

YEAR 12 END OF YEAR ACTIVITIES 2024

Dear Parent/Caregiver

As the HSC approaches we are writing to advise you of the Year 12 Graduation celebrations organised by the school. At this significant time we ask all families to support their students in the transition to post-school life. It is of the utmost importance that end of Year 12 activities are conducted responsibly, ensuring memories which can be reflected upon with pride.

Included below is an outline of the events and relevant details for Year 12 students at this school.

FINAL WEEKS – Term 3

The main task for Year 12 students during these final weeks at school is to continue their preparation for the HSC examination.

In 2024 HSC students are expected to attend classes as normal until Tuesday 24 September (week 10 of Term 3).

HSC Exam Timetable

All students have been issued with their HSC Examination timetable by NESA. A copy of the timetable is on the school website. A link is available:

<https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/11-12/hsc/key-dates-exam-timetables/hsc-written-exam-timetable/hsc-written-exam-timetable>

Illness/Misadventure during the HSC

Students will be issued with this information during a Year meeting. Deputy Principal Ms Venkatesan is the contact for Illness/Misadventure. Students should familiarise themselves with NESA's Illness/Misadventure policy found in the Higher School Certificate – Rules and Procedures issued in term 4, 2023 or access the information using the link below:

<https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/11-12/hsc/rules-and-processes/illness-misadventure>. It is important to note, if it is safe to attend the exam, students must attend the exam as usual. When the student arrives at the exam, they must notify the Presiding Officer of their illness or misadventure and ask for an illness/misadventure application form. The form must be completed and submitted with the appropriate evidence within one week of their last examination, to the Deputy Principal.

School Reference

All students have been issued with an application for a school reference. They were required to submit this application to their Year Advisers by 24 May 2024. Individualised school references will be issued to those students who submitted their application either upon finalization of the sign out process or earlier should students need them for university applications. Sign-out forms and invoices will be issued to the students during a Year meeting. Sign out day is set for Wednesday 13 November 2024. Any change to procedure will be advised.

Scholarships and Careers Information

Information and applications regarding scholarships have been emailed to students throughout the year. It is the student's responsibility to make the school aware of their intentions to apply for a scholarship, in order to meet the scholarship deadlines requested by different institutions. Students must be mindful of time and ensure they give adequate time for Ms Evangelista and Ms Venkatesan to complete.

Other essential information includes:-

University Admissions 2025

Students have received a UAC Guide for 2024-25 This is an essential resource for all students intending to undertake tertiary education. It outlines available courses in



differing NSW Universities, as well as detailing the lowest entrance scores (ATARs) for university courses in 2025. <https://www.uac.edu.au/assets/documents/ug-fact-sheets/ug-fact-sheet-key-dates.pdf>

NB: UAC = Universities Admissions Centre
ATAR = Australian Tertiary Admission Rank

Educational Access Schemes (EAS)

Educational Access Schemes supports those students who have experienced long-term (usually at least 6 months) educational disadvantage in gaining entry into university. The school must write a statement to confirm it is aware of the disadvantage experienced by the student for some of the circumstances and thus it is recommended students speak to a trusted person at school. Documentary evidence is mandatory. Applications are submitted online through UAC.

UAC Application Dates and Fees

Students do not need to pay for an ATAR and if they are not applying for university admission, they are not required to pay the UAC fee. Check the UAC website for other offer rounds and closing dates.

www.uac.edu.au

Early Bird Applications: 12 April 22 - midnight 30 Sep 2024 (\$80 fee)

Standard Applications: 1 Oct 22 – midnight 7 Feb 2025 (\$215 fee)

EAS applications: 21 November 2024

Applications are still accepted after this date as applications are often ongoing or arise after this date. However, applications after this date will not be considered for December Round 2 offers. Applications requiring an Educational Impact Statement from the school are required to the school by September 13. Students who have approved Special Provisions do not require an Educational Impact Statement for the PO1A code. Apply online through your UAC account.

February 7, 2025: Final closing date for EAS for applications for Semester 1, 2025.

Schools Recommendation Schemes (SRS) due: 16 September 2024

Schools Recommendation Schemes aims to help students gain access to higher education using a wide range of selection criteria other than (or in addition to) the ATAR. This is the early entry program run by UAC. Applications for SRS are submitted online through UAC. See other University websites for their early entry program.

Equity Scholarships - Application via UAC

Equity Scholarships assist disadvantaged students with the costs associated with higher education.

Other scholarships are available for application through individual institutions, see Ms.Evangelista, the Careers Advisor for details.

All Careers information and dates are distributed via email. This includes information on University, TAFE and Private Institution Open Days, Early Entry and Scholarships, available Apprenticeships and Job boards.

Teacher assistance during the HSC

Teachers are available for assistance during the examination period, however students are required to make appointments with them.

GRADUATION ACTIVITIES

These are the graduation activities/celebrations sanctioned by the school. I remind students they must ensure they conduct themselves responsibly.

Breakfast with staff

Wednesday 25 September 2024

8:00-8:45am – Breakfast with staff – Cantabrian Hall.

9.00-10.00am - Final organisation and rehearsal for farewell assembly.

10.00-12.15pm - Year 12 activities with YAs – MPC.

Thursday 26 September 2024

9.00-10.00am - Graduation Assembly

FULL SCHOOL UNIFORM is compulsory for attendance at the assembly.

Friday 27 September 2024

Year 12 Big Day Out (Luna Park) information and notes have been distributed. Payments and permission notes are due by 6 September 2024.

HSC Examinations

Tuesday 15 October (Day 1) – Friday 8 November (Day 19)

Exams commence on Tuesday 15 October with the final HSC exam being held on Friday 8 November. Every student has received their *own* copy of the HSC timetable so that they are informed of the dates and times of their examinations. Please be **thoroughly** aware of the important dates and times.

Leaving Procedure– Wednesday 13 November 2024

The official date of Year 12 sign-out is Wednesday 13 November 2024. Students will be issued with a sheet outlining the procedural requirements necessary for a successful sign-out at the graduation ceremony.

To ensure smooth running of the sign-out process it is essential that students follow these instructions outlined. When they have completed this process (i.e. returned all text books and equipment, and paid any outstanding contributions) the student will receive their School Reference and Assessment Ranking information.

It is hoped that this information will assist you in supporting your Year 12 student through their final weeks of school and the HSC examinations. Should you have any questions regarding the end of year activities, please contact Ms Jenkins/Ms Burzese (Year Advisers) or Year 12 Deputy Principal, Ms Venkatesan, on 9718 1805.

It has been a pleasure to have had your family as members of the Canterbury Girls High School community during your student's Secondary education. We take this opportunity to wish all Year 12 students success in the HSC and their future endeavours.

2025 Academic Recognition Assembly – tentative date, Thursday 20 February 2025

Students who achieve a Band 5 or 6 in one or more subjects will be invited to attend the 2024 Academic Recognition Assembly on Thursday 20 February 2025. Please note this date in your calendar if you are likely to be a candidate.

Lastly, ensure your current contact details held by the school are correct, as invitation letters will be posted *after* the school receives your HSC results.

Yours sincerely



Ms Robyn Andrews
Rel Principal