



Cantabrian Girls Ex-Students' Association

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Diary Notes: Saturday 21st March, 2020 Meeting at 2pm in the Cantabrian Hall.

(Please bring a plate or an item for the raffle)

Dear Members:

I hope you have all been well and survived these last few months of extreme weather and viruses!

The year as Ex-Cantabrians has certainly started with a bang, we have hit the 100 mark with 103 current members. Although pleasing, we would love to see more members, especially from the younger cohort. If you are in touch with any ex-students please encourage them to join. It is easy to join, just email Marion your name, email address and the years you were at school. It is also the bargain of the century at \$20 for 3 years' membership, which you can pay by electronic transfer. See the form below for further details.

As most of you are aware we organise an event, usually at the School, each year. We will be discussing what the 2020 event should be at our upcoming meeting. Hopefully, we will see many of you there with ideas on what this year's event should be. The annual function is a wonderful opportunity for reunions. Anyone who has tried to organise a reunion would know the many difficulties with this. Our function is all organised for you, you just need to invite your Year group to come along. Pay by the RSVP date and you have your reunion!



Year 9 Dux 2019

On 13 February Canterbury Girls' held their High Achievers' Assembly. The guest speaker was Ly Lien, who finished Year 12 at Canterbury Girls in 2014. She spoke eloquently about the future goals many students should aim for during High School and beyond. Merle managed to also add Ly to our list of Ex-Cantabrians – she became our 103rd current member. As some of you may remember from your school days, this Assembly is where the top students from each Year group are recognised and of course where the Dux from each Year receives a plaque and voucher from our Association. This year it included the following students:

Year 7 Dux: Cordelia Scheer

Year 8 Dux- Alexandra Spencer

Year 9 Dux - Hannah Carr

Year 10 Dux- Ava Haywood-White

Year 11 Dux - Eve Donovan

Year 12 Dux - Stella Aroney.

Merle once again did a wonderful job presenting these prizes to the students. I was certainly proud to be a part of our Association, as I am sure many of you are also. Along with the Cantabrian Scholarship, I know Canterbury Girls' appreciates our contribution to the School.



Year 10 and Year 7 Duxes 2019

Additional news from Canterbury Girls', our principal for that last 14 years, Sue Holden, has retired and will be farewelled by the School on Friday 3rd April. Many of you may have met Sue over the last 14 years and would know the fantastic contribution she has made to our School. She will most certainly be missed. See the school newsletter or website for further details.

Hope to see lots of members on 21st March at Canterbury Girls' High School in the Cantabrian Hall at 2pm for our annual meeting.

Kathie Burgess,
Secretary

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

What a start to the New Year, fires and then floods. I hope that you all have been safe during these tough times. I look forward to seeing you at our meeting on 21st March.

In December last I attended the School's Recognition Day where special awards are made to Year 7 – 11, academic, sports and attendance awards. I was very pleased to present the Cantabrian Scholarship plaque and Certificate to Hailie Brown.

In February this year I attended the High Achievers Assembly where the Dux awards were given for 2019. I was pleased also to present the Matthew Brady Memorial Citizenship Award to Hailie Brown our 2020 Scholarship winner. This Award celebrates an outstanding member of the Student Representative Council throughout the 2019 calendar year.

Relieving Principal Julie Ronayne acknowledged the outstanding work Sue Holden had done during her time at the school (2006 – 2019) enabling young women to reach their full potential regardless of background, sex or religion. Sue was a great supporter of the Cantabrians and I wish her well in her retirement.

Look forward to seeing you at the Meeting.

Merle Chalmers



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

COMMIT

CONNECT

CONTRIBUTE

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

SURNAME:..... GIVEN NAME:..... MAIDEN NAME:.....

YEARS AT SCHOOL:..... to

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

BSB 802821

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, reunion information, annual functions and updates on CGHS events.