# THE CANTERBURY WEEKLY

WEEK 2, TERM 4

FRIDAY 16 OCTOBER 2026




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FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

## MEAGAN KING



# Celebrating Excellence Beyond the Classroom

Last Thursday, the Canterbury Events Centre was filled with pride, gratitude and celebration as students, families and staff gathered for the 2026 Co-Curricular Awards Assembly. The afternoon recognised the outstanding achievements of our students across Sport, Activities and the Performing Arts, while celebrating the commitment, resilience and teamwork that define the Canterbury experience.

Our student leaders, Isabella and Ryley, expertly guided the assembly, reflecting on a remarkable year of achievement. Together, they highlighted premiership success in Rugby, Netball, Tennis and Athletics, outstanding performances in Music, Dance and Drama, and continued growth across Debating, Entrepreneurship, eSports and a wide range of sporting pursuits.

The audience was treated to fabulous performances throughout the afternoon. The Canterbury Dance Company showcased their award-winning routine Lights, Camera, Action!, highlighting the talent, discipline and creativity of our Dance program. Students also enjoyed performances from Faultline, Canterbury's all-girl Rock School band, and Last Boys Standing, who provided a fitting conclusion to the celebration as they prepared to represent Canterbury at the Battle of the Rock Bands over the weekend.

A highlight of the afternoon was hearing from our guest speakers, Holly Comyns, Canterbury Class of 2023 and emerging professional netballer, and Rahmat Akbari, former A-League footballer and current Queensland Lions player. Their stories of perseverance, hard work and embracing opportunity challenged our students to pursue excellence while remaining committed to their goals and values.



FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

# MEAGAN KING



The presentation of the major awards recognised students who have excelled while embodying the values of commitment, humility and service:

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| **Music Excellence Award** | Isabella Oxenbridge |
| **Spiritus Athleticae** | Tyrese Ngaru and Zarayah Williams |
| **Basketballers of the Year** | Max Newton and Meg Reimann |
| **Chess Player of the Year** | Darcy Taylor |
| **Cricket Player of the Year** | Harrison Cato |
| **Cross Country Champions** | Peter Flaherty and Melita Dodd |
| **Debater of the Year** | Corey Bertsch |
| **Entrepreneur of the Year (7-9)** | Lucas King |
| **eSports Player of the Year** | Emma Fu |
| **Footballers of the Year** | Liam George and Faith Weier |
| **Hockey Player of the Year** | Lucy Johnson |
| **Netballer of the Year** | Jasmine Fidow |
| **Rugby Player of the Year** | Max Newton |
| **Most Outstanding Swimmers** | Riley Edwards and Taylah Smith-Miller |
| **Tennis Players of the Year** | Shubham Bhatt and Valenova Tsai |
| **Touch Football Player of the Year** | Aimee Henry |
| **Volleyballers of the Year** | Ryley Egstorf and Isabella Franklin |



As I looked around the room, I was reminded that every award represents countless hours of training, rehearsal, commitment and support. Behind every achievement is a team of parents, coaches, teachers and mentors who encourage our students to pursue their passions and be their best.

A special thank you must go to our Director of Performing Arts, Dr Katrina Peddell, and our Director of Sport and Activities, Mr Arnie Marraiya. Their passion for students, unwavering dedication and commitment to excellence have helped create extraordinary opportunities for young people to discover their strengths, pursue their interests and flourish beyond the classroom. We are deeply grateful for the impact they continue to have on the lives of our students and the vibrant culture they have helped build.

Congratulations to every student who participated in our co-curricular programs this year. Whether you performed on stage, competed on the field, represented the College, coached others or supported your teammates, you have contributed to the rich and thriving culture that makes Canterbury such a special place to belong.

FROM SENIOR SCHOOL TEACHER AND HEAD OF HMSPP

# REBECCA MUSK



## Health and Medical Science Pathways Program (HMSPP)

The Health and Medical Science Pathways Program (HMSPP) has provided students with outstanding opportunities to explore careers across medicine, health sciences and allied health. Throughout 2026, students engaged in a diverse range of university experiences, industry events, work placements and networking opportunities designed to strengthen their understanding of future study and career pathways.

Highlights included the Medicine and Dentistry Information Evening, the Health Chats and Connections networking event, MedEntry UCAT preparation, and participation in the National STEM Challenge at QUT. Students also benefited from work experience placements at Logan Hospital and Logan Heart Centre, as well as hands-on learning opportunities at Griffith University, Loganlea TAFE, QIMR Berghofer and St Vincent's Hospital.

The program has celebrated student achievements, fostered valuable industry connections and continued to expand opportunities for pathway exploration. Looking ahead, HMSPP will further enrich student learning through biomedical research experiences at the Translational Research Institute and the introduction of a new Year 9 Biomedical Science elective in 2027.

HMSPP remains committed to inspiring and preparing the next generation of health and medical professionals. As the program continues to grow, we welcome new collaborations with individuals and organisations who share our commitment to supporting students in their exploration of health and medical careers.





FROM SENIOR SCHOOL FILM & TELEVISION TEACHER

# PETER DOWD



## Year 12 Film Gala

On Monday 12 October, the second annual Canterbury College Film Gala celebrated the exceptional creativity, dedication and storytelling talent of the College's Film, Television and New Media students at Event Cinemas Loganholme.

Well attended and building on the success of its inaugural year, the gala reflected the growing support for student filmmaking and screen storytelling within the Canterbury community. Guests arrived dressed in their red-carpet finest, settled into their seats with popcorn in hand, and enjoyed an evening dedicated to celebrating the work of Canterbury's emerging filmmakers.

The event featured a diverse range of productions, headlined by the outstanding work of the College's Year 12 film students. Audiences experienced everything from a psychological drama and a survival thriller to an ambitious proof-of-concept pilot.

Alongside this, the films explored themes of identity and youth through a range of cinematic influences, including surrealism, German expressionism and the work of renowned filmmakers.

A sincere thank you goes to Event Cinemas Loganholme, the College Executive, staff, alumni, families and friends whose support helped make both these productions and the evening itself possible.

Following another successful year, the Film Gala continues to grow as a celebration of creativity, storytelling and student achievement within Canterbury's Creative Industries program.

We look forward to welcoming both familiar and new faces next year as we showcase another exciting collection of student films on the big screen.



# 2027 Year 7 Orientation Day

*(pastoral)*





2026 & 2027 *Ramsey*

# HOUSE CAPTAINS

**JASMINE FIDOW & MAYA LEE**

## Ramsey Character, Leadership and Service Weeks

This term, Ramsey House proudly steps into its Service focus and Student-Led Character Leadership, continuing Canterbury's involvement in supporting the wider community.

We are proud to introduce an exciting new House service initiative, partnering with Eat Up to make a meaningful difference in the lives of young Australians.

Eat Up is a charity organisation providing free lunches to schools where students are unable to access lunch themselves either for financial reasons or personal hardship. In 2025 alone they provided over 1.2 million sandwiches to Aussie schoolkids just like us, and the demand keeps increasing.

This term, Ramsey House is asking our peers to put kindness into action and donate their time to make cheese sandwiches to assist with Eat Up lunches.

Our Ramsey motto is 'Stronger Together', and we will need that spirit as we seek to achieve our goal to make over 2,000 sandwiches in just a couple of afternoons for students from schools across Southeast Queensland.

Ramsey students will lead education and awareness sessions with their peers, exploring food insecurity, the importance of good nutrition, and the challenges faced by those experiencing hardship in our wider community.

At the end of Term 3, we joined our Ramsey peers to coordinate a BBQ with slushies at our interhouse swimming carnival, where every purchase went towards the costs involved in making the sandwiches. Keep an eye out for other opportunities to support Ramsey.

We are looking forward to getting started with our new service partner Eat Up! As well as sharing the important message about helping others who need a hand and the benefits of eating well.

# ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



## MICK HOLLAND: CLASS OF 1997

WRITTEN BY MADISON BARTON-HARRIS

**Canterbury alumnus Mick reflects on his time at the College, the friendships that have stayed with him, and the journey that has shaped his career since graduation. Now a Canterbury parent and coach, Mick shares how he has maintained his connection to the College and the advice he hopes to pass on to the next generation of Canterbury students.**

For Class of 1997 alumnus Mick Holland, some of his favourite memories of Canterbury are the friendships, sport and sense of community that defined his school years.

A keen sportsman, Mick graduated as Cranmer House Captain, Captain of Volleyball and Captain of Swimming. He remembers Schools Cup Volleyball, Rugby and even a Year 12 girls vs boys netball match… which, he is still happy to point out, the boys won.

Above all, it is the friendships formed during his time at Canterbury that stand out.

*"I felt like we had a very special grade. Although we had our tighter friend groups, our grade all looked out for each other and I can't think of anyone I graduated with that I wouldn't call a good friend."*

After graduating, Mick initially tried university before realising it wasn't the right fit for him. He instead found his way into a trade, which gave him the opportunity to travel and work overseas, including time in London.

He later returned to Australia, working in the mining industry before eventually moving into his current local role in power generation.

Today, Mick's connection to Canterbury continues through his three children, who attend the College in Years 6, 8 and 10. He has also returned to the sporting community, recently coaching the Year 10 Girls Volleyball team, as well as Boys Volleyball and AFL.

*"What I enjoy most about coaching is meeting the kids that will be our future and hopefully imparting some friendly wisdom along the way, as many of my teachers did a long time ago."*

Reflecting on his own journey, Mick encourages current students to remember there is no need to have their entire future mapped out when they leave school.

*"If it takes time to know what you really want to do, then allow that to evolve. It's easier to go to work if you genuinely enjoy what you do."*

# COMING UP NEXT

**Interhouse Netball Knockout**
Monday 19 October - Wednesday 21 October

**Speech Night**
Tuesday 20 October

**ELC 2027 Orientation**
Wednesday 21 October

**Year 11 Visual Art Stimulus Experience**
Thursday 22 October

**Music Fest: Junior School Strings**
Thursday 22 October

**Alumni Volleyball Games**
Thursday 22 October

**Junior Volleyball Schools Cup**
Friday 23 October - Sunday 25 October

**Junior School Term 4 Co-Curricular Photos**
Friday 23 October

**Year 12 Reflection Day**
Friday 23 October



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Join us for our

# Annual Pink Ribbon Breast Cancer High Tea

## Thursday 29 October 2026
## 10:00am - 12:00pm

## Canterbury Function Centre

Please RSVP here by Monday 26 October

National Breast Cancer Foundation

# FRIDAY NIGHT ROCKS




## TONIGHT, 6:00pm

**FREE ENTRY! Don't miss out.**

Friday 16 October

Canterbury Events Centre
(via High Road)

Food and beverages available from 5:00pm

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# IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

2027 College Fee Schedule | **View Here**

Roadworks Update - Term 4 Return | **View More**

Junior School 2027 Dance Auditions | **View More**

Year 3 Camp Parent Information Session | **Read More**

Junior School Reminders: Drop-Off Zones & Studio Lessons | **Read More**

Canterbury's Pink Ribbon High Tea | **View More**

Magic United Football Tournament at Canterbury College | **Parking Notice**