

19 November 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

Now that the November Orientation Days are complete, I very much hope that your child is excited and eagerly anticipating their Canterbury Senior School journey starting next year!

Below is some further information about the start of next year and some key dates to be aware of.

Term 1, 2026 will commence on Wednesday 28 January. To ensure that all of our students are fully prepared for their first class, we have arranged two further events:

Thursday 22 January 9:00am – Device Collection:

All 2026 Year 7 students will be able to collect their laptop computers at 9:00am. Students and parents should come to F block, from where the devices will be distributed prior to a short introductory 'getting started' session, which will conclude by 10:00am. Please see the attached information from the IT department regarding this and also the Student Device Agreement and Technology Use Guidelines.

Tuesday 27 January – Orientation Day and Sports Trials:

This day is for all our new Senior School students, and will ensure that they have their timetables, textbooks and lockers ready to go for Day 1 the following day, as well as further opportunities to get to know their Head of House, Assistant Head of House and their House student leaders. There will also be an "IT bootcamp," which will follow on from the previous session on 22 January, and ensure that the students know how to use their devices in the classroom and have an introduction to the software that is regularly used.

The orientation session concludes at 12:00pm and we will share a lunch together until 12:30pm. After this, students who would like to play Trimester 1 sports will move to sport training. Their day concludes at the times listed below. Students not participating in Trimester 1 sports can be collected from Senior School Administration at 12:30pm.

Please find below details you will need to know for the day:

When: Tuesday 27 January 2025
8:15am for an 8:30am start
12:00pm – Lunch provided
12:30pm - Students will be ready to depart for either sport trials (we will escort them) or to go home at 12:30pm.

Where: Students are to meet at Senior School Administration (Map attached) under their House flag.

Dress: Canterbury sports uniform.

What to Bring: Laptop, Combination Lockwood Masterlock 1502 padlock (recommended) for their locker, and a water bottle.

Please see the schedule below for the sports training and trials.

Girls Basketball (Sports Hall): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12:30pm-2:00pm – Years 7-8 (including Shield) • 2:00pm-3:30pm – Years 9-10 (including Shield) • 3:30pm-5:00pm – 1sts & 2nds 	Boys Cricket (Cricket Nets): <p>Full Squad (Years 7-12): 12:30pm-3:00pm</p>
Girls Football (Field 1): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12:30pm-2:00pm – Years 7-9 • 2:00pm-3:30pm – 1sts & 2nds 	Boys Volleyball (CEC): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12:30pm-2:00pm – Years 7-8 (including Shield) • 2:00pm-3:30pm – Years 9-10 (including Shield) • 3:30pm-5:00pm – 1sts & 2nds
Girls Tennis (Tennis Courts): <p>All teams: 12:30pm-3:00pm</p>	Boys and Girls Debating (Senior Library): <p>Students may attend either group, depending on availability</p> <p>First block: Any year levels 12:15pm - Arrive 12:30pm - Debate Prep 1:15pm - Debate 2:00pm - Conclude, students move to other sport if required</p> <p>Second Block: Any year levels 2:15pm - Information session - students arriving from other sports sessions 2:45pm - Debate prep 3:30pm - Debate 4:15pm - Finish</p>

Wednesday 28 January - First Day of School:

On the first day of school, students will again be welcomed by House leaders at the flags outside Senior School Administration at 8:15am. Formal summer uniform is to be worn on this day.

Parents are welcome to come to the Yalburru Café for a coffee and informal chat with our Principal, Mr Walker and the Executive team, beginning at 8:30am. Our Year 12 student leaders will happily show you the way!

Tuesday 3 February – Service at St John’s Cathedral

This is a compulsory event for all Senior School students and we will transport them to and from the Cathedral. Year 7 students will be welcomed into the Senior School with a blessing and the receiving of their House badge. Parents and carers are warmly welcomed to this service. More information will be communicated in the new year.

Thursday 12 February - Year 7 Parent Information Evening

All Year 7 parents are welcome to attend this evening, which will primarily be focused on the Year 7 camp, but is also an opportunity for any other more general questions to be asked.

Tuesday 24 February-Thursday 26 February – Year 7 Outdoor Education Camp

This camp will take place at Kenilworth in the Sunshine Coast Hinterland. Parents are very warmly invited to attend the Return Ceremony at the Bush Chapel at 3:00pm on Thursday 26 February.

Sunday 1 March – Goldsworthy House Family Chapel Service

All Goldsworthy students and families are warmly invited to attend this service at 9:00am in the Chapel.

Friday 13 March – Founders Day and Cursus Magnus

We commemorate the founding of Canterbury College with an Assembly at 8:45am followed by the Cursus Magnus – a relay race around the school campus!

Sunday 22 March – Becket House Family Chapel Service

All Becket students and families are warmly invited to attend this service at 9:00am in the Chapel.

The Senior School team wishes you and your family well over the festive season and look forward to welcoming your son or daughter into Senior School in the New Year!

Yours faithfully,



Mr Nick Stansbie

Head of Senior School