

23 November 2023

Principal's Report

Congratulations

Congratulations to Alezia Chrisfield (Year 7) who has been selected as a Victorian Representative for the National Futsal Championships to be held at the Gold Coast Sports and Leisure Centre, Carrara, from 5 until 9 January 2024. The Victorian squad for the U13 Girls has 12 members and will compete against teams that represent the other states and territories of Australia.

College anthology

Last week, the 2023 anthology *Canterbury Quills: Through the Writer's Eye* was launched. The anthology contains writing and artwork from students and staff at the College. It was a lovely evening that acknowledged the work of the students and the work of the editorial team. Congratulations to the editorial team for their work this year in producing such a high-quality publication - Molly Crozier, Sarah Hart, Kyra Holzheimer, Charlotte Hume, Shirin Kalbasi, Victoria Lac, Erina O'Doherty and Stella Subocz. Thank you also to Sylvie Kitanova-Hume for her work in designing the look of the anthology.

Events

It has been a busy few weeks. The Year 12 exams finished last week and ran very smoothly. The Year 12 students are certainly pleased that they are now finished. The results will be released on 11 December. Year 11 students have completed their exams and undertaken the Year 12 pre-VCE program. Year 10 students have also completed exams and are undertaking the Year 11 pre-VCE program. Next week, they will be doing work experience.

The Year 9 students are about to go on camp and the French trip to Noumea leaves on 8 December. This is our first overseas trip since COVID and it is exciting that we are once again able to offer senior students the opportunity to participate in language classes in a French speaking country.

Enrolments and exits

Canterbury Girls' Secondary College is now accepting applications for enrolments into Years 8 to 12 for 2024. If you know of someone who is interested in enrolling their child, please ask them download and complete an application form available on the website. Any questions can be referred to Georgina Padula (Years 8 and 9) or Jim Ouliaris (Years 10-12).

If you know that your child is leaving at the end of this year, please let the relevant level co-ordinator know so that we are able to offer the enrolment to another student.

Dr Mary Cannon
Principal

Diary Dates Term 4

27 Nov	Canterbury Celebrates
29 Nov-1 Dec	Year 9 Summit Camp
4 Dec	Student-free Day
12 Dec	Orientation Day
20 Dec	End of Term 4

CONNECT WITH US



Many students travel by public transport. It is important that students have valid myki cards when travelling on trains and buses. We have received information from the Department of Transport and Planning about a new app that enables an instant top up of the myki card balance.

You do not have to register an account in order to use the top up feature.

However, they strongly recommend that you do register your myki so you can protect your balance and take advantage of other PTV App features such as auto top up or managing multiple cards.

For further details click [here](#).

Teaching and Learning News

Year 9 Geography Excursion

On 30 October, 9A, 9B and 9C Geography classes had the opportunity to go on an excursion to Rayner's Orchard in the Yarra Valley. Some fun activities we did included a tour of the farm where we ate a lot of fresh fruit. We then cut pears that we put in jars with sugar and water, creating a dessert to bring home. As well as this, we went on an exciting tractor ride which many of us had never done. Some of my friends even brought back their own trees to plant at home. The aim of this excursion was to understand how different farms operate and how this farm is sustainable. This was an interesting and entertaining excursion that everyone enjoyed.



Helena Argyrakos
Year 9



Geography Coasts Excursion

On Friday 10 November, 7H, 8B, and 8D went on a Geography excursion to a variety of beaches. We arrived early at school and took a bus to Gunnamatta beach. We saw constructive waves in the ocean, and plants growing on sand dunes. We continued to Cape Schanck, where we walked right down onto the rocks, following a long path of stairs. There were constructive waves, erosion, stacks, and arches. We visited Somer's Yacht Club and sat on a gyrone of rocks while recording information about it into our booklet. Lastly, we went to Jack's Beach, which was very different from the rest. It was a mud beach with crab holes everywhere! It was a very fun trip and a great chance to see everything we've been learning about in Geography this semester in real life.

Amelia Tobias
Year 8



The coasts excursion was really fun. I enjoyed going to each of the four beaches, but my favourite had to be Gunnamatta surf beach because we got to see some surfers catching waves. We got to see the things we've been learning in Geography in real life which was great.

Nyawal Gai
Year 8



Sport Report

The Dirty Warrny Gravel Cycle Race

Last weekend, I participated in the 'Dirty Warrny' cycling race. The Dirty Warrny is a gravel bicycle race consisting of three different distances to choose from (84 km, 140km, and 240km). All three events have different starting points, but they all finish in Warrnambool, Victoria, hence the name "Dirty Warrny" ("Dirty" because it's on gravel roads - not on tarmac, and "Warrny" for what the town of Warrnambool is affectionately known as).

I decided to participate in the Elite Women 140km event which started in the small town of Beach Forest, near Colac.

The course was quite challenging, on rough and dusty gravel roads and with over 1,800 metres of hill climbing, and then we had the bad luck to race against a very strong head/crosswind for the entire race!

There were many great female riders in my event, including Grace Brown, currently one of Australia's most famous professional female cyclists (she competed in the Tour de France Femmes this year) and Lisa Jacobs, who is a 3x Australian National cyclocross champion.



It was great to race against these amazing athletes, but even better was to have the opportunity to share the podium with them too, as I came in 2nd place, finishing 18 minutes after Grace Brown!

Overall, I am super stoked with the result, which has given me the motivation to keep training hard for the upcoming races over the summer season!

Emma Ochoa
Year 11

Alezia Chrisfield: Representing CGSC in Victorian U13 Futsal Team

We're excited to announce that Alezia Chrisfield from Year 7 has earned a spot on the Victorian Under 13 Futsal team. This achievement is a testament to her passion and dedication to the sport.



Already a talented young soccer player, Alezia was initially introduced to Futsal in Japan. Snowy winters forced soccer indoors, exposing her to the faster-paced dynamics of soccer's indoor variant. This experience has been instrumental in developing the ball-handling and quick decision making she became known for in her standout performances during this year's soccer season, helping lead CGSC to victory in the State championships.



Alezia now faces a new challenge as a member of the Victorian futsal squad. She is set to compete against the nation's best at the national championships, taking place from 5 to 9 January 2024 up on the Gold Coast.

Congratulations, Alezia!

Stefan Majewski
Sport and Sport Education Co-ordinator

Lore at Bedford Heights

Our Celtic and Roots ensemble Lore participated in a musical afternoon on Sunday 19 November at Bedford Heights Estate, a retirement village in Box Hill South.

The ensemble entertained with an engaging program of Celtic and North American music with several songs featuring our vocalist Kayla Payne.

The newly formed Bedford Heights Choral Voices lead by June Kerr also performed and impressed at this *Sunday Soiree*, which we hope will become an annual event. A resident at Bedford Heights, Cara Beed, is a past Canterbury Girls' student, doing Year 12 here in 1958 and she has established a connection between our school and Bedford Heights by generously donating her Celtic harp to the school and hosting the occasion with many residents and families of current students attending.



We also enjoyed the afternoon tea provided by Cara and the organising team, which included a rendition by a group of past Canterbury Girls' students of the school song which really added to an overall splendid occasion!

A big thank you to Michael Sword and David Seedsman and Barbara Kerr for their participation as players and congratulations go to the following musicians who performed: Kayla Payne, Olivia Neish, Chiara Vague, Belle Wong, Charlotte Neish, Heidi Vague, Katherine Henshall, MaryAnne Dumitrache, Robyn Colls, Rahma Al Haj Kasem.

Music Expo

On Tuesday of this week, we held our Music Expo, which was the instrumental music recruitment for the incoming Year 7 students for 2024.

We had a strong turnout of families and students who enthusiastically tried the wide variety of instruments on offer in Strings, Woodwind, Brass and Percussion. The combined string ensemble and concert bands also performed, which highlighted what our program is all about.



Term Dates

Term 4

27 Nov	Canterbury Celebrates
10 Dec	Carols at Canterbury
	Cantabella & Canterbury Voices
12 Dec	Orientation Day performances

Thanks to the performers and also a huge thank you to the students who helped out with the trials. Many parents/carers commented on how impressed they were with how helpful and supportive our students were. Another special thank you goes out to parent Nicola Rowling, who again after many years of helping us on Music Expo, ran the Bassoon trials.



“Band Jam” – Lunchtime Concert

An epic lunchtime concert took place today with the Band Jam! Four ensembles performed highlights of their repertoire from across the year. Of the four performances, Flute ensemble with guest percussionists, Staccato, Symphonia and Coda. Thank you to all performers and to the staff for their work, Ms Farnan and Ms Kerr .

Canterbury Celebrates – Technical Rehearsal Mon 27 Nov

As per the event on Compass, the technical rehearsal will run to the schedule below. Student may wear free dress to the rehearsal, full school uniform to the evening performance.

Please arrive 15 minutes prior to rehearsal.

- Chorals Small Group Cattnach: 10:15am – 10:30am
- Wind Symphony: 10:45am – 11:15am
- String Quartet: 11:15 am – 11:30am
- Finale - Senior Guitar ensemble: 11:30am – 12:00pm
- Shades: 12:00 pm – 12:30 pm

Re-enrolment for 2024

The re-enrolment process for 2024 will be starting to roll out through Compass events in the coming weeks.

2024 Rehearsal Schedule

Please see the rehearsal schedule for 2024 below. Most ensembles will stay as they were this year, with the exception being Cantabella which is now on a Wednesday afterschool.

Michael Sword
Head of Music

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
AM		Klezmer 7.45–8.35am, C19 JFR	Year 7 Band 7.45–8.35am, BR MSW	Symphonia 7.45–8.35am, BR JFR	Vivace Strings 7.45–8.35 am KDI
		Canterbury Voices 7.45–8.35am, PAC SCS	Lore 7.45–8.35am, C19 JFR		
			Coda 7.45–8.35am BKE		
Lunch			Theory C19, JFR	String Quartet C23, AOP	
			Flute Ensemble BKE	Acoustic Guitar Ensemble P10, DSE	
PM	Shades of Blue 3.15–4.30pm MSW	Wind Symphony 3.15–4.45pm, BR MSW	Cantabella 3.15–4.45pm, BR SBT	Encore 3.15–4.30pm, PAC AOP	
		Cantabile 3.15–4.15pm, C19 AOP		Senior Guitar Ensemble 3.15 – 4.15pm, P10 DSE	

the parents' association



Canterbury Girls'
SECONDARY COLLEGE

Dear Community,

Social Events

Parents' Association Dinner: Join The Parents' Association to celebrate 2023. This dinner will be held on Thursday 30 November at Deeds Taproom from 7pm. If you would like to attend, please RSVP to [Penny](#) by 23 November. All welcome!

Upcoming Events

Orientation Day Welcome Morning Tea: The Parents' Association will be hosting a morning tea for incoming Year 7 parents and carers on the Statewide Orientation Day (12 December). If you are able to help with this event by either helping at the morning tea or donating food, click [here](#) to sign up.

Woodfrog Bakery (Camberwell) Mince Tarts sale: The Mince tarts will be for sale through TryBooking shortly with a TBC pick-up date of 5 December. Keep an eye out for the link and buy your mince tarts ahead of Christmas.

Secondhand Book Sale: The online Secondhand Book Sale will operate again this year. The sale will be on Sunday 10 December with the online shop opening at 9am. Information has been circulated via Compass. Forms are available from the [CGSC website](#).

Students in years 10 -12 are welcome to drop off their books with the forms to the school office between 8am – 4 pm Monday – Friday. Year 7 – 9 may still need to use books, so please do not drop off books until Friday 1 December. Books can be dropped off until 2pm Thursday 7 December.

KeepCups for Sale

CGSC KeepCups are available for sale. They are the world's first barista standard reusable cups, made of lightweight & durable BPA/BPS free clear plastic that has the clarity of glass. Keep your drinks hot or cold whilst doing something positive for the planet! \$20 per CGSC KeepCup. Purchase through [Trybooking](#) and collect from the school office.

Call to Action for 2024

Can you be a part of The Parents' Association in 2024? We need a finance-minded person to take on the Treasurer's role and a Secretary. If you can help, please email Anne at pa@cgsc.vic.edu.au or anne_3126@yahoo.com.

PA Meetings

The final meeting for 2024 will be on Tuesday 28 November from 7pm. All welcome!

If you cannot make the meetings but have suggestions of how The PA can support the school community, please send through any suggestions to The PA email.

Anne Chipperfield

The Parents' Association President

P.S. If you would like to support the PA, but cannot donate your time or efforts, you can contribute via the PA levy. If you do not want to contribute the full amount of \$50, you can nominate a different value. PA funds help raise monies for resources that are not funded by the Government (i.e. language assistants, food tech ovens, dishwashers etc.) and every little bit helps!

Diary dates

Next monthly meeting

Date: 28 November
Time: 7.00pm
Venue: Conference Room

Office bearers

President: Anne Chipperfield
Vice-Presidents: Christine Harkness, Penny Ison
Secretary: Nicola Rowling
Treasurer: Steve Elsbury
PA email address: pa@cgsc.vic.edu.au

CAMPS AND EXCURSION REPORT FROM 2007

CAMPS AND EXCURSIONS

YEAR 9 GEOGRAPHY EXCURSION TO THE MORNINGTON PENINSULA

On the 10th of May Year 9 Geography students went on an excursion to the Mornington Peninsula to learn about management methods used to protect the coast and to see how they worked.

Our first stop was Jacks Beach where we walked through some mangroves and saw some small crabs. Mangroves protect the vegetation behind them by taking the force of the waves and by holding the sand and mud together. Luckily the tide was out and we didn't get too muddy.

At Hastings we observed some of the industry in the area, and what was being done to minimise the effect on the environment. Most of the factories had been painted green and a lot of vegetation had been planted to try to hide them.

We also went to Somers Beach which was very beautiful. To get to the beach we had to cross Merrick's Creek on an old rusty bridge. Somers Beach lost a lot of sand in a freak storm a few years ago, and to replace this with a series of groins was placed along the beach to trap the sand. This has worked very well, as Somers Beach now has plenty of sand and is very beautiful, though it was extremely windy and cold when we visited!

We had lunch at Flinders and then moved to Cape Schanck, which was a highlight of the excursion. We walked along the boardwalk and saw the light-house, Pulpit Rock and Bushranger's Bay. We spent a long time at Cape Schanck looking at the rock pools, and getting splashed by the waves. We saw many different types of environmental management including the use of chicken wire, warning signs and the boardwalk itself, which was probably the most effective, since it allowed us to look at the beautiful

views without destroying any of the vegetation.

We travelled along the coast to Gunnamatta, where we made sketches of the dunes, and looked at the different types of plants, before boarding our bus to return to school.

We learnt lots about the effects humans have on the coastal environment and saw many types of management methods used to maintain and restore the natural beauty of the area. Despite the cold weather and the wind we all had a great day.

Ashley Owen 9A



MELBOURNE WATER RIVER HEALTH CONFERENCE

In June ten students from Years 9 and 10, accompanied by Mrs Prosser and Mrs Agnew, attended the Melbourne Water Yarra River Health Youth Conference. The conference was open to students from Years 5 to 11 and there were 300 students present, representing 30 primary and secondary schools from across the state.

The focus of the conference was 'Kids Teaching Kids' about the health of our rivers and their ecosystems. It opened our eyes to how we as individuals impact on the health of our rivers and streams through excessive consumption and pollution.

On Monday we spent the whole day at the MCG. There was a panel of experts to whom we could ask questions and then we went to several workshops conducted by other students. The standard of the presentations was very high and above our expectations, especially the primary school groups. In the evening we had a formal dinner in the MCC Members' Dining Room. There were many special guests and the food was spectacular!

On Tuesday we all met at Federation Square for a celebration of World Environment Day with special guests, including Lord Mayor, John So, and the Minister for Environment, John Thwaites. We then spent the day outdoors at places such as the Botanic Gardens, Herring Island, Federation Square and The Victorian College of the Arts. This day was devoted to taking part in practical activities to help make our environment a healthier place. We even built an urban garden in the middle of the Federation Square carpark.

Overall we had an absolutely fantastic time. We made many friends from all over the State and we were inspired to become more environmentally aware and friendly.

Bella Anderson, Emily Coghlan, Bella Juric, Evelyn Lim, Sarah McInnes, Alice Mosley, Chloe Rees, Mietta Robertson, Ruby Tolmer and Georgia Tripos.

INTERNATIONAL YOUTH RIVER HEALTH CONFERENCE IN CANBERRA

In October we took ten students from Years 9-11 to Canberra to attend the International Youth River Health Conference. We did a presentation titled 'Who's killing the Yarra River?' as part of the 'Kids teaching Kids' format. With the help of our mentor, Jacquie White, Community Programs Manager at Melbourne Water and a past student of CGSC, we have collected data about different types of litter and

pollutants and how they affects the health of the Yarra River. The group meets twice weekly.

We would like to thank Canterbury Rotary Club for sponsoring the girls to enable them to go to Canberra.

Claire Prosser

School Working Bees

Working Bees give every family the opportunity to assist in the improvement of the school grounds and buildings for our students. We hope that all parents and carers will take their turn because all our children benefit from the result and there are tasks to suit all levels of skill.

If you would like to help at a working bee session, register [here](#).

If you are unable to help at working bees this year, but would like to make a donation of \$50.00 to assist in buildings and grounds maintenance, contact the General Office at (03) 9830 5099.

Uniform Shop

New – Softshell Jackets

The Uniform Shop has recently added softshell jackets to the sports uniform range. These jackets are replacing the current shower proof jackets. Softshell jackets are \$110.00 each and can be purchased online or in store on Tuesdays.

All profit from the Uniform Shop goes back into the school for the benefit of the school community. The Uniform Shop is open on Tuesdays from 8:30am to 3:30pm. We encourage students to visit the Uniform Shop during recess and lunch times. Card only, sorry no cash or cheques.

Elena Mantelos
Uniform Shop Manager

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Online Ordering

<https://myschoolconnect.com.au/cgscuniform>

Canteen News

Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Staff,

Now that we are open properly, the Canteen team wanted to remind you all that you are still able to order online through [Myschool Connect](#) and at the canteen for the day until end of term. Any special dietary requirements, please advise..

Hope to see you all soon.
Thank you!

The Canteen Team



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2023



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