

24 September 2025



Dear Parents and Carers

Year 7 Orientation Days

To support your child's transition into Canterbury College and your integration into the Canterbury community, we host two orientation opportunities; each with a different focus that aims to ensure a smooth start to their Canterbury College journey. It is an expectation for students to attend the Orientation Days (A Day in the Life of Canterbury is optional).

On these days, we will also be hosting parent information sessions, which will provide some key information about the opportunities for your child at Canterbury, suggest some strategies you could use to help your child transition to Senior School and allow time for you to connect with the parents of other children, who will be in your child's year level.

After you have read about the Orientation Days and information sessions, please complete the survey at this [link](#) to provide us with the information required to prepare for the event.

Orientation Day 1 – Pastoral (Tuesday 21 October)

On the first orientation day students will participate in activities in House groups. Please find below details you will need to know for the day:

- When:** Tuesday 21 October 2025, 8:30am arrival for an 8:45am start.
Student session will conclude at 3:00pm for pick up.
- Where:** Students are to meet at their House banner at the Sports Hall (map attached).
- Dress:** Canterbury sports uniform, inclusive of runners.
- What to Bring:** Water bottle and hat.
- Lunch:** Morning tea and lunch will be provided.
- Parent Sessions:** 9:00am–11:00am – Canterbury Function Centre (next to Sports Hall)

PARENTING, HEALTHY TRANSITIONS AND RITES OF PASSAGE IN THE 21st CENTURY

Mr Nick Stansbie, Head of Senior School and Mr Karim Kaufman, the Rites of Passage Institute.

We are excited to invite you to an important aspect of our transition into high school for our parents, featuring Karim Kaufman from the Rites of Passage Institute. This engaging session will delve into the challenges of parenting, offering practical tools to help your child navigate

the critical transition into high school. The Rites of Passage Institute, founded by Dr Arne Rubinstein, is a globally recognised expert in Adolescent Development and Rites of Passage, and we are grateful for Karim's time and support of our families joining us in the Senior School. After the session, please stay and share a morning tea and meet your fellow parents.

Orientation Day 2 – Academic (Wednesday 12 November)

On the second orientation day students will complete a short reading comprehension and maths test in the morning. This will provide us with valuable information about students strengths and areas for growth through several ability and achievements tests.

Following this, the students will be able to experience some senior school style lessons with teachers from different subject areas.

Further opportunities to develop relationships are provided in the afternoon with a swim in the Canterbury College pool. Please find below details you will need to know for the day:

When: Wednesday 12 November 2025 8:30am arrival for an 8:45am start
Students will be ready to meet you at the Sports Hall at 3:00pm for the "Discover the Senior School at Canterbury College" event.

Where: Students are to meet at their House banner at the Sports Hall (map attached).

Dress: Canterbury sports uniform or your current school sports uniform, inclusive of runners.

What to Bring: Sports bag, device, notebook, pen, water bottle, swimsuits (Boys: Swimmers or PE shorts, Girls: One-piece swimmers or tank top swimmers (no bikinis, stomachs must be covered, or PE shorts) and a towel.

Lunch: Morning tea and lunch will be provided

Parent Sessions: Presentation from the Care Central Team
2:30pm – 2:50pm at the Canterbury Function Centre

2:50pm – 3:45pm at the Sports Hall
Discover the Senior School at Canterbury College. Visit displays and talk to key people about Sport, Academics, The Arts, Service and Leadership as well as Care Central.

A Day in the Life of Canterbury

The most significant change for students entering senior school is the move to multiple classes and multiple teachers. We believe we can support students by providing an opportunity to experience this by spending a day at Canterbury shadowing a Year 7 student in their House. They will attend the lessons for the day. Each House has been allocated a day from the 3 November to 10 November 2025 as below:

When:

Becket	Cranmer	Goldsworthy
Monday 3 Nov 8:15am-3:00pm	Tuesday 4 Nov 8:15am-3:00pm	Wednesday 5 Nov 8:15am-3:00pm
Kime	Ramsey	Temple
Thursday 6 Nov 8:15am-3:00pm	Friday 7 Nov 8:15am-3:00pm	Monday 10 Nov 8:15am-3:00pm

Where:

Students are to meet at Senior School Administration (Old Logan Village Road Gate, old Logan Village Road, Waterford - map attached)

Dress:

Canterbury sports uniform or your current school sports uniform, inclusive of runners.

What to Bring:

Sports bag, notebook, pen, water bottle, lunch (or money for the canteen).

Lunch:

BYO lunch or bring money/eftpos card for the canteen. The canteen menu for Term 4 is currently being finalised and will be emailed out the week before Orientation Day 2.

Please complete the survey at this [link](#) to provide us with the information required to prepare for the Orientation Days. If you have any questions regarding the Orientation Days, do not hesitate to contact the Senior School Administration on secondaryschool@canterbury.qld.edu.au or (07) 3299 0843.

House Spirit Breakfast

In 2026, an opportunity to meet you son/daughter's Head of House, Assistant Head of House and Form Teacher, as well as friends and parents from their House, will be provided at a short liturgy and breakfast. Dates and times will be confirmed in early 2026.

Yours faithfully,



Mr Nick Stansbie

Head of Senior School