



Cantabrian Girls Ex-Students' Association

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Dear Members:



I would like to begin by welcoming our newest members, the CGHS graduating class of 2023. Congratulations on your graduation, this was a wonderful celebration and I know our President felt honored to have been part of that great day. We both loved the musical performances that showcased your talents and most of all the

joy you were all sharing during this special occasion. You are now part of the COG community, a Canterbury Old Girl, and we hope you remain with us for a very long time!!

This fabulous group of students have just finished their HSC Examinations and can now take some time to relax and regenerate before taking on the next stage of their life's journey. Each of them will be honorary members with free membership until December 2024 and



can hopefully take up the offer of becoming a COG in the following year. We urge every ex-student to join and help us continue to grow and support our school. See below for details on how to join, which you can do whenever you are ready.



CGHS Graduating class of 2023 -snaps from their Graduation Assembly

It was wonderful to see many members and 'Friends of COG' at our 40th Anniversary High Tea. We had a great afternoon and were delighted with the amazing Carlson Corale who entertained us with a quality performance of 3 wonderful songs magnificently conducted by their leader and our new patron, Rosalind Carlson OAM. These talented choristers left us all breathless with their stunning voices and it was a real privilege to have had the opportunity to see them perform.



The afternoon was well attended, with approximately 40 guests. There were a large variety of Year groups represented, including 2 of the youngest from the class of 1987, all the way to our eldest from the class of 1943!! It was an afternoon filled with conversation, lovely food, and special entertainment not just from the Carlson Chorale but also our guest speaker, Bev Lilley who took us all back to the classrooms of the 1950s with a wonderful description of what the Canterbury Girls' experience was like back then. Bev travelled all the way from Armidale on an 8-hour train trip to be at our event. I know we are all very grateful for her generosity. Special mention needs to also be made of our oldest ex-student, Betty Millson who attended with her daughter and was proudly wearing her senior prefect badge, something she has kept safe since 1943.

As usual I would like to finish off by reminding everyone of just how much we value your membership. We are about to go through the process of selecting a Cantabrian Scholarship recipient for next year. This \$800 scholarship goes to help a student complete their senior schooling. It is with your generosity that we can continue to offer this along with provide \$30 vouchers for each Dux Prizewinner at the High Achiever's Assembly.

This year we have updated our Constitution to enabled anyone with the same values as our Association to also join as part of our new category entitled 'Friends of COG'. This includes any person who has not been a former student or teacher of Canterbury Girls High School but is interested in the aims of the Association. The membership fee for a Friend would be the same as for normal members of \$20 for 3 years. They would receive newsletters and of course be able to join any of our events, the only limitation would be that they cannot vote on motions at meetings. Now you can urge all your friends and family to also join the COG community! ☺

All the amendments to the Constitution that were ratified at the recent EGM have been included at the end of this Newsletter, for your information.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

CHANGES TO CANTABRIAN GIRLS EX-STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION BANK DETAILS

The Association has changed banks, to St George Bank which means:

-cheques are once again accepted!

-we have a new account number and BSB

All transactions can be carried out online as well by cheque.

To become a new member of renew your membership you can either:

1. Send a cheque for \$20 with your current name, the year you left CGHS and your name when you were at school addressed to our Treasurer:
Ms Gwen Ng
70 Union St
Dulwich Hill NSW 2203
2. Transfer \$20 for 3 years' membership to our new account number. Ensure you state your full name and the year you left CGHS.

NEW ACCOUNT INFORMATION

NAME OF ACCOUNT: Cantabrian Girls Ex-Students' Association

ACCOUNT NUMBER: 205224665

BSB: 112-879

From the President

The Year 12 Graduation was such a happy occasion with the hall packed not only with the graduating class and students of two other years, but proud family and friends, acknowledging the hard work of the graduating students and the start of their new lives. Many received awards for various activities and I had the privilege of presenting these awards and having a brief word to each recipient.

As Kathie has noted, the 40th Anniversary High Tea was a great success, yet another occasion for ex-students to catch up and reminisce. And well done to the four brave gentlemen - now Friends of COG - who also attended the function!

Our next general meeting will be held at the school on the 24th February next year so do try to come along and let us have your ideas of what functions would interest you. More information in the next Newsletter.

I would like to thank the Committee for their work this year, my first as President, and to wish everyone compliments of the season.

Amendments to the Constitution ratified at the EGM held on 29th July 2023.

At 1.
The **ASSOCIATION** shall be known as the “**CANTABRIAN GIRLS EX- STUDENTS’ ASSOCIATION**” (hereinafter called the Association) with the added inclusion of **COGS** that is, **CANTABRIAN OLD GIRLS**

At 4:
Membership. All Ex-Students, Ex-Principals, Ex-Deputies and Ex-Teachers may become members of the Association by paying a membership fee to be decided at each Triennial Meeting, and to be paid before the first meeting of fee is paid. The inclusion of a category of non-voting membership entitled **FRIENDS OF COG** would include any person who has not been a former student of Canterbury Girls' High School but is interested in the aims of the Association. This can include partners and/or family members. The membership fee for a Friend would be the same as for a former student or staff member.

At 16:
Quorum: Ten (10) members shall form a quorum at General or Special Meetings and four Executive shall form a quorum at Executive Meetings.

At 20:
Cessation: If the Association ceases to exist, any monies accumulated be handed to Canterbury Girls' High School and to be used for scholarships with the details administered by the school.