessons, excursions, events, and school projects has not gone unnoticed. The effort and dedication you put into ensuring our students receive the best possible education and support is truly commendable. We're confident that our parents and students will echo this gratitude.

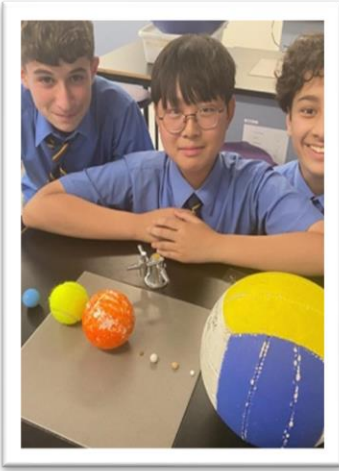
Ms Caitlin Dwyer
Deputy Principal

Ms Marilena Webster
Deputy Principal



Year 8

As we dive into the 2025 academic year, the Year 8 cohort at Canterbury Boys High School has truly hit the ground running. Their adaptability, enthusiasm, and commitment to both academics and extracurricular activities have been commendable.



From clubs and workshops to sports and wellbeing initiatives, our students have embraced the opportunities available to them, successfully navigating the challenges of Year 8—the final stage of their Stage 4 education. This term has been all about building strong connections and developing effective study habits in our ever-evolving learning environment.

Our students have actively engaged in year-level assemblies, wellbeing workshops, anti-bullying programs, the swimming carnival, and the Accelerated Reading initiative, demonstrating their dedication to both personal and academic growth. Additionally, goal setting will remain a key focus, ensuring each student is supported in their journey toward success—both at home and in the classroom.



A special congratulations to those students who have already earned Merit Awards for their outstanding effort, knowledge application, and positive learning attitude! Parents and guardians, we encourage you to celebrate these achievements with your children and remind them to submit their Merit Awards to their Year



Advisor. Your continued support in their academic progress makes all the difference.

Here's to a fantastic year ahead—let's keep up the momentum and make 2025 a year of growth, learning, and success.

Mr. Stephen Kendrick

Year 8 Adviser



Year 9

We are well into Term 1, and I'd like to acknowledge the great efforts of our Year 9 students. It has been a busy term, and I appreciate their hard work.

Uniform and Attendance

Please ensure students wear the correct school uniform each day. The uniform reflects school pride, and we ask for your support in following the school's uniform policy. If there are any issues, please contact the school.

Attendance is also important. Regular attendance helps students succeed academically and socially. We encourage students to attend every day unless they are unwell. Parents, please notify the school if your child is sick to justify their absences.

Assessment Booklets – Week 8

The Year 9 Assessment Booklets will be sent home in Week 8. These will help students and families stay on top of upcoming assessments. If you have any questions, please reach out to the school.

NAPLAN and Swimming Carnival

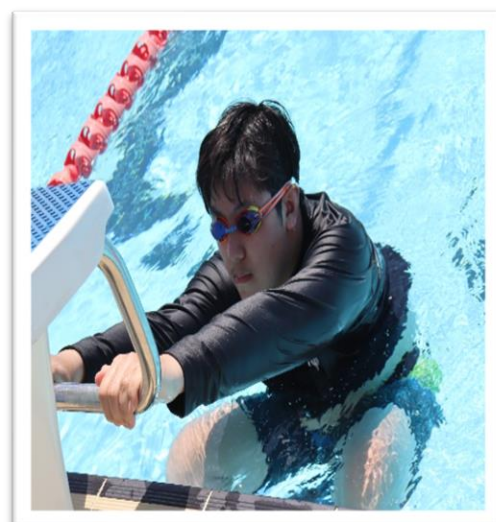
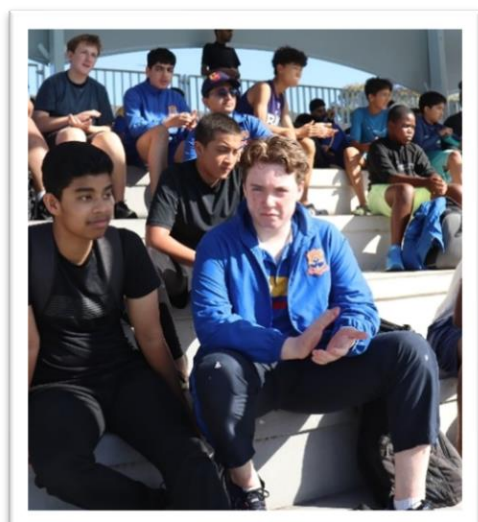
Year 9 students showed great effort in NAPLAN, and we appreciate their participation. We also had a fantastic turnout at the Swimming Carnival, with many students competing and supporting their peers. Well done to all!

Thank you for your ongoing support. Let's keep up the great work this term!

Ms Simpson

Year 9 Adviser

Swimming Carnival Pictures



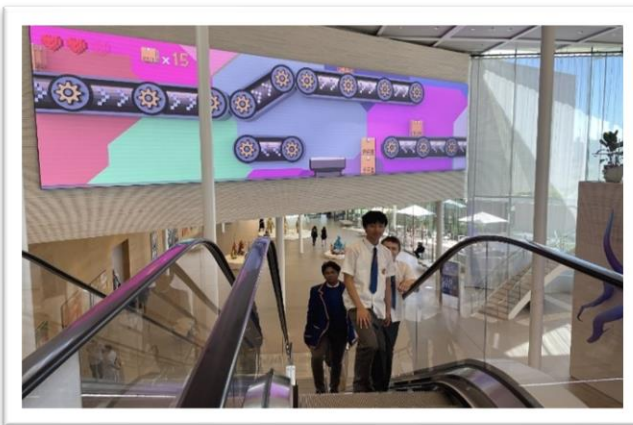
Year 12

Art Express Excursion

On Thursday, 13 March, Year 12 Visual Arts students attended the ArtExpress exhibition and the Student Speak sessions at the Art Gallery of NSW (AGNSW). This was a great opportunity for our students to hear from three 2024 candidates; they provided great insight into their experience and offered excellent tips and worthy advice to our students. The ArtExpress exhibition was, as usual, very impressive, showcasing a variety of artworks.

We also took the opportunity to drop into an art installation by Chinese artist Cao Fei,

called "My City is Yours". The installation engages viewers in a constructed world that combines the urban environment with the virtual world. As you walk through the constructed backstreets, city laneways, rooms, and restaurants, you're bombarded with neon signs, artworks, street dance, pop music and videos. A very engaging experience that was both familiar and distorted





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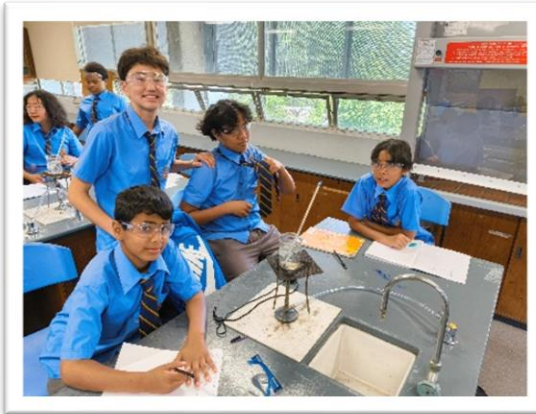
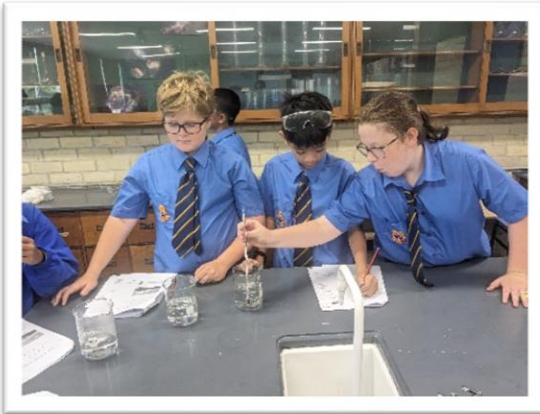




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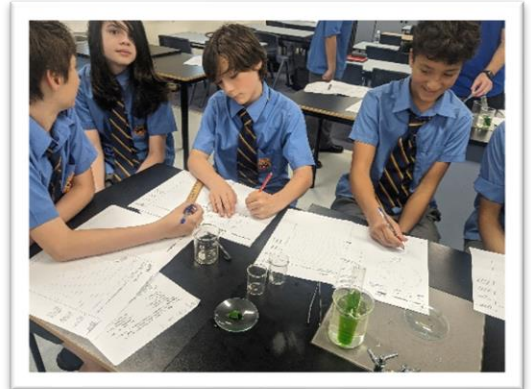
Year 7

For many it, was the first time in a science laboratory; many found it quite exciting and have quickly learned the importance of safety. Highlights include obtaining their Bunsen burner licence, taking measurements and learning about space.



Year 8

The focus this term has been on living systems, starting with plants. There were many practicals, as well as opportunities for dissection and microscope use. Next, Year 8 will be learning about body systems.



Year 9

The topic being studied in Term 1 is light and energy. For some students, this has meant observing how effective copper metal is as a conductor, along with learning about the electromagnetic spectrum and waves.



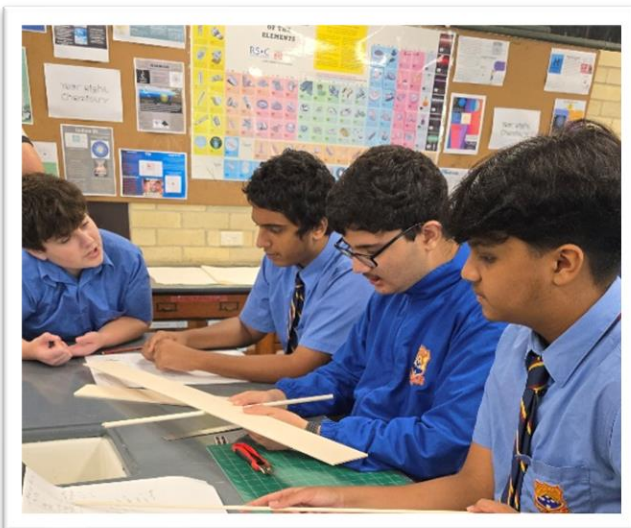
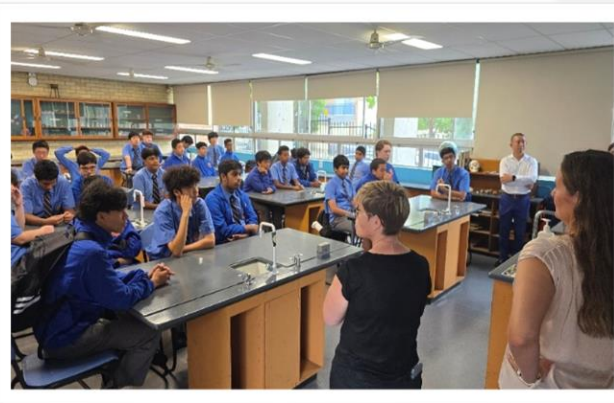


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🚀 Discover Engineering Day 2025! 🔧💡

Our IT Engineering students had an amazing time at this year's Discover Engineering Day workshop! With the support of our industry partners from Sydney Metro and Engineers Australia, and Cool Aeronautics, students explored the engineering design process and gained hands-on experience in aeronautical engineering principles.

A fantastic opportunity for our future engineers to learn, innovate, and be inspired! 🌍





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🚀 Year 8 Students Visit Google HQ! 📖 ✨

As part of their Deloitte AI/Automation Project, our Year 8 students had an incredible opportunity to visit Google Headquarters in Sydney! They explored the cutting-edge world of tech, learned about careers in the industry, and spoke with professionals leading the way in AI and automation.

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PDHPE

I RUN, with Active CB – Get your family or Friends together! It is a low-cost activity for the local community to participate in to help continue living a healthy and active lifestyle within our council.

Let's band together for CBCity's **first ever running festival!** This is a fantastic opportunity for team spirit, fitness, and community involvement. Here's how you and your family can make the most of it:

Register your family/friends: make sure everyone is signed up for the event, whether it's a 3km or 7km race – or longer!

Design team outfits: choose fancy dress for the 3km, or matching team shirts or jerseys that reflect your family and culture

Shout outs: on the day, we will give your family a shout out and share on socials.

Enjoy the festival: after your run, enjoy the festival at the Run Hub – from music to food to wellness activities – and continue the team bonding experience.

Get ready to hit the ground running and make this festival one to remember! 🏃👟🎉

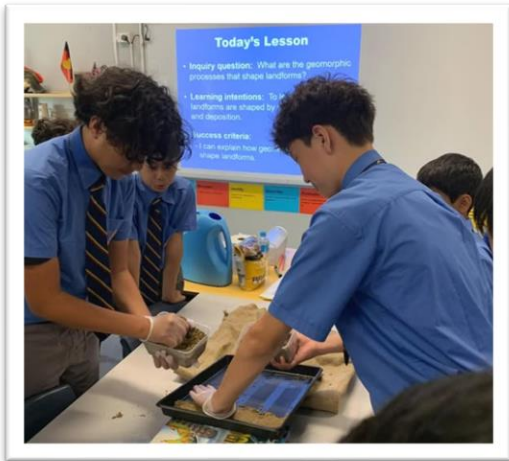
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HSIE

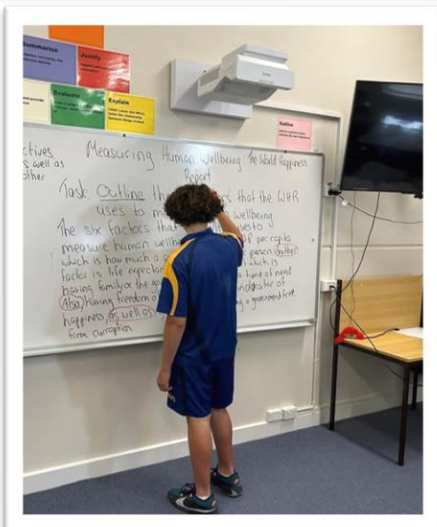
HSIE is the study of how humans interact with the world, how society operates and how it is changing. Here are some of the learning experiences HSIE students have experienced this term.



Year 7 Geography students conducted an experiment to learn about weathering, erosion and deposition



Year 8 History students categorised different types of historical sources



Year 9 Geography students completed a joint construction paragraph on Human Wellbeing, focusing on incorporating conjunctions in their writing.



Year 12 Legal Studies students listened to a guest presenter from Legal Aid focusing on young offenders.

Career's Corner

BUPA Clean Up Australia Day

Year 10 students gave back to the community by volunteering with BUPA Aged Care residents for Clean Up Australia Day. This wonderful initiative is part of BUPA's intergenerational program, fostering connections between students and seniors while working together to make a positive impact on the environment.





Planning My Future Career

At Canterbury Boys High School, Career Education is valued and implemented from **year 7-12**. We look forward to meeting our **Year 7** students in their first Careers Lessons in Term 2 where they will develop their first individualised Career Plan.

All **Year 8-12** students have already developed their 2025 personal Career Plan, learned about how to choose their future careers, and researched their chosen pathways beyond school. These Career Plans have now been emailed or posted home.

The Career Plan is a great tool to start a careers conversation with your son. Ask him what he would like to do when he leaves school, discuss his interests and talk to him about the skills you have observed him develop.

Students have access to the MyFuture website at www.myfuture.edu.au where they can show you their Career Quiz results and suggested occupations that have been matched to their skills and interests.

Students in **Year 9 and 10** have the opportunity to participate in Work Experience, if you have contacts or ideas for places they could go, now is the

time to reach out to the Careers Team.

We hope that you take full advantage of this opportunity to connect with your sons and help them plan for their future.

The Careers Team

Alexandra Giameos and Patricia Bursill





Arrive & Thrive Webinar | Career Conversations @ Home, Helping Parents Have Positive Career Convos

Arrive & Thrive is running a public webinar on **20 March at 6:30 pm (AEDT)** to support parents around Australia in having more positive career conversations at home. The webinar will share insights for parents to better support their young people in career decisions. Participants will receive a Career Conversation Kit.

To register: www.eventbrite.com.au/e/1235276889429?aff=oddtcreator

Work Experience: A Valuable Opportunity for Students

Work Experience provides students with an excellent opportunity to explore potential career paths and refine their future aspirations. It helps them gain essential workplace knowledge and skills, build confidence, and make informed decisions when selecting subjects for senior school. Typically, work Experience is undertaken by Year 9 and 10 students, and it can be completed as a one-week block (Monday to Friday) at various times throughout the year, except during exam and assessment periods. I encourage parents and carers to discuss suitable work experience options with their child and advise them to consult with the Careers Adviser. If you have any questions or would like more information about Work Experience, please feel free to contact the Careers Adviser on 9798 8444.

Year 10 UNSW Workshop

On Friday, 28 February, our Year 10 students worked with UNSW Gateway Ambassadors to create their own 'Pocket Guide to My Future'. Through thoughtful discussions with current UNSW Gateway Ambassadors, students explored their personal values and learned how values can connect them to potential career paths and study options. Students unpacked their unique values and saw firsthand how these can steer them towards meaningful careers and study opportunities. The UNSW Ambassadors shared their own educational journeys from high school to UNSW through the Gateway Pathway, encouraging students to remain open to various pathways for the future.





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Friday 11 th April	Last day of Term 1
Monday 28 th & 29 th April	Staff development Day
Wednesday 30 th April	All Students Return for Term 2
Tuesday 6 th May	Year 7 Meet the teacher
Thursday 8 th May	Year 9 Geography Excursion
Tuesday 13 th May	Zone Cross Country Year 11 & 12 Parent Teacher Night
Wednesday 14 th May	Year 12 Excursion
Thursday 15 th May	Athletics Carnival



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P & C NEWS

The Canterbury Boys High School P&C Association will have their next meeting on Wednesday 9th of April at 6:15pm in John Howard Hall.

We also wish to acknowledge the following supporters of our P&C as well as various community partners:

- Canterbury Bankstown Bulldogs Football Club
- ACG Air Conditioning
- Inner West Magpies AFL
- Myteilenian House Reception centre
- Fettayleh Foods
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- Fruitful Hampers
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