

17 August 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are looking forward to welcoming our Year 6 students and their families into the Canterbury Senior School community in 2027. In order to support a smooth transition, between now and the start of next year, we will be holding three Orientation Days, each with a different focus, which will provide opportunities to meet their Head of House and key staff for next year, to learn more about the Year 7 academic program and also to meet their new classmates who are moving to Canterbury from different primary schools.

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 and allow time for you to connect with the parents of the 2027 Year 7 cohort.

Orientation Day 1 – Pastoral (Tuesday 13 October 2026)

On the first orientation day students will participate in various activities in their House groups. Please find below key details of the day:

8:30am: Students should arrive at the Junior School as normal and meet their Year 6 teachers in their classroom, who will then take them to the Senior School.

Dress: Current school sports uniform, inclusive of runners.

What to Bring: Water bottle; morning tea and lunch will be provided.

9:00am-11:00am: Parent Information presentation in the Canterbury Function Centre. All Year 6 parents are welcome to attend and should park in the spaces next to the Sports Hall or the pool. Please do not park in the student car park. Parents will be welcomed by Mr Walker and Mr Stansbie who will then introduce Karim Kaufmann from the Rites of Passage Institute and our Care Central team.

PARENTING AND HEALTHY TRANSITIONS IN THE 21st CENTURY

We are excited to invite you to hear about an important aspect of our plan to support your child in their transition into high school. The engaging session featuring Karim Kaufman from the Rites of Passage Institute will delve into the challenges of parenting, offering practical tools to help your child navigate the critical transition into Senior School.

The Rites of Passage Institute, founded by Dr Arne Rubinstein, is a globally recognised expert in adolescent development. For several years we have worked in partnership with them when planning and developing a number of our programs in the Senior School.

Further, you will hear from our Care Central team about the support options available from our team. The presentation will be followed by morning tea.

3:00pm: Students can be collected from the Junior School as normal.

Orientation Day 2 – Academic (Tuesday 10 November 2026)

On the second orientation day students will complete a short reading comprehension and maths test in the morning, which will provide us with valuable information about student strengths and areas for growth. They will also experience some typical Year 7 classrooms and work with some of their 2027 teachers. The day will conclude with a swim in the pool.

8:30am: Students should arrive at the Junior School as normal and meet their Year 6 teachers in their classroom, who will then take them to the Senior School.

Dress: Current school sports uniform, inclusive of runners.

What to Bring: Water bottle, hat, laptop, notebook, pen, swimsuit and a towel. Boys should wear swimmers or PE shorts. Girls should wear one-piece swimmers or tank top swimmers (no bikinis). Morning tea and lunch will be provided.

3:00pm: Students can be collected from the Junior School as normal.

3:00pm-4:00pm **Year 7 Expo in the Sports Hall for students and parents**

Discover the Senior School at Canterbury College. Visit displays and talk to key people about our four dimensions – Academics, Sports & Activities, Performing Arts, and Service and Leadership. Parents are welcome to attend the expo with their students after collection from the Junior School.

Orientation Day 3 – Final Preparations – 25 January 2027

On this day, students will be given an induction with their new 2027 laptop computers, be shown their timetable, taken to their classrooms and meet key staff. They will also be able to attend trials for Term 1 Sports. A separate letter will be sent to families at a later date detailing the schedule for this day.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact Senior School Administration - seniorschool@canterbury.qld.edu.au or (07) 3299 0843.

Yours faithfully,



Mr Nick Stansbie
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