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LEAD THE CHALLENGE

Principal's Report

TERM 2 WEEK 6 2025

We continue to be inspired by the opportunities our students are seizing beyond the classroom—most recently, at the prestigious Harvard Model United Nations Conference. This four-day international relations simulation allowed students to gain valuable insights into the workings of the UN and the complexities of global diplomacy by stepping into the shoes of world leaders and decision-makers. Congratulations to **Ismeni Starvropoulos** and **Zahra Singh** from Year 10 who were selected to attend, and sincere thanks to **Ms LaGrassa** for supporting them throughout this exceptional experience.

Celebrating attendance

Earlier this week, I had the opportunity to present our current attendance data to both the Executive Director and Director. I was proud to share that our school is on an upward trend for overall attendance, as well as in the percentage of students attending more than 90% of the time. This is a testament to the hard work of our staff and students, and aligns with the Department of Education's "Every Day Matters" initiative, which highlights the critical link between attendance and student achievement. One area for improvement is in the last week of each term in which our attendance rate does decrease. I encourage all students to attend right up until the last day of term to ensure continuous learning in the classroom.

Given the growing number of students attending over 95% of the time, we have expanded our reward program to recognise one junior and one senior student twice per term. Starting in Term 3, we will also be celebrating students who have shown significant improvement in their attendance, even if they haven't yet reached the 95% benchmark.

New Projects

Two exciting school improvement projects are also now underway. Phase two of our air conditioning project commenced this week, and once completed, every classroom and staffroom will be air-conditioned - an upgrade I know will be appreciated by all. In addition, renovations have begun in C2, where one of our kitchens is being transformed into a STEM makerspace. This space will allow students to explore areas such as engineering, coding, and design through hands-on learning. Later this year we will be working closely with our P&C to fundraise for specialised equipment, including laser cutters and 3D printers, which will further enrich the learning experience. I'm looking forward to seeing the projects our students will be creating in the second half of the year in this new facility.

CEO Sleepout

I'd also like to express my heartfelt thanks to those who have donated to my Vinnies CEO Sleepout campaign. Thanks to your generosity, I've raised over \$1500, which will provide four individual support programs, 12 beds, and 50 meals for people experiencing homelessness. If you are still considering making a donation, it's not too late—please see the link below.

<https://www.ceosleepout.org.au/fundraisers/rebeccacameron/nsw>

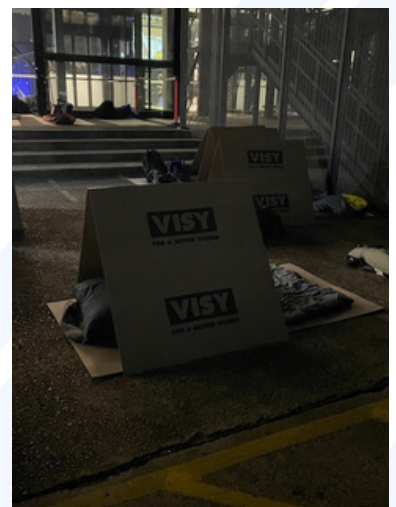
School Musical

Finally, a reminder that our school musical is on next Thursday and Friday evening. I've seen a few sneak peeks and can't wait to see the full production come to life on stage. The P&C will have food options available prior to the show, and I encourage you to come along and support our talented performers.

Wishing you all a safe and restful long weekend.

Upcoming Dates:

- 11 June Zone Cross Country
- 12 & 13 June - School Musical
- 13 June - Society & Culture HSC Study Day
- 16 -20 June - Year 10 Taster Week
- 18 June - HSC Study Day Business Studies
- 19 June - HSC Study Day Economics
- 20 June - Year 8 Zoo Excursion



Rebecca Cameron
Principal

Harding Miller Scholarship 2025

Harding Miller Foundation supports Australian girls in Australian public high schools. CGHS is proud to announce **Ashna Bichuka** Year 9 is the recipient of 2025 scholarship from Canterbury Girls High School

Briefly, scholarships are valued at \$20,000 over four years (from year 9) and are the most generous of their kind anywhere in Australia. They provide the tools and resources for scholars to reach their academic potential and build pathways to tertiary education and fulfilling careers and lives. Congratulations, Ashna.



NSW Public Schools Student Survey.

In Term 2, we are offering our students the opportunity to participate in the NSW Public Schools Student Survey. The survey gives students the chance to share their thoughts and feelings about life at school, including questions about their engagement, learning experiences and wellbeing at school.

Hearing directly from our students will help us understand what's working well and where improvements can be made to our school. The survey is confidential, takes around 10 to 15 minutes to complete, and will be conducted online during school hours.

Participation is voluntary. If you prefer your child not to participate, please complete the opt-out consent form, which will be sent home, and return it to the school. Further information about the survey is available at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/npss>

Please use the link below for the latest Career Matters News

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Student Support Officer (SSO) Mid-Term Update

CGHS x CBHS First Nations Leadership Group Program

Our First Nations Leadership Group get together with the Canterbury Boys High School First Nations Leadership group three times a term to work with The Settlement Program to build connection and engage with community. We have had two sessions so far and will continue to meet throughout the year. We are currently planning ways we can collaborate for NAIDOC.

Operation Organisation

My small group program aimed at supporting students to further develop their planning, organisation and stress management 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 Friday DEAR), please get in touch with me for more information - brooke.morley3@det.nsw.edu.au

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club runs every day of the school week. 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.

Vaccination Program

The Yr 10 Vaccinations will take place on Monday 4th August, during period 1 & 2. Keep an eye out in future newsletters and for emails closer to the date that will detail how to provide consent for your student to receive their free vaccination at school. Towards the end of the year, we will run a catch-up vaccination session for any students in Yr 7 & 10 who missed out on their vaccination throughout the year.

Student Support

I am located at the back of the library, and I am available here at school every day of the week. Students are welcome to come and chat to me if they have wellbeing concerns or are needing additional support.

Brooke Morley

Student Support Officer

Knockout Volleyball



Canterbury Girls High School versed Tempe High School in Round One of the Volleyball Knockout Competition. The game was played at the Marrickville PCYC, Friday 16 May. Students played brilliantly, making Tempe fight for every point but unfortunately lost by only a few points.

Zone Cross Country Carnival

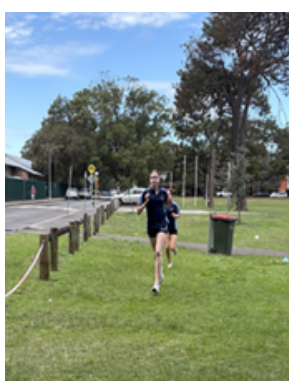
What an incredible day we had at the Zone Cross Country Carnival! Held on Tuesday 13th of May 2025, the event brought together athletes from numerous schools, showcasing their dedication and talent in a thrilling display of endurance and sportsmanship.

The day kicked off with a buzz of excitement as participants lined up at the starting line, ready to tackle the challenging course. Each race was filled with intense competition, and we were proud to see our students giving their all, pushing their limits, and supporting one another throughout the event.

Congratulations to all our athletes who participated in the Zone Cross Country, and a huge congratulations to the following students who came in first place in their age groups:

- Mara Winkler, 12 years
- Eliza Dawson, 15 years
- Zara Winstone, 16 years
- Emma Mitsak, 17 years

We are proud of all our participants for their efforts and sportsmanship. Let's continue to celebrate and encourage our athletes as they prepare for the Regional Cross Country Carnival!



Year 7 Social Inclusion Day with Ashfield Boys High School

In Week 3, our Year 7 students participated in a fun and engaging Social Inclusion Day with Ashfield Boys High School. The event was all about building friendships, developing social skills, and celebrating diversity.

Students took part in a range of activities designed to encourage teamwork and communication. These included exciting team-building games, a challenging treasure hunt, and a fun quiz that had everyone thinking and laughing together. One of the creative highlights was the banner-making session, where students worked in mixed-school groups to design colourful banners promoting inclusion and respect.

The day also featured a delicious sausage sizzle lunch, giving students a chance to relax, share stories, and enjoy each other's company in a friendly and welcoming setting.

Throughout the day, it was wonderful to see students stepping out of their comfort zones, making new friends, and learning the importance of co-operation and community. The atmosphere was positive, inclusive, and filled with smiles and laughter.

Thank you to Ashfield Boys High School for joining us and to all the staff and students who helped make the day such a great success. We look forward to more shared events in the future!



CAPA @ CGHS

🍫 Charlotte and the Chocolate Factory – Tickets Now On Sale! 🎭

Get ready for an unforgettable evening of music, storytelling and creativity as Canterbury Girls High School proudly presents:

Charlotte and the Chocolate Factory, an original, student-devised musical production!

Join us as our talented students bring this imaginative re-telling to life with humour, heart, and a whole lot of chocolate!

Come early, grab a bite, and soak up the festive atmosphere.

💰 All funds raised will go towards upgrading our audio equipment, helping us take future productions to the next level.

📅 12th & 13th June

🕒 Gates open at 6:00 PM – Enjoy live music and dinner from the food truck (pizza!) on the outdoor stage.

🎭 Main performance begins at 7:30 PM in the MPC (Multi-Purpose Centre)

🎫 Ticket Prices:

- Family Pass (2 adults + 2 children): \$50
- Adults: \$20
- Children (non-CGHS students): \$10
- CGHS Students: FREE!

🎫 How to Purchase Tickets:

- Go to the School Bytes Parent Portal.
- Select Payments.
- Scroll to the bottom and click Add Other Item.
- Select the School Musical Tickets category.
- Choose the relevant date and number of each ticket type and press Add.
- Press Add Items at the bottom of the screen.
- Unselect any other items, then press Pay Now.

🔗 Friends and family outside the school community can also purchase tickets via the public link:

[🔗 Purchase Tickets Now](#)

- Press Add Other Item
- Select 'School Musical Tickets' in the Category
- Select the event tickets you'd like to purchase and click on the 'Add' button next to your selections
- Click on the 'Add Items' button at the bottom of the page
- Then press Pay Now and follow the instructions to finalise your payment



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✨ Don't miss this chance to support our incredible cast, crew, and production team. It's shaping up to be a highlight of the year—and a show you won't want to miss!

We look forward to seeing you there for a magical and memorable night!



VET Entertainment Crew Behind the Scenes of the Production

A huge shoutout to our dedicated VET Entertainment Crew, who have been working tirelessly behind the scenes to prepare the MPC for our upcoming production of Charlotte and the Chocolate Factory.

From setting up lighting and sound to configuring staging and equipment, these students have played a vital role in transforming the space into a fully functioning performance venue. Their professionalism, teamwork, and technical skills are a credit to the VET Entertainment course and a testament to the real-world experience they are gaining through this exciting opportunity. We're incredibly proud of their contribution – the show simply couldn't happen without them!

Sound & Lights



Staging set up and ready to go!



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VISUAL ARTS

Surreal Doors by Year 8 Visual Arts

Year 8 Angelina Xu

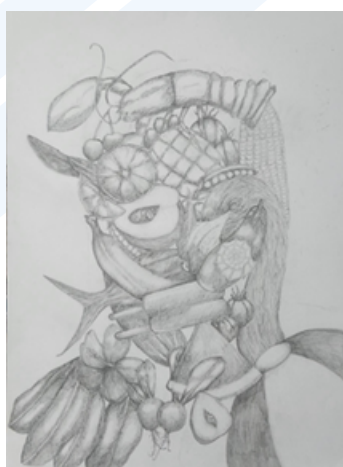


Year 8 Edie Whitehead



Year 9 Visual Arts Arcimboldo inspired Self-portrait Drawings

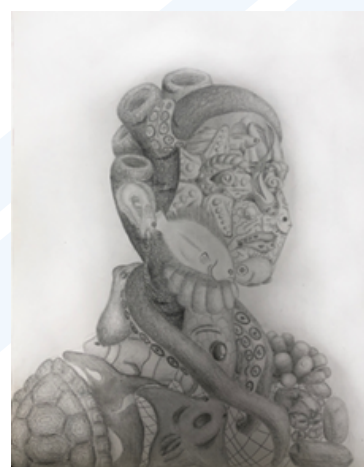
Year 9 Zunaira Fatima



Year 9 Violet Schenoni

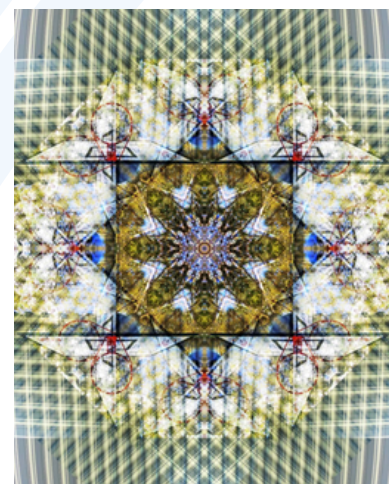
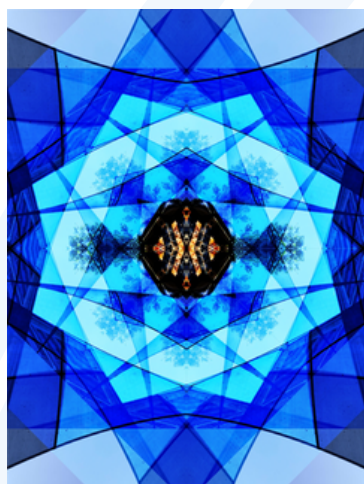


Year 9 Saffira Mencias



Year 10 Photographic and Digital Media

Students took photographs of the school and created them into kaleidoscopes.



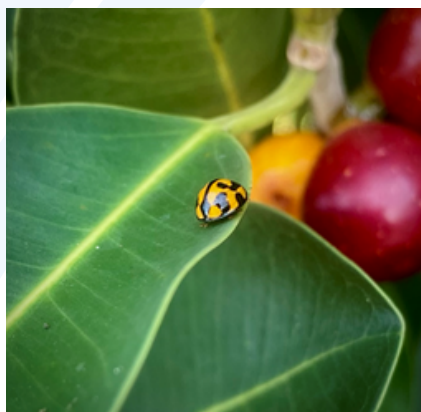
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Year 9 Photography and Digital Media

Below are a selection of photographs taken by students in Year 9 Photography and Digital Media from the 'My Natural World' assignment. Students were learning to use the DSLR cameras and instructed to use a variety of photographic techniques studied in class to capture interesting and unique perspectives from their natural environment



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DANCE

Dance Department Update

It's been a dynamic and busy start to the term for our CGHS dancers!

The **CGHS Performance Company** has been making the most of Tuesday lunchtimes, showing real commitment as they rehearse for the upcoming In the Spotlight Festival on 24th June.



Performance Date: Tuesday 24 June

Performance Time: 6:15 PM

Ticket Prices:

- Adults: \$25
- Concession: \$18
- Children under 2 years of age are permitted to sit on a guardians lap free of charge

 Show Duration: Each performance will run for approximately 60 minutes.

<https://www.seymourcentre.com/event/in-the-spotlight-dance-festival-2025/>

Please come and support our talented dancers!

Our **Dance Company** has also been hard at work during Wednesday sport, preparing an exciting new piece titled Clue for both Dance Night and MADD Night.

Meanwhile, our **HSC Dance students** are deep into rehearsals and choreography development as they refine their Core and Major Works. We're proud of their focus and look forward to seeing their creativity come to life on stage later this year.

Interested in getting involved in Dance at CGHS?

We're organising an exclusive excursion to the Sydney Dance Company - one of Australia's leading contemporary dance organisations! This is a fantastic chance to experience the world of professional dance, participate in TWO workshop's led by industry professionals in a range of styles, and gain a deeper insight into what studying Dance is all about.

When: Tuesday 17th June

Time: 8 AM - 3.15PM

Who: All students of every skill level who are interested in dance are welcome to join and experience this amazing opportunity!

Cost: Roughly \$35 with transport

Please complete the GoogleForm ASAP to express your interest. Spots are limited - don't miss out!

<https://docs.google.com/forms/...>

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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
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

Louise Flannery
Head Teacher CAPA (relieving)
louise.flannery@det.nsw.edu.au | Ph: (02) 9718 1805



COMMUNITY NEWS

Canterbury-Bankstown City Council are currently working on the Youth Action plan and your input is important to us...

What is a Youth Action Plan, it is a strategic framework designed to support and empower young people in various aspects of their lives, such as education, employment, health, civic engagement, and leadership. These plans are often developed by governments, organisations, or communities to address the unique challenges faced by youth and to create opportunities for them to thrive.

And in saying that....

We're redeveloping our Youth Action Plan to help guide how CBCity supports young people over the next four years.

The Youth Action Plan will help us to:

- Identify and address the key challenges facing young people in our City
- Provide tailored support and resources to help them succeed
- Ensure their voices are heard in decision-making processes
- Create opportunities for their personal and professional development

We need your feedback on the opportunities and challenges our young people face and what our priorities should be for the Youth Action Plan 2025-29. Whether you're a young person, a parent, a service provider, or part of the broader community, we want to hear from you about how we can work together to make life better for young people across our City.

What should we focus on to make Canterbury-Bankstown a better place for people aged 12-24 live, work and grow? Your feedback will help us develop a plan that reflects the needs and aspirations of young people across our City.

Have your say until 5pm, 27 June 2025 and complete the survey [Draft Youth Action Plan 2025-2029](#) | [Have Your Say Canterbury Bankstown](#)