

17 August 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

To support your child's transition into Canterbury College and your integration into the Senior School community, we host four orientation opportunities prior to their commencement in Term 1 2027; each with a different focus that aims to ensure a smooth start to their Canterbury College journey. It is expected that students attend all three Orientation days and the A Day in the Life program.

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 other children who will be in your child's year level.

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 Sports Hall (map attached) and meet their Head of House who will be standing next to their House banner. Parents can park in the spaces next to the Sports Hall or the pool. Please do not park in the student car park.
- Dress:** Current school sports uniform, inclusive of runners.
- What to Bring:** Water bottle and hat; 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. Parents will be welcomed by Mr Walker and Mr Stansbie, who will then introduce Karim Kaufmann from the Rites of Passage Institute.

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 Sports Hall.

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 Sports Hall (map attached) and meet their teachers next to their House banner

Dress: Current school sports uniform, inclusive of runners.

What to Bring: Water bottle, hat, 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 Sports Hall.

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

After collecting your child, spend some time in the Sports Hall discovering 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.

A Day in the Life of Canterbury Senior School

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 as scheduled for the day. Each House has been allocated a day from the 2 November to 9 November 2026 as below:

House	Date	Time
Becket	Monday 2 November	8:15am-3:00pm
Cranmer	Tuesday 3 November	8:15am-3:00pm
Goldsworthy	Wednesday 4 November	8:15am-3:00pm
Kime	Thursday 5 November	8:15am-3:00pm
Ramsey	Friday 6 November	8:15am-3:00pm
Temple	Monday 9 November	8:15am-3:00pm

Where: Students are to meet at Senior School Administration (map attached).

Dress: Current school sports uniform, inclusive of runners.

What to Bring: Sports bag, notebook, pen, water bottle, lunch (or an EFTPOS card for the canteen – *no cash or devices*).

Collection: Students can be collected from Senior School Administration from 3:00pm.

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.

Please complete the survey at this [link](#) to provide us with the information required to prepare a successful Orientation Day Program. **For catering purposes, this link will close at 4:00pm on the 2 October 2026.** 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
Head of Senior School