

NEWSLETTER

LEAD THE CHALLENGE

2025

Principal's Report

As Term 1 draws to a close, I'd like to take a moment to reflect on the many highlights we've shared as a school community over the past ten weeks. It has been a term filled with learning, celebration, and connection, and I am immensely proud of the way our students and staff have embraced every opportunity. From cultural events and academic achievements to sporting success and strong partnerships with our families, this term has showcased the energy and spirit that make our school such a vibrant place to learn and grow.

Year 7 & Year 12 Parent - Teacher Night

Thank you to all the families who attended our recent Parent-Teacher Night for Years 7 and 12. It was wonderful to see so many engaged and supportive conversations between staff and parents. Events like this build the strong relationships that are essential to student success.

A special thank you to our P&C, who provided a warm welcome (and a delicious BBQ) for our new Year 7 families. Your support helped create a friendly and inclusive atmosphere for all.

Student Achievements

Congratulations to Amina Purevdavaa (Year 10) for her phenomenal achievements at the 2025 French Open Memory Championships held recently in Paris, where she proudly represented Australia. A part of the World Memory Championships, this competition consists of ten different disciplines where competitors memorise as much as they can in a period of time. Amina returned home with 7 gold, 2 silver, and 1 bronze medals across a range of events, 7 gold 2 silver and 1 bronze medal in Paris, placing her in 1st place in the under 18 years level – a truly remarkable feat.



This week, we also celebrate the outstanding achievement of **Andrea Lim (Year 12)**, who won gold in her category at the NSW Regional Jiu Jitsu Championships held last week. Andrea has shown incredible dedication and discipline, training intensively in the lead-up to the event, her success is a testament to her perseverance, resilience, and strength both on and off the mat.

Iftar Dinner

One of the special moments of the term was the Iftar Dinner held during Ramadan. This event was a true celebration of community and cultural understanding. Our students, families, and staff came together as the sun set to share a meal and reflect on the values of generosity and unity that are at the heart of Ramadan.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to the Prefects and Ms Evangelista for their outstanding leadership and organisation of the evening. The atmosphere was warm and welcoming, and it was inspiring to see students of all backgrounds come together to honour this important time in the Islamic calendar.



Harmony Day & Multicultural Day

This term we proudly hosted both Harmony Day and Multicultural Day – and what a success they were! Congratulations to our Student Representative Council and Mr Borojevic for their exceptional planning and coordination. The school came alive with colour, pride, and music, celebrating the many cultures that make up our community.

A highlight of the day was the concert, which showcased student talent from across the school. The international food stall lunch, with an impressive spread with food from across the world raised over \$1000. It was lovely to experience my first Multicultural Day at the CGHS – a powerful reminder of how diversity strengthens and enriches our shared learning environment.

Uniform Reminder

As we move into the cooler months, I'd like to take this opportunity to remind families of our school uniform policy. If you are experiencing any difficulty sourcing uniform items in the correct size from Lowes, please don't hesitate to contact the school for assistance or advice.

Students are reminded that logo jumpers, hoodies, or non-uniform items are not permitted. We will be holding a second-hand uniform stall early in Term 2, and we encourage families to continue donating clean, good-quality uniform items.

We have seen a noticeable improvement in the wearing of school uniform this term, and I want to thank students and families for their efforts. Your support in maintaining a high standard of uniform across the school is greatly appreciated as we head into the colder weather.

Explicit Teaching Focus Group

This term, I had the pleasure of meeting with a group of Year 7 and Year 9 students, alongside our Director of Educational Leadership, Ms Laretta Claus, as part of our ongoing focus on explicit teaching practices. It was a valuable opportunity to hear directly from students about their classroom experiences. I was delighted to learn of the many positive examples of explicit teaching they described across a range of subjects.

The students also shared thoughtful feedback about what they love about our school and areas they feel could be improved. Not surprisingly, uniform and bathrooms were high on their list of priorities. I am continuing to work closely with students and the P&C to address both of these areas and look forward to providing updates next term.

It was also heartening to hear how much students value the rich co-curricular opportunities available in CAPA, as well as the inclusive and welcoming culture of our school. Their feedback is taken seriously as we continue to grow and improve.

As we head into the school holidays, I wish all our students and their families a safe, restful, and happy Easter break. Whether you're celebrating or simply enjoying the time to recharge, I hope the holidays offer you a chance to connect with loved ones and return ready for another term of learning and growth.

Students return to school on Wednesday, 30 April.

Rebecca Cameron
Principal

CGHS Attendance Awards

What does 95% attendance look like?

That's 2.5 days absent each term.

Here are some of the prizes you could win when you are in the draw ...



Student Support Officer (SSO) Update

Wellbeing Program

It's been a busy start to 2025 for all things wellbeing. We started the year off with our Peer Support Peer Leader training for all of Yr 10 and have now begun our Peer Support Program with 40 Peer Leaders and our entire Yr 7 cohort. Peer Support will continue to run until the beginning of Term 2.

The Police Youth Liaison team came along to our school to have their annual safety talks with students, covering topics such as; online safety for our junior students and driver safety for our seniors.

Our Yr 11 students participated in a 'Transition to Further Education' workshop that aimed to prepare them for both the HSC and life after school.

Years 9 & 10 were involved in 'Smashed', an engaging and interactive performance around drug & alcohol safety.

Our Yr 12's were invited to participate in a follow-up session to their 'HSC Stress Management' workshop from last year, that focused on building healthy habits and motivation coming into the HSC.

And to round out the Wellbeing Program for this term we had 'Backflips Against Bullying' come in to perform for our Yr 8 students.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is running again this year. Students can come to the Learning Hub from 8-8:30am, where they are able to have some toast or cereal and hang out with their friends before school starts. Breakfast is available to all students and is completely free of charge.

Operation Organisation

My small group program aimed at supporting students to further develop their planning and organisation skills will start running again for select Yr 7 students throughout terms 2 through 4. If you have a student in Yr 7 that you feel could benefit from this 8 week program (run once weekly, during DEAR), please get in touch with me for more information - brooke.morley3@det.nsw.edu.au

Student Support

I am located at the back of the library and am at school Monday - Friday. Students are welcome to come and chat to me if they have wellbeing concerns.

Upcoming events

Term 2 will be another full term for the Wellbeing Program;
Yr 7 - Verbal Combat Production, Social Inclusion Day and Operation Organisation
Yr 8 - Verbal Combat Production, Talk Money - Spending & Saving
Yr 9 - Verbal Combat Production, Talk Money - Making Money
Yr 10 - Verbal Combat Production
Yr 11 - Ask Us
Yr 12 - 'Halfway there' presentation

Brooke Morley - SSO



International Women's Day

This past month, our school community came together to celebrate International Women's Day (IWD) with a series of events aimed at recognising the achievements, contributions, and ongoing struggles of women worldwide. Through assemblies, interactive activities, and special gatherings, we honoured the theme of IWD: Accelerate Action.

A Powerful Assembly to Start the Week

The celebrations kicked off with a whole-school assembly, presented by our leadership groups. Students delivered inspiring speeches about the significance of IWD, highlighting the achievements of women throughout history and the importance of continuing the fight for equality.

Kahoots Challenge: Learning About Influential Women

During DEAR, students participated in engaging Kahoots quiz focused on influential women from different fields, including science, politics, sports, and the arts.

Zonta Awards Breakfast

Ms La Grassa and select prefects celebrated Beth Earley's Zonta Award and Afroza Kazi's Young Women in Leadership award at a breakfast ceremony at Bankstown Girls HS. A wonderful achievement by both students.



Panel of Speakers

Year 10, Year 12 and our leadership groups were lucky to be an audience for our annual panel talk. Students were lucky to listen to 4 inspirational women from our community. Monica Serci, Senior Associate at Walter and Elliott Family Lawyers, Eliana Morel, a singer, actor and writer, Fiona Byrne who was the Greens Member of Parliament for Marrickville and Dr Sarah Alexandrou from the Garvan Institute of Medical Research. Students heard about each of our panels inspiring journeys and had the opportunity to ask questions after the presentation.

Friday Lunchtime Activities

Students and staff enjoyed a variety of treats using recipes of family members while being serenaded by the beautiful voices of female singer-songwriters. The event not only raised funds but also created a joyful atmosphere that celebrated the creativity and talent of women in music.

The United Nations Women Australia International Women's Day Lunch

To conclude the week, Ms Cameron, Mrs O'Donnell and a selection of our prefects attended a special lunch at the ICC, where they had the opportunity to engage in meaningful conversations about leadership, equality, and the role young people play in shaping a more inclusive future. This experience was both insightful and empowering, reinforcing the importance of supporting and advocating for women in all spaces.

The week-long celebration of International Women's Day was a resounding success, thanks to the dedication and participation of our school community.

International Women's Day



Emerging Technologies Deloitte Project and 8A

Part of this project's focus is to inspire women to consider STEM careers. Our visit to the Google office provided a closer look at how inspiring women are creating a more equitable future. Students met with 3 Google women who each offered their unique perspectives, wisdom, and tips on fostering a career in technology.

Encouraging women and girls to consider a career in STEM is one of the ways we can achieve greater diversity in Australia's science and technology sectors and build Australia's STEM workforce capabilities for the future.

After the inspirational talks we went on an office tour that generated a whole new perspective of an office workplace. 😊 Bring your pet to work, or take a break in the games rooms, theatres, massage rooms, pilates classes, gym, amazing libraries, music studios, themed meeting rooms, art rooms, craft rooms .. you name it they had it !.. and the main perk of free freshly prepared chef meals, drinks and snacks available all day long and lots of it, 😊 to keep employees happy and maintain productivity. The students were amazed at what a workplace can look like.



Open Netball

Canterbury Girls High School's Open Netball team delivered an outstanding performance, securing a dominant 46-11 victory over Newtown Performing Arts High School.

The team showcased exceptional skill, teamwork, and determination throughout the match.

Congratulations to all the players and coaches for their hard work and well-deserved win!

Coach: Ms Fourfouris

Team

Audrey Atkins (Yr 12), Maggie Crowley (Yr 12), Maeve Flohr (Yr 12), Rose Smith (Yr 12), Tyneshia Greg (Yr 12), Katokula Latu (Yr 12), Alkira Joseph-Riogi (Yr 11), Summer Kupu (Yr 11), Tallara Joseph-Riogi (Yr 10), Havana-Capri Vai (Yr 7), Neomai Mapapalangi (Yr 7)



Knockout Basketball Opens

We played against Beverly Girls High School at Canterbury Girls MPC on Monday 10/3/25.

Unfortunately, CGHS lost 59:38 point score.

Player of the match was: Maya Moore and Aysha Sabouni

Team list: Ruby Krawitz, Ciara Clarke, Aysha Sabouni, Eman Alayan, Maya Moore, Ishani Chand, Kristina Radmanovic, Tallara Joseph-Riogi, Jyдах Golding, Katokula Latu.



Table Tennis Knockout

On the 21st of March, I was very lucky to have the opportunity to go to the Table Tennis Knockout at Sydney Olympic Park. Anna Thai (Year 12), Sohee Nam (Year 12), Allegra Scardinale (Year 9) and I competed in the Sydney East Table Tennis knockout. There were many schools competing. We were all very grateful to Ms Liu for taking us and to Miss Hadfield for organizing this event!

The first school we played against was Tempe High School. The boys were all very skilled and even made it to the Semi-finals! We really enjoyed playing against them (even though it was very challenging)! We lost 5-1. Allegra won her singles game against Tempe!

Afterwards, we played against St George Girls High School! We had a lot of fun playing against them! They were also very talented! We lost 4-2. I won my singles game and Allegra and I won our doubles game!

Lastly we played against Lucas Heights Community School. We lost 3-4 to the boys. Sohee and Allegra won their singles games and Allegra and I won our doubles game. Anna and I then had to do a tie breaker game, because at that point we were tied with Lucas Heights. Unfortunately, we lost the tie breaker, but it was a very close game.

We were all very proud to represent Canterbury Girls High School at Table Tennis Knockout! We are all very thankful to have the chance to compete and we had a great time! Thank you to Ms Liu and Miss Hadfield for giving us this opportunity!

Imogen Andrews (Year 9)



Sydney FC visits CGHS

On Friday the 7th March three players from the Sydney FC Women's first team (Faye Bryson, Jordan Kennedy & Millie Farrow) came to Canterbury Girl's High School to implement a program 'Empowering Young Women'. This was presented to students from the 'Talented Athlete Program' (TAP) and provided strategies about how to balance their lives around school and their heavy sport schedules.

The presenters also ran some practical activities to engage the students and get them involved in some team sports based around collaboration and critical thinking.

The TAP students enjoyed every minute and the presenters were highly complementary about the behaviour of the students from Canterbury Girls High School.



SEA GOOD NEWS

2025 Term 1 - Edition 1

OUR GROUP

EARTH HOUR

Earth Hour is a global environmental movement organised by the World Wildlife Fund (WWF). It started on the 31st of March, 2007. On this day, you're supposed to turn off any non-essential lights for one hour. The SEA asked everyone to do this on the 21st of March 2025 during DEAR. We asked all the DEAR classes to turn off lights, fans, and all electronics for that time period, as well as all lights in the corridor. It's important to do this because it showed a symbolic gesture to raise awareness about climate change and the need to take action to reduce our impact on the environment.



OCEAN CONSERVATION

Currently, in Australia a lot is being done to help conserve the Great Barrier Reef, a beautiful Australian icon which is currently under threat.

One new initiative is the planting of heat resistant coral. A great thing, because it means the coral can survive and thrive despite rising sea temperatures, one of the largest threats to the coral populations and reef.

AUSTRALIA

RENEWABLE GROWTH

Electric cars are becoming more and more popular, which is leaving a positive impact on the environment. Compared to cars powered by petrol, electric cars are more efficient, cost less to manage, make less noise pollution, use renewable energy and most importantly, with the absence of petrol, they produce zero tailpipe emissions, which are the product of a (normal) cars' fuel consumption and are very harmful to the environment.



WORLD



**Turn Off
Lights**

FOR YOU

One thing you can do to help the environment is to conserve energy. Be inspired by Earth Hour and make a habit of turning off all nonessential lights and appliances when you aren't using them. A little really goes a long way!!!!!!

FOR YOU

Chinese Excursion

On Thursday March 6, Year 10 and 11 Chinese Elective students went on an excursion to the city to practice their Chinese and immerse themselves in the culture. They visited the Chinese Garden of Friendship, where they took in the stunning views, landscapes, and traditional structures. Along the way, they learned about the meanings behind these features and gained a deeper appreciation for their beauty.

As part of their recent lessons on ordering food in Chinese, students had the opportunity to put their language skills to the test at Yum Cha at The Eight in Market City. They enjoyed a variety of traditional dishes while practicing their conversational Chinese in a real-life setting.

Although the White Rabbit Gallery was quite crowded, some students managed to look inside and explore the contemporary Chinese art on display. Despite this change in plans, the day remained an enjoyable and enriching experience. Students appreciated the chance to apply their Chinese language skills outside the classroom while also enjoying time in the city.



READ ANYTHING BOOK CLUB

Come share what you're reading or listen to your friends talk about books they love

Seniors Monday lunch
Juniors Friday lunch
In the library



Read Anything Book Club!

Love books? Enjoy sharing your latest read with others? Then join the Read Anything Book Club, where you can talk about whatever you're reading—no assigned books, just great conversations!

Senior Book Club (Grades 10-12) meets every Monday at lunch, and Junior Book Club (Grades 7-9) meets every Friday at lunch in the Library. Bring your current read—whether it's a novel, graphic novel, poetry, or manga—and share it with the group. It's a great way to discover new books, hear recommendations, and chat with fellow book lovers.

No pressure, no required books—just a fun, relaxed space to connect over stories.

Got questions? See Mr Diviney for more details. We can't wait to hear what you're reading! 



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CGHS VET Entertainment Crew – A Strong Start to the Year

It has been a busy and exciting start for the CGHS VET Entertainment Crew, as students dive into the brand-new Entertainment Industry course offered at Canterbury Girls High School. Designed to give students hands-on experience in live production, staging, and technical operations, the course has already provided invaluable industry insights.

Building Industry Skills

To kick-start their journey, students have completed their White Card training, a key qualification for working in the construction industry. This certification allows them to safely participate in event setups, ensuring they understand workplace health and safety requirements in live production environments.

Real-World Experience

The VET Crew has been actively involved in the bump-in and bump-out of multiple performances and assembly setups at CGHS. From managing sound and lighting to handling stage equipment, students are gaining practical skills that are directly applicable to the entertainment industry. Adding to the excitement, CGHS has recently received brand-new equipment through a Supplementary Equipment Grant, enhancing the hands-on learning experience for students. This new gear will provide opportunities to work with industry-standard audio, lighting, and staging equipment, better preparing them for real-world careers in live production.



VET Crew Identity

Students have also received their official VET Crew shirts, modelled proudly during their White Card training day.

With such a strong start, the CGHS VET Entertainment Crew is set for an exciting year ahead, gaining the skills and experience needed for future careers in the entertainment industry. We look forward to seeing their talents continue to shine!



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Behind the Scenes at The Voice

A major highlight this term was an exclusive opportunity for Music 1 and VET Entertainment students to attend The Voice Semi-Final. This behind-the-scenes experience gave students firsthand insight into the fast-paced world of professional television production, offering a deeper understanding of technical operations, stage management, and event coordination. From witnessing live sound mixing to seeing how lighting and staging come together for a polished broadcast, students gained valuable industry knowledge that will enhance their studies and future careers in music and entertainment. It was an unforgettable experience, showcasing the high level of skill and teamwork required to bring a major production to life!



MUSIC

Centre Stage: Showcasing Our Ensembles

CGHS Chamber Ensemble – Growing in Strength!

The **CGHS Chamber Ensemble** has doubled in size this year and is sounding better than ever! With a rich blend of **strings and woodwind**, including recorders, our talented musicians are hard at work preparing an exciting repertoire for **Winterfest**.

If you play **violin, viola, cello, double bass, flute, clarinet, oboe, bassoon, or recorder**, we'd love for you to join this dynamic and fast-growing ensemble. Whether you're an experienced player or looking to develop your skills in a supportive group setting, now is the perfect time to get involved!

Rehearsals: **Friday mornings, 7:40 AM, Cantabrian Hall**. Come along and be part of something special!



Watch our Chamber Ensemble in action [HERE](#)





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CAPA Ensembles and Private tuition

Music Ensembles

7 - 12	Choir	Thursday	Lunch	B14
7 - 12	Choir	Tuesday	Lunch	B14
7 - 12	Percussion Ensemble	Friday	Lunch	B14
7 - 12	Concert Band	Thursday	8.00am	Cantabrian Hall
7 - 9	Combined Band*	Tuesday	8.00am	Cantabrian Hall
7 - 12	Chamber Ensemble	Friday	7.40am	Cantabrian Hall

Dance Ensembles

7 - 12	KPOP/Hip-hop club	Monday	Lunch	Studio
	Performance Company	Tuesday	Lunch	Studio
8 - 11	Sport Ensemble	Wednesday	Sport	Studio

Drama Ensembles

7-8	Junior Ensemble	Monday	Lunch	B7
9-11	Senior Ensemble	Friday	Lunch	B7

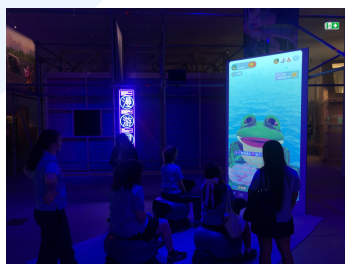
Private Tuition

Instrument	Teacher	Contact Details
Violin	Daniel Rosenbaum	0412 544 013
Cello	Mina Scarratt	0401 442 736
Flute/Brass	Sam Golding	0414 283 161
Voice	Margi De Ferranti	0412 067 133
Voice	Aimilia Skotidas	0487 189 164
Piano	Marcello Maio	0401 708 205
Electric Guitar/Acoustic Guitar/Bass	Alan Plummer	0405 194 724
Drum Kit	James Hauptmann	0414 097 025

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VISUAL ARTS

Our Year 11 and 12 Visual Arts students embarked on an inspiring excursion to the Art Gallery of New South Wales, exploring ArtExpress 2025—a showcase of outstanding HSC Visual Arts works that offered fresh perspectives on contemporary issues. They also immersed themselves in the thought-provoking world of renowned Chinese artist Cao Fei, whose retrospective exhibition blended virtual reality, digital culture, and social commentary. This excursion provided a rich opportunity for creative engagement, critical discussion, and a deeper appreciation of innovative artistic expression.



Charlotte and the Chocolate Factory – 2025

REMINDER:

Save the dates: Thursday, 12th June, and Friday, 13th June, from 6 PM in the MPC.

Ticket information will be released soon—we can't wait to bring this exciting, laughter-filled, and heartwarming adventure to life!

Louise Flannery
Head Teacher CAPA (relieving)
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Southwest Link

Train replacement buses



Sydenham to Bankstown – Making way for Sydney Metro

The NSW Government announced the T6 Lidcombe & Bankstown Line will close for approximately two months due to Sydney Metro construction work.

From **Sunday 27 April to Sunday 29 June 2025**, fare-free buses will replace T6 trains between Lidcombe and Bankstown.

During this time, T3 Liverpool & Inner West Line trains will continue to run between Liverpool and the City via Lidcombe, and Southwest Link bus services will run as normal between Sydenham and Bankstown.

T6 rail replacement bus routes

T6 trains between Lidcombe and Bankstown will be replaced the following fare-free bus routes:

- **8T6:** Bankstown, all stations to Lidcombe and return (up to every 8 minutes on weekdays)
- **8AT6:** Bankstown, express to Lidcombe and return (up to every 8 minutes on weekdays)

The diagram below shows bus routes 8T6 and 8AT6 and available connections to T1, T2 and T3 and Southwest Link buses.



Before travelling, it's important that students plan their journey and allow extra travel time.

More information

Students and parents should visit transportnsw.info for the latest information about transport services including the T6 rail replacement buses, Southwest Link, and other travel options.

FREE STEM HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS AT UTS

April holiday STEM workshops at UTS are now open.

The workshops will take place on **Wednesday, 16th April, at the UTS City Campus from 09:30AM to 03:30PM.**

Please share this with your parents/carers, as each student must individually register their interest.

Registrations can be done either using the QR code on the flyer attached, or via this link:
<https://forms.office.com/r/29YhK4gMFk>



Women in
Engineering and IT

STEM X Holiday Workshops

Workshops:

Year 5 - 6

Sustainability - Saving our Ocean
Civil Engineering - Designing Bridges
Micro:Bits - Wearable Technology

Year 7 - 8

Rocketry - Designing Rockets
MicroMelons - Autonomous Vehicles

Year 9 - 11

Sound Design - Audio Editing in Media
Renewable Energy - Arduino

When: 16th April 2025

Where: UTS Campus

Solve real-world problems using engineering and technology at our holiday workshops for girls and young women aged 10-17.

Join us on UTS campus to start exploring!

Register Here:

<https://forms.office.com/r/29YhK4gMFk>

