



2021 TERM 1 ISSUE 1

CHAMPION BAY SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL



Newsletter



A word from our Principal



Welcome back to Champion Bay! We are looking forward to an exciting year as we will have our first Year 12 group graduate and start their new journey after school.

For the first time in several years, we have not started the year with a building site around our ears and it was great to come back to school and walk through our fabulous grounds that are so well tended by our gardeners Grant Bennett and Steve Bower. Thank you to these two staff members, who worked over the Christmas break and kept the school looking first rate.

This year, apart from our new Year 7 students, we have also welcomed some new staff.

We have been fortunate to have the following staff join us this year:

- Rita Twigg will be leading our Autism Spectrum program and will be the key teacher in the Geraldton Lighthouse Project at CBSHS
- Steve Twigg has also joined us and will take up the English position in Team 2 while Maree Espinos takes leave for the duration of 2021
- Alex Marinelli has joined us from Eaton College in the area of Specialist Mathematics and we welcome his expertise
- Jess McLaren commences in a full time position after her development of the Future Pathways Program for selected Years 11 and 12 students
- Jo Corbett has taken on the role of Head of The Arts Learning Area. Jo brings a vast experience of Dance and performance with her.
- Emma Forrester has joined us in the HPE Learning Area. Emma has had much experience working across all year levels and will take on the role in 2021 of Country Week Coordinator.
- Rovaun Alexander has joined us in the Technologies area. Rovaun is a widely experienced and innovative teacher who has been working in the Victorian Education system.
- Erin Dawson has returned from Parental Leave to rejoin our Science Department
- Chloe Vasic joins our HASS Department as a Graduate Teacher with fresh ideas

We wish our new staff members all the best for their tenure with us.

Much has happened since we resumed the school year. Apart from Day 1, which was the hottest day to commence school, we have been blessed with a comfortable return to school. I have even seen a few jackets around.

During Weeks 1 and 2, students and staff were involved in orientation activities and team building. The Year 7 students possibly had the best of the activities as they spent a day at the beach getting to know each other and their teachers.

The Year 12 students have settled well into their last year at school and at present, there is much excitement around the first Champion Bay SHS Ball which will take place on Saturday 13 March at the QE2 Centre, more details regarding 'arrivals' will be released next week. During last week and this week, Tim Collier and I have interviewed prospective outside partners, with the view to having them join us for the event. The work of Tim and the Ball Committee cannot go unmentioned. They have worked tirelessly to make the event a success. The Support and enthusiasm of the CBSHS P&C is also greatly appreciated.



Year 11 students have also started well. There are a wide variety of courses on offer, and they are becoming accustomed to the change in role from Year 10. Rebecca Bright in her role as Year 11 Coordinator, has a deep knowledge of her students as a cohort and provides amazing support to these students. Neil Wyatt is the Associate Principal working with this group. Neil also works with the large Year 10 cohort.

This year, we have a very large Year 10 cohort, which is an enormous asset to the school. My thanks to Associate Principal Helen Lydon for her expertise in creating a complex timetable structure that has meant that most students will be able to access the subjects of choice. Ronan Croft is the Year 10 Coordinator. Ronan also has a deep knowledge of the needs of his student group and advocates strongly for them.

Years 7, 8 and 9 have been organised into 3 Student Teams which are all located in specific areas of the school. These teams are:

- Team 1 has Fred Pritchard as the Team Leader
- Team 2 has Kahla Carrington as the Team Leader
- Team 3 has Brooke Edwards as the Team Leader

These 3 Team Leaders are experienced in the role of Team Leader and are the first point of contact for parents.

The Heads of Learning Area are:

- The Arts Jo Corlett
- English Chris Yates
- HASS Colleen Byrne
- HPE Gary Davies
- Maths Shelley Richardson
- Science Tammy Solomon
- Technologies Sue Macdonald

Contact for all these staff can be made by email or by phoning 99 658 300.

Midwest Principal's Briefing Day

Last Friday, CBSHS hosted a visit by the Director General of Education Lisa Rodgers, as she visited the region to host a dialogue with Midwest Principals. Among topics discussed was the role of Statewide Services in the provision of educational services to schools. This area is the subject of a review process at this time.

During Block 5 of that day, I was able to host the DG on a visit to the Future Pathways Program (Years 11/12), the Champions at Work Program (Year 10), and the Year 8 Champions Innovation Academy, who were trialling their Solar cars for the National Solar Car Challenge next week.

Swimming Carnival

This is happening today with many events in full swing. Spirits are soaring high and all results will be posted on our Facebook page.

Clontarf

During Week 4, we said 'goodbye' to James Paringatai as he headed to Dalby in Queensland to take up his appointment as Academy Director there. We wish JP the very best of luck in his new role- Daley's gain is our loss. A new appointment will be made to our Academy as soon as recruitment processes are completed.

P&C

This great group of people meets on Tuesday (Week 3) and Wednesday (Week 8) in the Staffroom at CBSHS from 6:30 pm. Everyone is welcome to help us work on projects that are important to the school.

KEY DATES

- 2 Mar - OLN Starts
- 11 Mar - Yr 10 Drivers Education Program
- 16 Mar - Yr 7 Immunisations
- 17 March - ATAR Parent Workshop
- 23 March - Parent / Teacher Evening
- 1 April - Last day Term 1
- 2 April - Good Friday
- 19 April - First day Term 2



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YEARS 7 TO 12
YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR UP TO:

\$350

towards school expenses

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(OR) • CENTRELINK PENSIONER CONCESSION CARD
(OR) • VETERANS' AFFAIRS PENSIONER CONCESSION CARD

Applications Close
Thursday 1 April 2021

Ask School Reception for More Information



A word from our Associate Principal

What a wonderful start it has been to 2021!

I would like to take this opportunity to extend a warm welcome to all our new and returning students. It has been such a pleasure getting to know the Year 7 students, and we are super proud of the excellent start they have made to this new and exciting chapter in their education.

Visiting many classes across lower secondary, I have been particularly impressed with the positive, respectful and studious attitude many students are displaying on a daily basis. At this point I would like to remind all students of the "ABC" of our Good Standing Policy and encourage them to maintain their Good Standing in all three areas of **A**ttendance, **B**ehaviour and **C**oursework completion.

Students must have:

- 90% and above adjusted **A**ttendance (with all absences explained and authorised).
- Maintain good **B**ehaviour by not receiving a suspension or in school withdrawal.
- Complete all **C**oursework (tasks, assessments & assignments) on time.

Maintaining Good Standing allows students to participate in the many fun and varied activities, organised by our dedicated staff, that are outside of the curriculum such as excursions, camps and team activities within the school day. We look forward to many, if not all, students being able to fully participate in these wonderful opportunities.



YEAR 11 NEWS

***“A fresh start is not a new place;
it is a new mind set.”***

And so we begin 2021! It was great to see students back in uniform and keen to get 2021 underway. We welcomed back our Year 11 cohort and linked up with our most senior of students in Year 12 to enjoy a barbecue lunch. So many familiar faces returned from 2020, whilst we also welcomed new Year 11 students to Champion Bay Senior High School. The lunch provided a great social opportunity for senior students to mingle and for staff and students to get to know each other.

We have a big year ahead of us, but we are excited to see how we rise to the challenges and reap the rewards of our successes and what we can learn from our failures.

Our first challenge is set for Student Leaders for 2021 and it is pleasing to see a range of students with varying interests and skill sets self-nominating to be a leader.

During Week 4 we held speech writing sessions during our lunch break to prepare speeches. Student Leader nominees will deliver their speeches to the Year 11 cohort in coming weeks, and their peers will be asked to vote based on who they feel will uphold our school values and best represent their cohort.

Year 11 ATAR English students had the opportunity to attend a full day workshop on Creative Writing on Saturday 20 February. Students had the chance to understand ways to think and plan for their creative writing. A massive thank you to Mrs McCarthy and Mr Yates (HOLA) for their time and effort to provide a rich learning experience. I hear the catering was outstanding!

*Rebecca Bright
Year Coordinator*



STUDENT SERVICES

The Student Services Team Welcomes You to 2021!

We are back for another year with some familiar faces to support the health and well-being of staff and students of Champion Bay Senior High School.

From Left to Right:

- Craig Tapper: Manager of Student Services – Years 7-9
- Shirley Forrester: Manager of Student Services – Years 10-12
- Janet Meerman: School Officer, Student Services
- Brooke Root: Community Health Nurse
- Crawford Lindsay: Chaplain
- Ruby Blakeway: School Psychologist

Not Pictured:

- Vera O'Donnell: School Officer, Student Services
- Lisa Trembath: School Officer, Student Services

Student Service's role is to support students with anything they may be experiencing that has the potential to impact academic or personal growth, and be another link between home and school, and external agencies.

We achieve this through 1:1 support, small group activities and class, team, cohort and whole school intervention and preventative initiatives.



We are very grateful to have the support of headspace and NGALA who work from our building one day each per week as well as the many other external agencies who we call on when the need arises.

There is much, much more to our team and services – we will dig a little deeper in the next edition of the CBSHS newsletter!



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SHINE

Wow !! I cannot believe it's week 5.

Our second week in SHINE has been amazing with lots of girls setting some fantastic goals. New friendships are being built, with a lot of resilience.

Years 7s and 8s have a brand-new program

Introduction
Team building
Positive behaviour

Year 9s and 10s

Introduction
Friendships
Resilience / Respect
Hygiene

I am so excited to see so many girls becoming resilient ..

Jodie McAuliffe
SHINE Facilitator





CLONTARF

clontarf foundation

A fantastic start to the year at the mighty Champion Bay Clontarf Academy with solid numbers across the board as we welcome the Year Seven lads into the Academy. With the usual trainings and afterschool activities we have kept the lads involved throughout the last five weeks.

After school activities involved a few foreshore activities with net fishing one of the highlights. The weather was blowing and it wasn't the best of days, but the few lads that attended had some fresh mullet to take home with them, much to the delight of their families.

Year Twelves were exposed to a Leadership Camp in Kalbarri. On this camp the lads signed a pledge to challenge themselves in the final year of their education. This will be a bigger event next year as we team up with other Academies in our Region.

As we progress through the term, other opportunities for our junior Academy Members include a Leadership camp to Shark Bay where they will play in an Annual Football match against the Carnarvon Academy, whilst dropping into Binu Primary School to run a short and sharp Football Clinic.

Clontarf Cup will be another fantastic opportunity for the senior lads who will venture to Perth to play against the bigger Metropolitan Academies. Always a great way to meet new friends and catch up with old Academy Members who have moved to Perth.

We are looking at steadying the ship with the Year Seven Cohort over the course of the term and look forward to the remaining weeks of Term 1.

Justin Mallard
Director



DEADLY SISTA GIRLZ



DeadlySistaGirlz

The inaugural Deadly Sista Girlz Basketball carnival was held in Perth on Wednesday 23 February, with 2 teams of our years 7, 8 and 9 girls attending and representing Deadly Sista Girlz –Champion Bay Senior High School

Our teams had the chance to play alongside current Deadly Sista Girlz sites such as Yulebrook College, Governor Stirling SHS, Southern River College, Northam SHS, John Tonkin College, Fremantle College, Ellenbrook Secondary College, North Albany Senior High School and Gilmore College.

The trip included a visit to WA Museum Boola Bardip, where the girls took in exhibitions such as Songlines: Tracking the Seven Sisters, Ngalang Koort Boodja Wirn Our heart, Country, Spirit and many more.

Both teams did very well with 1 out of the 2 teams making it into the finals, well done girls. Congratulations to Zaicyahn Cross-Marshall (MVP) , Cynthia Gerardi (MVP) and Jila Ryder (Rising Star).

Naomi Jones
Coordinator



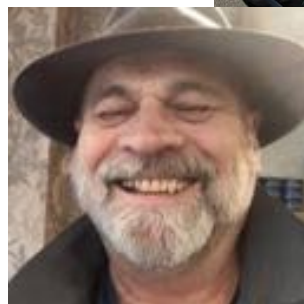
Kevin Price - Born Storyteller

On Saturday, the 20th of February, twenty Year 11 and 12 students donated their time to attend the Kevin Price Born Storyteller seminar which was kindly arranged by Mrs Alison McCarthy.

Dr Kevin Price is a vibrant presenter and delivered different writing strategies for students; linking the strategies closely to exam techniques. As a teacher of twenty five years, and obviously a former student myself, it was refreshing to be exposed to different ideas for stimulating writing, writing effective dialogue and using figurative language to engage the reader. The best advice for students in their exams was to spend at least half an hour planning before you wrote your response. This was a fresh and timely idea as when I was completing my English exams, we weren't taught to plan beforehand; it was simply pick up that blister inducing pen and write as fast as you could for an entire hour! Examiners reward quality over quantity. Kevin also reminded students that a twist in the tail, or to at least make the examiner smile at the end of a story would achieve a higher mark.

Thank you to Mrs McCarthy for organising the day, and the previous two days for English staff. Thank you to the twenty students who generously gave up their Saturday. Hopefully you enjoyed the day as much as I did and learnt some techniques to improve your writing and ultimately, increase your exam score.

Chris Yates
English HOLA



MATHS NEWS

Welcome back everyone! I'm not sure about anyone else – but I have found writing 2021 on everything a lot easier this year. Not sure why.

I would like to welcome back the Mathematics Department – who this year consists of: Nick Brennan, Renee Demeo, Shirley Forrester, Les Hansen, Matt Harding, Tasman Hunter, Chris Markham, Ravu Tagive and a particular warm welcome to Alex Marinelli.

It's an exciting year ahead, as we educate Year 12's for the first time. Taking on the work load of an ATAR schedule is a daunting task – but I know Miss Demeo, Mr Harding and Mr Marinelli are more than equal to the effort.

We are proud of the journey of all of our students. Mathematics is a hugely complex subject area with its own language that students have to decode. Thank you parents for placing your trust in us. On a housekeeping note: could you please ensure that your child has access to a calculator, in particular the Casio fx82AU or similar, and if they have one, make sure that it is undamaged and the batteries don't need replacing. If you need to purchase one, they are available at the Front Office. While yes, all mobile phones do have a calculator, the students are unable to access them during the day, as per Departmental rules. Please get in touch with any concerns. Keep an eye out on Connect for upcoming assessments and results. We are all on this journey together!

Shelley Richardson
Maths HOLA

Year 7 students have been exploring the technique of collage to create artwork inspired by Australian artist Pete Cromer. Here is a glimpse at our budding young artists and their fantastic works in progress.

VISUAL ARTS

*Natali Cooper
Arts Teacher*



LIBRARY

It has been a fantastic start to the year with over 70 students visiting the Library in the mornings and at lunchtimes.

Young Writer's Program

The CBSHS Library hosts the Young Writer's Program once a term for interested years 6, 7 and 8 students. This term the visiting author was Deb Fitzpatrick. Deb lives and works in Fremantle and has published novels for adults, young adults and children. She has a Master of Arts (Creative Writing) from UWA and occasionally teaches professional writing and editing at Curtin University.

Homework Club

Everyone is welcome, Wednesdays 3.00pm until 4.15pm
Students are given a snack, drink and help with homework or study.
Parental permission is required and notes can be collected from the Library.

*Olga Cotterell
Teacher Librarian*

