

THE
CANTERBURY
WEEKLY



WEEK 10, TERM 1, THURSDAY 2 APRIL 2026



Canterbury **UNITED NATIONS DAY**

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL
MEGAN KING

UNITED NATIONS DAY: CELEBRATING THE STORY OF US

At Canterbury College, there are moments across the year that truly capture the heart of who we are. United Nations Day is undoubtedly one of them.

What began as a modest gathering in 2020 has grown into the College's largest and most vibrant community event. On Monday, we welcomed 2,000 students, families, and alumni to celebrate the extraordinary diversity that defines our school.

United Nations Day is a living, breathing expression of our identity. This year, we had an incredible 74 students representing their countries in the Parade of Nations. Every element of our student performances, the colour, rhythm, and energy, was simply sensational.

We were also privileged to hear from our guest speaker, Mr Afu, whose reflections on family and belonging, grounded in his Tongan heritage, resonated deeply with our student community.

As a school, we are committed to developing students who can engage meaningfully with an increasingly interconnected world, and this day is a powerful expression of that vision.

Events of this scale and significance do not happen without exceptional leadership and dedication. I would like to sincerely acknowledge Mrs Amanda von Kanel, our Director of Student Development, whose stewardship of student leadership, service, and community programs continues to create transformational opportunities for our students.

I also extend my gratitude to the United Nations Day Staff and Student Committee. This group works tirelessly behind the scenes, planning, coordinating, and bringing to life a deeply meaningful event. Importantly, the strong involvement of our students ensures that this is not just an event for them, but one led by them.

United Nations Day reminds us that while each of us has our own story, it is together that we create something truly special. It is a celebration of the respect, curiosity, and connection that sits at the heart of a Canterbury education.

As I reflect on UN Day each year, I am filled with pride, not just in what we create, but in who we are as a school community.



HEAD OF SENIOR SCHOOL

NICK STANSBIE



A SPECTACULAR EVENING CELEBRATING OUR YEAR 12 COHORT

On Wednesday evening, the Canterbury College community gathered at the stunning Hope Island Links Golf Club to celebrate the Year 12 Formal, an elegant and memorable occasion marking a significant milestone for our graduating cohort. The evening provided a fitting opportunity to recognise the outstanding manner in which our Year 12 students have begun their final year of schooling, leading our community with principle, commitment, and pride.

Arriving in true style, students made a glamorous entrance as they walked the red carpet, enjoying their moment in the spotlight and receiving a warm welcome from Mr Walker and Mrs King. Dressed to impress, they showcased both sophistication and confidence, setting the tone for a night of celebration.

The evening continued with a beautifully presented meal, complemented by countless opportunities for photographs, both formal and candid, capturing memories that will be treasured for years to come.

As the night progressed, the dance floor quickly filled as students enthusiastically enjoyed the DJ's playlist of favourites and requests, dancing the night away with friends.

Special thanks must be extended to the Student Formal Committee, comprising representatives from each House. Working closely with Mr Mills, the committee played an integral role in shaping the evening, making key decisions on the event's finer details, including table decorations and the menu.

Their leadership shone again as they confidently acted as MCs, guiding the evening with professionalism and enthusiasm.

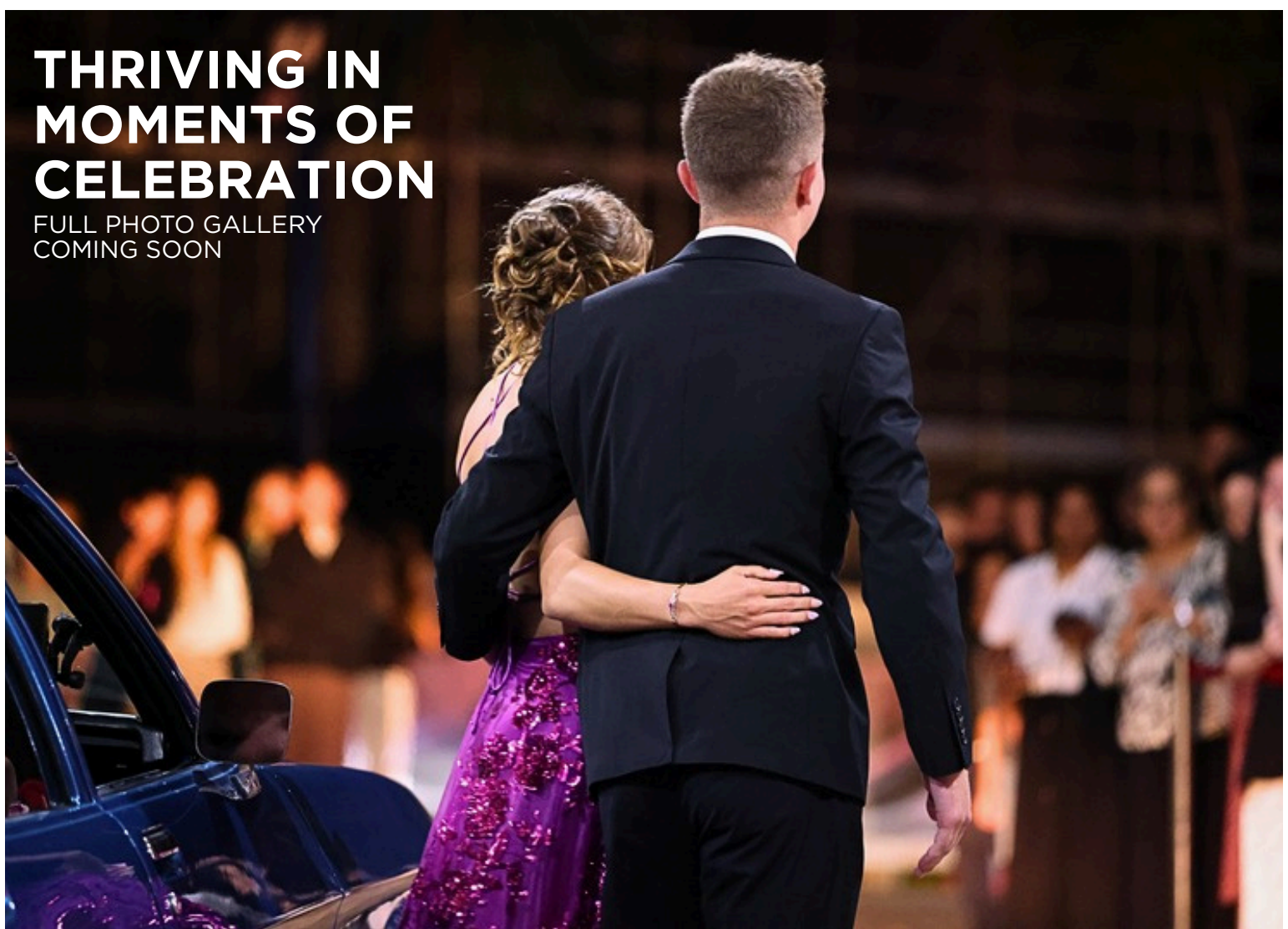
The Year 12 Formal was a truly spectacular celebration, one that reflected the spirit, unity, and maturity of this remarkable cohort.

A full library of photos from the evening will soon be available for families and students to enjoy.



THRIVING IN MOMENTS OF CELEBRATION

FULL PHOTO GALLERY
COMING SOON





END OF TERM ONE

Term 1 has certainly been a busy and exciting one across our sports and activities program. Just last weekend, our Senior School students took part in Term 2 intraschool trials and games, while our boys' Rugby team enjoyed successful trial matches against Sunnybank Rugby Club. It has been wonderful to see such enthusiasm, commitment, and teamwork on display.

I would also like to take this opportunity to share a little insight into how the TAS Champion Schools ranking works.

Each TAS sport played during the term contributes to the overall Champion School ranking. Every team's performance counts, with rankings determined at the conclusion of the final round for each sport. Schools are awarded points based on their finishing position, with eight points for first place, seven for second, six for third, and so on, down to one point for eighth place. These points are then combined across all TAS sports to determine the Champion School for the term.

Across the year, points from all three TAS terms are added together, and the school with

the highest total is crowned Champion School of the Year.

We are very proud to share that in Term 1, Canterbury finished second overall in the TAS Term Rankings. This is a fantastic achievement and a reflection of the effort shown by our students, staff, and coaches. We look forward to building on this momentum and celebrating many more successes throughout our Term 2 TAS Sports season.

TAS RANKINGS END OF TERM 1

- 1** GIRLS TENNIS
- 3** GIRLS BASKETBALL
- 3** BOYS CRICKET
- 5** GIRLS FOOTBALL
- 5** BOYS VOLLEYBALL
- 5** SWIMMING



SUPPORTERS BARBEQUE

BE A PART OF THE ACTION AT OUR
TERM 2 HOME GAMES

SAT
2
MAY

SAT
9
MAY

SAT
6
JUN

SUPPORT OUR STUDENTS.
STRENGTHEN OUR CANTERBURY COMMUNITY.
YOUR TIME MAKES A DIFFERENCE.

To assist, simply follow this link:
[Canterbury College Supporters BBQ - Term 2](#)

FROM THE CHAPLAIN
FR. DAN TALBOT



Miracle **MOMENTS** — THAT — **MATTER**

Every Monday morning, staff gather in the Chapel of the Good Shepherd to begin the week in prayer for our school and the wider community. This term, we have been exploring Miracle Moments That Matter, reflecting on the 37 miracles of Jesus as presented throughout the Gospels.

As we reflect on these miracle moments, it becomes clear that among all the miracles of Jesus, there is one that changed the world forever. Even for those who do not identify as Christian, the resurrection of Jesus Christ stands as a moment of profound historical and personal significance. Across history, people have been persecuted and even killed for their belief in this miracle. Others, fearing its truth and power, have sought to silence it, recognising just how much it mattered.

As we come to the close of Holy Week and the end of Term 1, we have paused as an Anglican school community, both staff and students, to reflect on the meaning of this pivotal moment in history.

The resurrection is a miracle moment that not only matters but one that offers hope and purpose to all who choose to believe. The Easter story is the cornerstone of our faith. It represents the heart of our Anglican tradition and reflects the values we hold dear. This Easter journey is not only Christ's journey; it is our journey, our story, and it matters.

May your Easter journey bring you the same hope and purpose that Christ's journey to the cross, the tomb, and the resurrection brought to the world.



SPIRITUALITY CAPTAIN
CHLOE LOMAS

A SEASON OF HOPE, SERVICE AND COMMUNITY

On Thursday, our Canterbury College community came together for a meaningful and uplifting Easter Service, taking time to reflect on the message at the heart of Easter, hope and renewal. Through prayer, music, and reflection, students and staff were reminded of the importance of compassion, kindness, and looking beyond ourselves to support those in need.

Community service and leadership were demonstrated by our Year 6 cohort as they presented donations in support of Anglicare's Easter Appeal. Their efforts truly reflect the values we strive to nurture at Canterbury.

Canterbury's commitment to compassion extended beyond our College gates earlier in the week, when some of my fellow Prefects and I joined Mr Walker, Mrs King, Mr Stansbie, Ms Roman, Fr Dan, and Mrs von Kanel at the Mayor's Multifaith Breakfast. This gathering brought together community leaders from diverse faith traditions to celebrate unity, understanding and shared purpose. Our presence at the event reinforced the same message embodied in our Easter Service: that hope, respect and care for others are values that strengthen our entire community.

As we move through the Easter season, may we continue to carry this spirit of generosity and compassion in all that we do.



EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO DEPUTY PRINCIPAL
KATE-LYN HORNE



STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Joining Canterbury at the beginning of a busy first term is no small task, but **Kate-Lyn** has taken it in her stride. Embracing the fast pace from day one, she's quickly settled into her role as **Executive Assistant to the Deputy**.

You've come in during a really busy term, what's it been like jumping straight into the pace of life here?

It's definitely been a busy start, but I've really enjoyed getting straight into it. I enjoy a fast-paced environment, so it's been a great opportunity to get up to speed quickly and learn how the school operates.

What have been some standout moments in your first term at the College?

A standout for me was being involved in the staff committee planning UN Day. It was amazing to see such a large event led by students, and the level of talent was incredible.

What's surprised you most so far, and what are you most looking forward to as the year unfolds?

I didn't realise just how big an operation a school is there's so many moving parts! I'm looking forward to experiencing more of the major events throughout the year, especially the musical, which I've heard is always a highlight.

BEHIND THE BADGE

Coffee or tea?

Coffee

Early bird or night owl?

Night owl

Go-to weekend activity?

A mix of social time and recharge: brunch with friends, a walk, and a quiet night in

Hidden talent or fun fact about you?

I'm the go-to for party planning with my family and friends - I just love making it all come together!

Favourite Canterbury event or tradition?

I haven't done a full 12 months yet to experience all of them, so it will have to be UN Day for now!

Favourite way to unwind after a busy day?

A phone call with my mum or an audiobook

If you weren't working in education, what would you be doing?

Most likely back in hotels

Favourite food or go-to comfort meal?

Smashed avo

Three words students would use to describe you?

I don't get to see students too often in Corporate Services but those who I have had the opportunity to meet might say welcoming, calm, organised



REMINDER

School Photos are
now available to
purchase

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or visit:

www.advancedlife.com.au

enter code: **QDF X8R P8Q**

JUNIOR SCHOOL PHOTO DAY: **28 MAY**

SENIOR SCHOOL PHOTO DAY: **3 JUNE**

ELC AND CATCH UP PHOTOS: **11 JUNE**

Cash Order Envelope forms also accepted

ANZAC SERVICE HONOUR ROLL

As ANZAC Day approaches, we are creating a photo collage to honour and acknowledge members of our community who have served in the Armed Services. This is a meaningful opportunity to recognise those within our Canterbury community who have given their time, energy, and, in some cases, their lives in service to our country.

We invite families to share images that reflect their connection to the Defence Forces, past or present. Thank you to those who contributed photos in previous years. Please note that images submitted in 2024 and 2025 will be included again this year.

SUBMISSIONS MAY INCLUDE:

- A photo of a family member who is currently serving or has served
- A photo of students with medals belonging to a family member
- Any image that meaningfully represents your family's service story

PLEASE INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING DETAILS WITH YOUR SUBMISSION:

- Name of Canterbury student/s and the family member being honoured
- Rank
- Where they served
- When they served
- A short background story (optional)

Images and details can be sent to our Communications team by Friday 17 April at communications@canterbury.qld.edu.au



COMING UP NEXT...

Good Friday: 3 April

Easter Holiday Training Camp: Monday 6 - Friday 16 April

Taipans Swimming Squad Training: Tuesday 7 - Friday 17 April

Logan City Symphony Orchestra Rehearsal: Sunday 12 April

Musical Rehearsal Day: Friday 17 April

Logan City Symphony Orchestra Rehearsal: Sunday 19 April

Kokoda Challenge: Sunday 19 April

Queensland Korean Orchestra for June Concert: Sunday 19 April

Student Free Day: Monday 20 April

Musical Rehearsal: Monday 20 April

First Day of Term 2: Tuesday 21 April

Logan City Symphony Orchestra Young Composer Project:

Tuesday 21 April





IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

[AFLQ Primary Schools Cup](#)

[Archbishop of Brisbane Visits Canterbury College](#)

[True Relationships Education Program - Term 2](#)

[World Ready Futures Expo Opens Pathways for Years 9 and 10](#)

[2026 Autumn Music Festival | Photo Gallery](#)

[Installation of the 106th Archbishop of Canterbury](#)

[Event Wrap | Medicine and Dentistry Information Evening](#)

[2026 Year 2 Beenleigh Historical Village | Photos](#)

[REMINDER: 2026 Prep Ball](#)

[2026 Cranmer House Spirit Breakfast | Photo Gallery](#)