

2 Feb 2023

Principal's Report

Welcome to 2023

I would like to extend a welcome to all families returning to Canterbury Girls' Secondary College and to those families who are joining the College for the first time. On Tuesday, we welcomed the new Year 7 students and their families. There was a great deal of excitement and some apprehension, but the Middle School teachers soon made the students feel at ease, and by recess, they seemed to have settled in.

Thanks to the members of The Parents' Association who provided a morning tea for new parents and carers. The PA is always keen to welcome new members so please look for The PA page in each newsletter.

I would also like to welcome new staff to the College. The new staff are Sally He (Maths), Nari Watson (Biology), Maya Mackenzie (Maths/Chemistry), Kate Hedin (PE/Health), Sui So (Maths/Physics), Eloise Raitts (English), Gabrielle Iakovidis (Drama/English), Esther Zhang (Maths), Grace Robinson (Psych/History), Erin Phelps (English), Rebecca Love (Science/Maths), Stefan Majewski (Maths/Science), Jessica Waugh (Japanese), Megan Quirk (History), Caitlin O'Malley (Geography) and Marcelle Skoutas (Biology/Science). We know that they will make a very effective contribution to our teaching and learning programs.

VCE results 2022

The VCE newsletter was emailed detailing the outstanding VCE results from last year. I am very pleased to be able to congratulate the College DUX for 2022, Ophelia Guo. We will have an opportunity to publicly acknowledge Ophelia as DUX at Canterbury Celebrates at the end of the year. The updated VCE newsletter is available on the website.

School Council elections

Nominations for School Council open at 9.00am on Monday 6 February 2023. There is information below about the role of School Council and detailed information about the call for nominations. There are four parent member vacancies. Nomination forms will be emailed to all parents/carers on Monday morning.

New building

We are very excited that the new building is nearing completion and will be finished by the end of February. It will provide under cover space for students at recess and lunchtime and will be an additional learning space during the rest of the day. It will also provide after space for after school activities such as music rehearsals and House activities and will be a focal point for parent and other community activities.

Activities Term 1

For parents and carers who are new to the College, the major student events this term are House Chorals which are held in the last week of Term 1, and the House Swimming Sports which are on Monday 27 February. I would encourage all students to participate in the Chorals Festival which runs through the whole term. All students are expected to attend the swimming sports and to participate either by being in an event or by supporting their House.

For Year 7 parents and carers, the welcome evening will be held on Monday 20 February. There will be further information for parents and carers closer to each event.

Diary Dates Term 1

3 Feb	Year 8-12 Photos
6-8 Feb	Year 7 Camp
9 Feb	Year 7 Information Night and Notebook Distribution
10 Feb	Year 11 and 10H Time Management Skills
20 Feb	Year 7 Welcome Picnic
25 Feb	Working Bee
27 Feb	House Swimming Carnival
1 Mar	SRC Free Dress Day
2 Mar	Year 12 Formal
6 Mar	Year 7 Vaccinations
10 Mar	International women's Day Breakfast
17 Mar	Year 11 Formal
24 Mar	Year 10 Career's Day
4-5 Apr	House Chorals
6 Apr	Last Day of Term 1

I look forward to a great 2023. I am confident that our school community will work together to ensure a positive experience this year.

Dr Mary Cannon
Principal

What is a school council and what does it do?

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the broad direction of a school, in accordance with Ministerial Order 1280 Constitution of Government School Councils, and the Education and Training Reform Act 2006. In doing this, a school council may directly influence the quality of education for students.

Who is on the school council?

For most primary school councils, there are several possible categories of membership:

- **A mandated elected parent member category** – more than one-third of the total members must be from this category according to Ministerial Order 1280. Department employees can be parent members at their child's school providing that they are not engaged in work at the school.
- **A mandated elected school employee member category** – members of this category make up no more than one-third of membership. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.
- **An optional community member category** – members are co-opted by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experience. Department employees are not eligible to be community members.
- A small number of school councils have nominee members.

For all schools with a Year 7 and above cohort, there is an additional category of membership:

- **A mandated elected student member category, two positions.**

Generally, the term of office for all members is two years. The term of office of half the members expires each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

Why is parent membership so important?

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills and a range of experiences and knowledge that can help inform and shape the direction of the school.

Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

Do I need special experience to be on school council?

Each member brings their own valuable skills and knowledge to the role, however, in order to successfully perform their duties, councillors may need to gain some new skills and knowledge.

It is important to have an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future.

Code of conduct for school councillors

School councils in Victoria are public entities as defined by the *Public Administration Act 2004*.

School councillors must comply with the Code of Conduct for Directors of Victorian Public Entities issued by the Victorian Public Sector Commission. The Code of Conduct is based on the Victorian public sector values and requires councillors to:

- **act with honesty and integrity** – be truthful, open and clear about their motives and declare any real, potential or perceived conflict of interest and duty
- **act in good faith in the best interests of the school** – work cooperatively with other councillors and the school community, be reasonable, and make all decisions with the best interests of students foremost in their minds
- **act fairly and impartially** – consider all relevant facts of an issue before making a decision, seek to have a balanced view, never give special treatment to a person or group and never act from self-interest
- **use information appropriately** – respect confidentiality and use information for the purpose for which it was made available
- **exercise due care, diligence and skill** – accept responsibility for decisions and do what is best for the school
- **use the position appropriately** – not use the position as a councillor to gain an advantage
- **act in a financially responsible manner** – observe all the above principles when making financial decisions
- **comply with relevant legislation and policies** – know what legislation and policies are relevant for which decisions and obey the law
- **demonstrate leadership and stewardship** – set a good example, encourage a culture of accountability, manage risks effectively, exercise care and responsibility to keep the school strong and sustainable.

Indemnity for school council members

School councillors are indemnified against any liability in respect of any loss or damage suffered by the council or any other person in respect of anything necessarily or reasonably done, or omitted to be done by the councillor in good faith in:

- a the exercise of a power or the performance of a function of a councillor, or
- b the reasonable belief that the act or omission was in the exercise of a power or the performance of a function of a council.

In other words, school councillors are not legally liable for any loss or damage suffered by council or others as a result of reasonable actions taken in good faith.

How can you become involved?

By participating in, and voting in the school council elections, which are held in Term 1 each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant.

In view of this, you might consider:

- standing for election as a member of the school council
- encouraging another person to stand for election.

What do you need to do to stand for election?

The principal will issue a Notice of Election and Call for nominations in Term 1 of each year. Council elections must be completed by 31 March, unless varied by the Minister for Education.

If you stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or, you can nominate yourself in the parent member category. You can only be nominated by another member of the same category that you are eligible for (e.g. a member of the parent electorate may only nominate another parent of that electorate).

Department employees with a child enrolled at a school where they are not engaged in work, are eligible to nominate for parent membership at that school.

Return your completed nomination form to the principal within the time stated on the Notice of Election. You will receive a Nomination Form Receipt via post, email or by hand delivery.

Generally, if there are more nominations than vacancies a ballot will be conducted in the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

Remember

- Consider standing for election to school council.
- Ask the principal for instructions if you are not sure what to do.
- Be sure to vote if the election goes to ballot.
- Contact the principal if you are unsure about what is required at any stage of the election process.

Assistant Principal's Report

Dear Canterbury Community,
Welcome back to the start of 2023. Students in the Senior School are off to a great start.

VCE Processes

On Monday 30 January, VCE teachers were reminded of a number of processes by the Head of Senior School Amanda Jackson. The following is a snapshot of the processes identified. Each student has also received the VCE Handbook, which outlines the following processes in detail.

- **Notice of an Assessment Task (SAC) or (SAT)**
All VCE students should be provided with at least 5 days' notice for a SAC. This can be emailed or sent to students via Compass
- **Rescheduling a VCE SAC or SAT due to Absence**
If a student has been absent from a SAC, they must have medical evidence of their absence if they are to sit this assessment. They must see their teacher first who will provide them with a form, which is then completed and handed to the Senior School office with evidence of absence.
Most re-sits will be supervised afterschool on a Monday or Tuesday night.
- **Overdue VCE Coursework Form**
Course work constitutes an integral part of the VCE Unit. If a student has not submitted set work, and as a result may be unable to attain a satisfactory completion for this unit (that is, they have not demonstrated the achievement of the specified learning outcomes) then parents and guardians will be sent a notice to encourage and support their student to complete this work.
- **Redeeming Outcomes Form**
If a student does not achieve a 'satisfactory' result on an outcome by not demonstrating an understanding of this work, they will need to redeem this work. Parents and guardians will be sent a 'Redemption of an Outcome' notice to encourage and support their child to complete this work. Please note: Students are only given one opportunity to redeem each outcome. If the student does not undertake the 'Redemption of an Outcome' on the date specified, they may achieve an N for Unsatisfactory Completion of this unit.

Locker Allocations

On the first day back, all students received their new locker allocation. In most cases, students have reused their old locks to secure their locker. However, there are a number of lockers around the school without locks. In the interests of security and safety, it is important that students secure their lockers as soon as possible. Combination locks are available from the General Office or students are able to bring their own.

College Photos

This year, Canterbury Girls' Secondary College photos will be ordered through the Compass Portal under the Community Tab. By now parents and guardians should have received information from MSP Photography.

To place your order, make sure you have your Compass login details handy! If you are unsure of your login details, please contact the school for assistance. Once you have logged in, you will need to follow a few easy steps!

Our upcoming photo days will be on:

- 3 February 2023 - Year 8 to Year 12 - Class and Portrait (Catch-up day for Year 7 - Portrait Only)
- 10 February 2023 - Catch-up day for the whole school - Portrait Only

If you have any questions regarding the photography service or packages available for purchase, please contact the MSP team on 03 9466 7331 or by email at admin.nem@mshp.com.au.

Senior School Uniform

Please assist us with the expectations regarding the school uniform (Student Dress Code) which are on pages 16-17 of the Student Planner (school diary). We communicate this to all students on the first day back.

- We remind students to remove all coloured nail polish, fake eyelashes, and facial piercings.
- The only jewellery allowed is up to 2 plain stud earrings or sleepers worn in each ear and a watch or fitness tracker on the wrist. All other visible jewellery must be removed.
- Unnatural hair colours (e.g. bright red, green, pink, blue, purple) and/or extreme hairstyles are not permitted.

Buildings and Grounds

During the summer vacation, a number of new works and maintenance tasks were undertaken. The following is a basic list of jobs completed prior to students coming back to school.

- All knives in the B Block kitchens were sharpened in preparation for the 2023 school year.
- All ovens in B Block were cleaned in preparation for the 2023 school year.
- High-pressure roof gutter cleaning. As part of the annual maintenance cycle, where accessible, all roof gutters were cleaned around the school
- Annual service of all gas appliances such as heaters and stoves including a full clean, service, gas and carbon monoxide safety check.
- High-pressure underground drain flushed and cleaned to avoid any blockages or flooding for large rain events
- Painting of the double storey portables, as well as Portable 4 and 5.
- New lighting was installed in A7 with blue infused globes.
- Supply and installation of new door closers to aluminium glass doors in B Building.
- Basic maintenance including general classroom set up covering cleaning,

whiteboards, general cleaning of carpets, grounds and washing down all buildings.

- New trees in A Block courtyard: 2 Acer Palmatum (Japanese Maple) including 6 stakes, topsoil, fertiliser, and webbing straps to support tree.

Drop-offs, Pick-ups, and Parking

With our building works almost coming to an end, please avoid using the construction driveway as a drop-off or pick-up zone.

We understand that access to this area can be challenging. However, in the interests of safety please drop off or pick up students 50 to 100 metres before the school.

This is also a friendly reminder to make sure you avoid the 'No Standing', 'Permit' and 'Bus Zone' when dropping off or collecting your child/ren. Also, please be mindful of where you park around the school and read the signs carefully. In particular, do not park near or across driveways as it means homeowners find it difficult to get into or out of their driveways. This matter has been raised by numerous neighbours, who have not had access to their property due to cars parked across the driveway, particularly at start and the end of the school day.

Thank you for your cooperation during this time.

Jim Ouliaris
Assistant Principal

Teaching and Learning News

Community Liaison

My name is Helia and I am your 2023 Community Liaison Captain. I am excited to lead the team this year and encourage all students to get involved in the Community Liaison activities.

Our first activity will be the annual International Women's Day Breakfast, which will take place this year on Friday 10 March at 7.30-8.30 am. Parents, guardians, students and staff will have the opportunity to come together for a light breakfast and to hear from our guest speaker. International Women's Day is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate women's achievements and this year the theme is #EmbraceEquity.

We would welcome any donations of either goods or vouchers that can be used as door prizes or in a raffle, so please feel free to contact the Community Liaison Coordinator, Gabrielle Bert (gbe@cgsc.vic.edu.au) if you can help in any way. Tickets will be available soon from TryBooking, so stay tuned and we look forward to seeing you there!

Helia Darivandi Shoushtari
Community Liaison Captain

Sport Report

Welcome back everyone!

Volleyball Victoria Junior Open

Before we embark on an exciting new school year, there is one sporting event from last year that is worth mentioning – the Volleyball Victoria Junior Open.

From Sunday 27 November to Wednesday 30 November 2022, the Canterbury volleyballers headed to MSAC for the Volleyball Victoria Junior Open.

All students represented Canterbury so beautifully both on and off the court. They fought hard in each game, even when the score board was not always in our favour. They cheered each other on, on the sidelines and they played some volleyball they should be extremely proud of. It truly is a wonderful community we have built in the volleyball program.



At the end of the tournament, we finished in the following places:

- 7A: 7th (U15 Div 1)
- 7B: 10th (U15 Div 2)
- 8A: 3rd (U15 Div1)
- 8B: 4th (U15 Div 2)
- 10: 5th (U17 Div 1)
- 11: 6th (U19 Div 1)

A huge thank you to the athletes, to the parents and guardians, and to the staff that made this event possible. There were lots of early starts and late nights as well as many trainings leading up to the event. It truly would not be possible without your support.



Upcoming Sporting Events

17 Feb	Senior Round Robin Cricket, Softball, Tennis and Volleyball
21 Feb	Intermediate Division Round Robin Cricket, Softball, Tennis, Volleyball
23 Feb	Year 8 Division Round Robin Basketball, Softball, Tennis
27 Feb	House Swimming Sports @Boroondara Sports Complex
14 Mar	Division Swimming Sports @Boroondara Sports Complex
29 Mar	Year 7 Round Robin Basketball, Softball, Tennis



I wanted to end by saying a huge congratulations to our Year 12 team. They have been in the program for 6 years, won two state titles and a national title. They are incredible players but also incredible people. The best role models for our future volleyball superstars!

Georgia Lumb
Volleyball Program Co-ordinator

Interschool Sport @CGSC

To participate in Interschool Sport teams, all information is found on the newsfeeds. It is important that students firstly sign up, then attend meetings and selections (where necessary) to be considered to represent the school at these events. Boroondara Division includes Balwyn High, Kew High, Camberwell High and Doncaster Secondary College.

Participating in both Interschool Sports and House Sport activities at lunchtimes is an easy opportunity for students to meet other peers and a great way to get involved in all aspects of school life, show some school spirit and experience the benefits of team sports.

Corey Lawson
Sport and Sport Education Co-ordinator

TERM 1

**House Sport Volleyball
(lunchtimes in the New Gym)**

Seniors: Week 3
Intermediates: Week 7
Juniors: Week 6

Ensemble Rehearsal Schedule 2023

Ensembles commence from next week (beginning Monday 6 Feb 2023.)

Please note: there may be changes to some rehearsal times.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
AM	Coda 7.45-8.35am BKE	Klezmer 7.45-8.35am, C19 JFR	Year 7 Band 7.45-8.35am, BR MSW	Drum Club 7.45-8.35am, BR JFR	Vivace Strings 7.45-8.35 am, C19 KDI
		Canterbury Voices 7.45-8.35am, PAC SCS	Lore 7.45-8.35am, C19 JFR		Flute Ensemble 8-8.35am, C24 BKE
Lunch			Theory C19, JFR	String Quartet C23, AOP	
				Acoustic Guitar Ensemble P10, DSE	
PM	Shades of Blue 3.15-4.30pm, BR MSW	Cantabella 3.15-4.45pm, PAC SBA	Wind Symphony 3.15-4.45pm, BR MSW	Encore 3.15-4.30pm, PAC AOP	
		Cantabile 3.15-4.15pm, C19 AOP		Dolce' Strings 3.15 - 4.30pm, C19 KDI	
		Symphonia 3.15-4.15pm, BR JFR		Senior Guitar Ensemble 3.15 - 4.15pm, P10 DSE	

Instrumental Music Enrolments for 2023

The enrolment process is continuing to be conducted through Compass Events and initial emails and reminders have now been sent out.

- Parents/guardians will need to provide consent and payment via this event by Friday 10 February 2023. Once payment and consent are made, lessons can commence.
- Lessons commence from next week (if payment and consent has been received.) Please check Compass for lesson details.
- If you are no longer wanting to learn your instrument or play in your ensembles, please decline the relevant event.
- Please label your instruments clearly with your name and home group.
- Year 7 lessons will commence from Week 3 and Week 4.

Cantabella Workshop

Our auditioned choir Cantabella, led by Sharon Batterham, participated in an intense one-day workshop this week at school, focusing on new repertoire for 2023.

One of their new works is the famous and much-loved traditional Jewish/Russian song *Tum Balalaika*, which is sung in Yiddish. The ensemble had the great fortune to work with Naomi Schwalb, who is an expert in Yiddish language and culture, on pronunciation and style.



Naomi also provided students with a fascinating presentation on Jewish/Yiddish culture of Eastern Europe which gave the song context. In the session, Naomi also tutored students in the pronunciation and meaning of the Hebrew text of another of Cantabella's new songs.

We are looking forward to a music-filled year!!

Michael Sword
Head of Music



Term Dates

Week 1 & 2	Lessons & rehearsals commence (Year 8-12)
Week 3 & 4	Lessons commence for new music students (Year 7)
10 Mar	International Women's Day String Quartet
9 Mar	Soiree #1, PAC, 6.30pm
29 Mar	VCE Music Top Class Excursion Melbourne Recital Centre

the parents' association



Canterbury Girls'
SECONDARY COLLEGE

Dear Community,

Year 7 Orientation Day Morning Tea

We would like to thank all volunteers who helped during the Year 7 Orientation Day Morning Tea last Tuesday. The event was a lovely opportunity to welcome the new families to our wonderful school community.



Diary dates

Next monthly meeting

Date: 14 February 2023
Time: 7.00pm
Venue: Conference Room

Office bearers

President: Penny Ison
Vice-Presidents: Toni Gross, Christine Harkness
Secretary: Nicola Rowling
Treasurer: Steve Elsbury

First PA Meeting in 2023 and AGM

The first PA meeting for 2023 will also be the Annual General Meeting. It is scheduled for Tuesday 14 February at 7:00PM. We welcome everyone to help plan the new year's fundraising itinerary. The meeting is held in the Conference Room in the main building. We look forward to meeting new parents and carers as well as familiar friendly faces from previous years.

We will also be looking for people willing to volunteer and take charge of certain roles such as Parent/Carer Representative for each year level.

Penny Ison

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!

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.

Working Bee dates for 2023

25 Feb	Working bee #1 8:45am - 12.00pm
27 May	Working bee #2 8:45am - 12.00pm
12 Aug	Working bee #3 8:45am - 12.00pm
11 Nov	Working bee #4 8:45am - 12.00pm

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,

The canteen staff are reminding you that you can order online through My School Connect. We have all items that we sell in the canteen on a daily basis online. Click [here](#) and put your order in so you are not to be disappointed and miss out on your favourite meal.

Thank you!

Melissa and Annette
The Canteen Team



Camberwell Netball Club



Year 10 & 11 players wanted



*A community-based
netball club for all
genders and abilities*

*Come along for some
fun and fitness
in a friendly environment*

An existing team is looking for players to join. Saturday afternoon games at Waverley District Netball Association, Ashwood.

Register your interest:

camberwellnetballclub@gmail.com

More information:



camberwellnetballclub