



Cantabrian Girls Ex-Students' Association

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Dear Members:

As we come close to the end of 2020 and reflect on this incredible year, there have certainly been disappointments but there have also been some positive milestones ensuring our Association can get through difficulties, adapt and continue to build. This time last year we were celebrating the wonderful success of our annual function. The High Tea in the School's Cantabrian Hall was enjoyed by all who attended. Unfortunately, this year we have had to cancel our Annual General Meeting as well as give up on holding the annual function. In the Association's 30 plus years, this may have been a first (I will have to rely on our more experienced members to verify this).



*Year 10 candidates for the
Cantabrian Scholarship*

All was not lost, we were able to continue the Cantabrian Ex-Students Association Scholarship. We had four students who were interviewed for this award. Following a rigorous interview by our President Merle Chalmers and Vice-President Bev Lane we have two recipients who will share the \$800 Scholarship. We would also like to thank both Merle and Bev for being available to conduct the very professional interviews. All four candidates received valuable experience in interview technique that will be very helpful for any future interviews they will face.

This year saw a huge change at our School. As mentioned in our previous Newsletter, Sue Holden who has been Principal at Canterbury Girls' for over 14 years had decided to retire, which saw a new Principal, Ms Belinda Conway join our School Community. I know we would all like to welcome Belinda in her new role and wish her all the best with this most challenging position. We also wish Sue all the best in her retirement and thank her for the fantastic legacy that she has left at Canterbury Girls.



*New principal, Belinda Conway
with Merle Chalmers and Bev Lane*

We also have our Dux recipients for 2020 to look forward to. Every year the top student from each Year group receives a money prize and a much valued trophy during the School's Prize Day, all provided by our Association. With the problems this year has generated for our students, they will certainly appreciate this contribution as a token of their hard work and dedication.

We would like to congratulate Year 12 2020 for managing to finish and graduate under incredible stresses. This year each Year 12 student will become an honorary member of the Cantabrian Girls Ex-Students Association for one year. We hope to see the Class of 2020 stay connected with their school and join us for the long term. We were very fortunate to receive two thank you letters this year, our first was early in the year from Coco Wang our 2018-2019 Scholarship recipient followed later this year by Saba Saleem our 2019-2020 Scholarship recipient. Both ex-students have thanked the Association for the money received and were very grateful as this enabled them to focus on their studies. They both felt they were able to perform to their best abilities due to the help they received.

I hope every member is well and able to join us next year at our AGM and annual function. At this stage we are hoping our meeting will go ahead in March and that we can hold a function for us all to get together and connect later in 2021. Further details will be in our following Newsletter. As always, the details for becoming a member are at the end of this newsletter and we hope to see many more ex-students and teachers join us.



Merle Chalmers taking a closer look at the displays outside the Principal's office.

The Committee and I would like to wish all members a safe, happy and festive Christmas and New Year.

Kathie Burgess
Secretary

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

What a year we have experienced so far. Unfortunately, we have been unable to meet or hold a function. However, we have been able to interview for the Cantabrian Scholarship for 2021.

Bev Lane and I attended the school and interviewed 4 applicants. The girls were all bright and said how much they enjoyed being at the school and how their teachers supported them. We narrowed it down to two girls and because we couldn't separate them we have divided the scholarship. The two girls were Hannah Geering (whose Grandfathers' sister attended the school) and Adrijana Petkovic (who had two sisters attend the school).

I was pleased to meet the new Principal Belinda Conway and wish to thank her for her kind contribution of 4 Lowes cards valued at \$50 which we were able to give to the 4 applicants.

One of our committee members Carmen Malins has been ill this year, receiving chemo and an operation. She is doing quite well now but will still need follow up treatment. We wish her continued good progress over the next few months.

I visited her on the weekend and she is looking great and felling well.

I hope you are all well and I wish you an enjoyable Christmas and look forward to us being able to meet together next year.

Merle Chalmers
President



Calling all past Cantabrians both students and teachers. It is time to:

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Join the Ex-Students' Association and you can help ensure the Cantabrian Scholarship and the funding of the Dux Awards continues.

Email the following information to mmalins1@bigpond.com

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YEARS AT SCHOOL: to

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and transfer **\$20 for 3 years' membership** to:

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Account No.	2014914
Name of Account:	Cantabrian Girls Ex-Students Association
Reference:	Ensure you state your full name and the year you left CGHS

You will receive our Newsletters, annual function information and updates on CGHS events.