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# 2026 OPEN DAY TOURS

Tuesday 3 March & Friday 6 March, 2026
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#### Welcome

Welcome to the 2025 Semester 1 edition of *The Coronet*. It has been a strong and positive start to the school year at CBHS Lewisham, filled with energy, achievement, and community spirit.

We proudly welcomed back our HSC High Achievers, who returned to share their insights and inspire the next generation of learners. Term 1 also saw the Opening School Mass, concelebrated by Bishop Danny Meagher and Father Jack Evans, and attended by a number of special guests.

During this assembly I had the pleasure of announcing our 2025 School Leaders, a group of young men ready to serve and lead with integrity.



2024 School Dux, Samuel Gheller

The Annual CBHS Open Day Tours in March were a huge success, with our enthusiastic Year 5 & 6 tour guides warmly welcoming over 900 families to the school. It was a wonderful opportunity to showcase all that CBHS has to offer, and I was proud to see our students consistently impress visitors with their confidence, knowledge, and school pride.

#### **HSC HIGH ACHIEVERS ASSEMBLY**

It was a pleasure to welcome back our 2024 HSC High Achievers for a special assembly held in their honour. With an average ATAR of 80 many boys received their first round university course offer and our vocational students excelled with placement in apprenticeships, traineeships and further education. The 2024 Dux with an ATAR of 99.4, Samuel Gheller, spoke about his passion for learning and the need to have balance in mixing your study, fitness and social lives. He paid tribute to his teachers describing each one's particular talents and skills in supporting him to his success.

A total of eight boys received ATARs over 95 and there were 82 Band 6s (scores above 90) awarded.

As I reflect on a busy and rewarding semester, I look forward to Semester 2 with optimism and renewed focus, continuing our mission to grow boys into confident, compassionate young men.

**Dr Michael Blowes • PRINCIPAL** 

# Congratulations HSC Class of 2024



**HIGHEST ATAR** 



NSW TOP ACHIEVER IN COURSE 19th in Business Studies



ALL-ROUND ACHIEVERS



STUDENTS WITH ATAR ABOVE 95



STUDENTS WITH ATAR
ABOVE 90



DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENTS



COURSE RESULTS
ABOVE STATE AVERAGE



DUAL ACCREDITATION PATHWAY STUDENTS

have secured an apprenticeship, further training or employment



of results received
A MARK OF 80+

# **All-round Achievers**

ACHIEVING 90 OR ABOVE IN 10 OR MORE UNITS OF STUDY



Top Achiever All Rounder School Dux Samuel Gheller ATAR 99.4

97%
93%
93%
95%
96%



#### **All Rounder**

Lukas Giannakakis ATAR 98.15

Add Control	
Biology	90%
<b>Business Studies</b>	92%
English Advanced	94%
Mathematics Extension 1	47%
Mathematics Advanced	93%
Studies of Religion I	49%

# **ATAR Above 95**



Sam Gheller ATAR 99.4



Oliver Amato ATAR 97.4



Sam Katsaros ATAR 98.25



Daniel Nicolatsopoulos ATAR 97.35



Lukas Giannakakis ATAR 98.15



Adam Malkiewicz ATAR 96.2



Bradley Leung ATAR 97.6



Daniel Mansour ATAR 95.85



2024 HSC High Achievers



# **Opening School Mass**

Our 2025 Opening School Mass was a great celebration this week, highlighted by Bishop Danny Meagher's message on the power of wisdom in everyday life and its role for our boys.

The investiture of our student leaders embodied this message, in front of their families, CBHS staff, students, and special guests who are a vital part of our schools' journey.

#### Guests included:

- Br Paul Conn former Principal of CBHS Lewisham
- Br Peter Hester former Principal of CBHS Lewisham
- Mr Darcy Byrne Mayor, Inner West Council
- Ms Maura Manning Director of EREA NSW Colleges
- Mr Mark Askew EREA NSW Affiliated Director
- Mr David Robinson Chair, School Advisory Council
- Ms Lucy Snowball School Advisory Council
- Mr Alopi Latukefu Edmund Rice Centre, Balmain
- Mr Jason Bongers- Edmund Rice Foundation Australia, Qld
- Ms Laetitia Richmond Principal, St Scholastica's, Glebe



(L-R) School Captain 2025 John Kotselas receives his leadership badge from Bishop Danny Meagher



(L-R) Mr Matthew Williamson and Br Peter Hester present badges



Dr Michael Blowes, Principal (L) and Mr Darcy Byrne, Mayor IWC



(L-R) Mr Jason Bongers, Ms Maura Manning, Mr Mark Askew, Dr Michael Blowes and Br Peter Hester





# **Student Leadership Team 2025**



John Kotselas SCHOOL CAPTAIN



Andrea Catanzariti SCHOOL VICE CAPTAIN



Antonio Raciti SCHOOL VICE CAPTAIN



Theo Malliaros TOUCHSTONE PREFECT



Jonathan Nolan TOUCHSTONE PREFECT



Christopher Panagiotlaris TOUCHSTONE PREFECT



Alexander Riley TOUCHSTONE PREFECT



Archie Hirst BRADY CAPTAIN



Ben Ong GALLAGHER CAPTAIN



Connor Papadimitriou KEARNEY CAPTAIN



Lucas De Sousa HEALY CAPTAIN



Reuben Elias MAGEE CAPTAIN



Jayden Candotti TREACY CAPTAIN



George Rehayem
O'NEILL CAPTAIN



Daniel Shakir WYNNE CAPTAIN

# **Primary Student Leadership Team 2025**



Joshua Faddoul PRIMARY SCHOOL



Paddy McColough PRIMARY SCHOOL VICE CAPTAIN



Lachlan Timor PRIMARY SCHOOL VICE CAPTAIN



Luca Mohelika SOCIAL JUSTICE CAPTAIN



Edward Parkinson BRADY CAPTAIN



Liam An GALLAGHER CAPTAIN



Joshua Coorey KEARNEY CAPTAIN



Fox Mullane HEALY CAPTAIN



Flynn Sawers MAGEE CAPTAIN



Jackson Hart O'NEILL CAPTAIN



Owen Sharkey TREACY CAPTAIN



Gerard Boutros
WYNNE CAPTAIN



Investiture of Primary Student Leadership Team



# **Careers Update**

The Annual CBHS Careers Expo offers Years 10, 11 & 12 students and their families the opportunity to explore and compare study and career pathways.

This year, over 55 exhibitors from employer

and professional associations, Universities, NSW TAFE, training providers, and employment agencies were onsite, providing valuable guidance to help students make informed decisions about their future.







## Looking for an APPRENTICE OR TRAINEE?

CBHS Lewisham currently has 30 School Based Apprentices and Trainees (SBAT) across Year 11 and 12. SBAT's give students the opportunity to ease into a career while still having a support network (peers, teachers, family) around.

#### **School Based Apprentices**

Apprenticeships involve the student working one or two days per week in your business, attending TAFE for one day and coming to school.

#### Examples include:

- Electrotechnology
- Carpentry
- Plumbing
- Engineering- Fabrication

#### **School Based Traineeships**

Traineeships involve the student working in your business one day per week over Year 11 and 12, learning on the job and coming to school.

#### **Examples include:**

- Real Estate
- Business
- I.T
- Fitness
- Sport and Recreation
- Warehousing









We have many keen young students hoping to do work experience in order to secure a school based apprenticeship.

If your business could offer a week of work experience or take on an SBAT student please get in touch with our Careers Team.

EMAIL Careers@cbhslewisham.nsw.edu.au

# Congratulations to the 2024 Dual Accreditation Program Achievers

#### **Vocational Education and Training Achievers**

Vasili

#### **School Based Apprenticeship Achievers**



Neo Benfield -Smith Certificate II Kitchen Operations



Karanikolas Certificate II Kitchen Operations



Mulcahy

Certificate II

Kitchen
Operations



Julian
Tavares
Certificate II
Kitchen
Operations



Certificate III Electrotechnology

Joshua

Da Silva

Michael

Joukhador



Jabbour
Certificate III
Carpentry

Gabriel



Nicolapoulos

Certificate II

Kitchen

Operations

Harris



Certificate II Kitchen Operations

Bechara

Matthew

Nimmo



Maximilian



Certificate III Electrotechnology



Lagos
Certificate III
Carpentry

Manos



Trickey

Certificate II

Kitchen

Operations

Angus



Certificate II Construction Pathways



Budniak
Certificate II
Construction
Pathways



Certificate III Carpentry

Matta

Julian



Certificate III Carpentry

John-Paul

Kaelan

Nifo



Conte Certificate II Construction Pathways



Li-Causi
Certificate II
Construction
Pathways

James

Nigro



John-Paul Tannous Certificate II Construction Pathways

Antwon



Tavares

Certificate III
Plumbing



Tannous
Certificate III
Landscape
Construction



Jason Venardos Certificate II Construction Pathways



Certificate II Electrotechnology (Career start)



Akle

Certificate II

Electrotechnology
(Career start)



Tsubono

Certificate III
Electrotechnology

School Based Traineeship Achievers



Max Calladine Certificate III Information, Digital Media & Technology

Benjamin

Fitzgerald

Certificate III

Information, Digital Media



Del Vecchio
Certificate III
Information,
Digital Media
& Technology

Daniel

McInerney

Certificate III

Information, Digital Media & Technology

Antonio



Anthony Dimopoulos Certificate III Information, Digital Media & Technology

Kamran

Oktar



Daniel Mansour Certificate III Sport and Recreation



Jeremy McCardell Certificate II Design Fundamentals



Antony Sevastelis Certificate III Information, Digital Media & Technology



Nathan Rubbo Certificate III Screen & Media



Angus Trickey Certificate III Sport and Recreation



# **Open Day 2025**

Our Annual Open Day was a huge success in March, with more than 900 visitors being welcomed into CBHS Lewisham over the three sessions.

From interactive displays and engaging presentations to hands-on experiments, our guests experienced the depth and diversity of learning that takes place every day at our school. The Concert Band delivered a standout performance, and the roaming drummers helped capture the vibrancy of who we are.

It was wonderful to see so many families engaging with our school and discovering the opportunities available for their

sons. From the energy in the classrooms to the warmth of the welcome from our staff and student guides, the spirit of CBHS Lewisham was well and truly on display.





















Refurbished deconsecrated Chapel space

- CNR TOOTHILL ST & THE BOULEVARDE

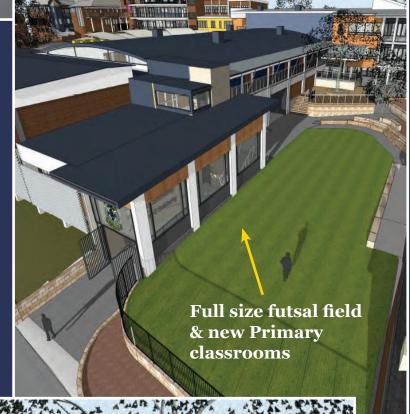
# **Building Program Update**

In Term 3 and 4, the Stage 2 Building Program will continue to take shape, especially with the opening of the previously deconsecrated chapel building, formerly the Lewisham Uniting Church. Now a vibrant multi-purpose space, it will host school events, student and staff workshops, and classes.

This development signals a significant chapter in CBHS Lewisham's evolving campus. Keep an eye on progress at two key locations:

- Corner of Toothill Street & The Boulevarde
- Denison Road

Watch these spaces!







#### **Social Justice**

CBHS Social Justice initiatives help each boy understand his role in the wider community and how they can help. Thank you to all who supported, volunteered, or contributed this semester—below is a quick snapshot of their impact.



Our Primary Social Justice team excelled in their initiatives this Semester, with St Vincent de Paul 'Vinnies Vans' receiving their help during Lent, and last month with the Magee House Winter Appeal.

During Lent, generous donations from our Primary families allowed students to create 635 snack packs for those in need.

The Magee Winter Appeal was also a great success, with Years 5–12 families contributing blankets, toiletries, and food to support the homeless during the colder months.

The compassion and generosity of the CBHS community makes us proud.

#### **Biggest Morning Tea**

Congratulations to the Year 5 and 6 boys for their incredible achievement in raising \$820 to support the Australian Cancer Council'S Biggest Morning Tea! This dedication and compassion will make a meaningful difference in the lives of those affected by cancer.

Well done to the Primary Social Justice Team who not only baked and provided sweet treats for over 70 guests, but also served them with care, ensuring everyone felt welcomed and supported.

The efforts of the boys is a powerful example that, regardless of age, young people have the ability to create real and lasting change in the world.

Congratulations to all involved on this achievement!



#### **Lewo World Cup**

Passion was running high over the last few weeks as recess and lunch were taken over by the 2025 CBHS Lewo World Cup—the much-loved futsal competition packed with spirit and friendly rivalries!

In a thrilling repeat of last year's final, Greece and Spain/ Portugal faced off once again. With the McDonald Centre buzzing, the teams were locked at 2–2 at full time, sending the match into a dramatic penalty shootout. After a tense exchange, Team Greece claimed the championship title! All funds raised go toward the Peru 'Build a House' Program, with over \$1300 raised during the finals alone. A fantastic way to finish the term with excitement and purpose!



#### **SECONDARY**

#### **World's Greatest Shave**

In April, 24 Year 12 students volunteered to raise awareness and funds for blood cancer through the Leukemia Foundation's World's Greatest Shave.

We congratulate these students for their efforts in collectively raising \$25,342 and being ranked 17th in NSW!

For some of the boys losing their flowing locks was a huge sacrifice, but with the great support of their peers, and knowing they are making a difference, the pain is eased.

A huge thankyou to the CBHS community for their support of this very worthy cause.

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#### **Caritas Cup**

The Caritas Cup was another highlight of the Semester — bringing students together in a spirited house basketball competition during Lent to raise funds for Project Compassion.

Congratulations to all who played with passion and purpose, and to O'Neill House for taking out the Cup, with great leadership from Mr Anthony Foti and O'Neill Captain George Rehayem.



#### Year 10 Spirituality Day

In June we welcomed Year 10 students from St Scholastica's Glebe to mark World Refugee Day with a day of prayer, awareness, and social interaction.

Students participated in workshops led by local organisations—Vinnies, House of Welcome, and the Asylum Seekers Centre—where they heard first hand stories from refugees and learned about ways to support those in need.

Through discussion, generous donations, and engagement, students lived out the message from the morning's Liturgy: "To act justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God" – MICAH 6:6–8.





## **Sport Stars**

#### **Sailing Success**

Congratulations to Year 6 student Luca De Giosa on his outstanding sailing achievements! Earlier this year, Luca represented Australia at the Optimist Asian and Oceanian Championship in Hong Kong, winning the Oceanian Team Racing Title and placing 3rd in the Silver Fleet division. He followed this with another victory, securing the National Team Racing Title with the NSW team in Brisbane.



#### Well done Malik!

Year 6's Malik Deen continues to blitz his opponents, this time at the New South Wales Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu State Championship. Malik achieved a Double Gold Win in Gi and No-Gi divisions - competing at a higher age and weight division.

Malik's commitment to training diligently, and consistently has paid off in his wins, especially considering he competes often at a higher age and weight division. Congratulations!

#### **Table Tennis Juniors win Bronze**



Well done to the CBHS Table Tennis Team for their strong performance at the SCS Conference 1 Gala Day.

Special congratulations to the Junior Team of Olivier Bove and Joseph Caccavari, who earned a Bronze Medal - excellent results and a testament to their skill and teamwork.

#### **Cross Country Stars**





Well done to our CBHS students who braved the rain at the SCS Cross Country Championships!

Special congratulations to Ben McDougall (U12) and Jonathan Nolan (U18) on qualifying for the NSW Championships—best of luck!



#### **Primary Soccer Champions!**

The Primary Soccer Team put on a stellar performance to win the Sydney Catholic Schools (SCS) Conference Final in a nailbiting penalty shootout. They showed skill, composure, and teamwork under pressure.

The CBHS boys demonstrated great sportsmanship and the experience gained throughout the season and in these high-stakes matches will undoubtedly benefit the team in future competitions.

Special thanks to Coach Mr Tsokos, whose leadership and guidance were instrumental in motivating the team and refining their strategy.

















# **Guitar and Strings Recital Evening**

Our Guitar and Strings Recital struck a new chord in June, being held in the newly refurbished chapel building, a stunning backdrop for a night of music and talent.

Over 20 talented students took to the stage, performing a diverse range of pieces and showcasing the incredible growth of the ensembles.

Congratulations to all the musicians and dedicated teachers who make this recital possible each year!





Over 20 students performed in a night of music and talent.



#### **Reconciliation Partners**

During NAIDOC Week 2025, CBHS proudly embraced this year's theme, "The Next Generation: Strength, Vision & Legacy"—a powerful call to honour the past while championing the future.

This message was brought to life when students from our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Program were invited as honoured guests to the Reconciliation Assembly at St Pius X College, Chatswood.

Led by CBHS Aboriginal Education Worker Mr Blake Griffith, our students shared traditional dances that beautifully expressed their cultural identity and connection to Country.

This special gathering also marked the beginning of the Red Dirt Immersion—a shared journey through outback NSW, deepening ties between our schools and strengthening our ongoing commitment to Reconciliation and cultural learning.











CBHS Lewisham partners with St Pius X Chatswood in Reconciliation



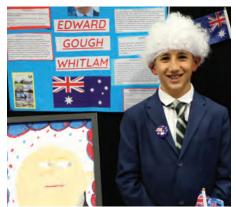
**Primary Presentation Night** 

Last term the CBHS community also enjoyed the Annual Primary Presentation Night with the impressive Year 5 'Night of Notables'.

Each student researched and portrayed an iconic Australian, showcasing their work through creative displays, portraits and clever costumes. The night was a great opportunity for the boys to bring their 'notable' to life, with their displays featuring a Q&A box to test their knowledge.

Congratulations to our Year 5 students for their hard work, confidence, and enthusiasm!

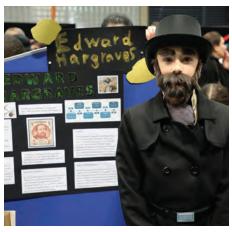






























#### **Public Speaking Competition 2025**

As part of our Primary Presentation Night, eight talented Year 6 boys took part in the 2025 Public Speaking Competition, and what an amazing group they were!

With topics ranging from 'Parents just don't understand' to 'Why gaming is educational', the students educated the audience with skill and confidence.

Congratulations to a talented group, in particular Jackson and Deon who took out First and Second place overall.



## **Paul Kapeleris**



# What is your role at CBHS and how long have you been here?

I currently serve as the Year 9 Coordinator and previously, I was the Kearney House Patron. In my teaching role, I specialise in Stage 5 and Stage 6 subjects, with a focus on Economics, Business Studies, Legal Studies, and Commerce. I have been a member of the teaching staff since 2019 and was also a CBHS student, graduating in 2011.

# What are your top 3 favourite things about CBHS?

My top three favourite things about CBHS are the evolving academic culture, the extracurricular opportunities, and the strong sense of community.

Over the past four years, the academic culture has transformed significantly, with students demonstrating a dedication to excellence and being justly rewarded for their hard work and perseverance. The school's diverse range of extracurricular activities allows students to explore their passions, develop new skills, and express their creativity in a supportive environment beyond the classroom. Finally, the staff and students foster a genuine sense of community, making CBHS Lewisham a place where everyone feels valued and supported in their journey of growth and achievement.

# What was a highlight of Semester One for you?

Stepping into the role of Year 9 Coordinator was a fantastic experience, and I've truly enjoyed getting to know such an enthusiastic and diverse group of students. Their energy and willingness to get involved in school life have been a real highlight.

On top of that, taking the Year 10 Commerce students to NSW Parliament House in Term 1 was incredibly rewarding. Witnessing their engagement with the parliamentary process and the insightful questions they posed made for a truly memorable excursion. Personally, this semester has also been a significant period of growth as I navigate the responsibilities of Year Coordinator, learning new skills in student welfare, organisation, and communication and I'm already looking forward to seeing what next semester brings for our Year 9 cohort.

# What does it mean to you to "focus on the boy to grow the man"

This phrase embodies the core values of nurturing each student's individual growth, both academically and personally, in a supportive and holistic environment. It means cultivating academic excellence but also leadership, character, and resilience, ensuring that our students are equipped to navigate life's challenges with confidence and integrity.

# Class of 1956 Reunion



The Leaving Certificate Class of 1956 met in April for their 68th year reunion and the camaraderie is just as strong as it was all those years ago. This group of CBHS Old Boys meets every year for drinks and lunch at Ryde-Eastwood Leagues Club at West Ryde, and the intervening years just drop away.

To their knowledge, 34 of the original cohort of 84 are still soldiering on and they all pledged to be upright for the big 70th Reunion in 2026.

From left to right:- David Conway, Peter O'Meara, Richard Mulheron, Len Hawthorne, Bob Defina, Ernie Flint, Paul O'Keefe, Chris Madden (front), Terry Bell, Brian Hughes. Brian Lane, Ron Logan, Cec Ainsworth.

*Apologies:* John Burton, Darol Cavanagh, Peter Davison, Greg McCarry, Jim McEwan, Kerry Newman, Alex Nikotin, Laurie Noyes, Bob Ponza, Michael Purcell, Don Rooney, Herb Simpson, John Toohey, Michael Tunchon, Richard Waring.

David Conway would be happy to hear from any 56ers out there who he has not been able to make contact with. EMAIL: davraycon@bigpond.com

#### Start your reunion off with a school tour!

Simply email us at oldboys@cbhslewisham.nsw.edu.au to check availability and to add your reunion to our list. We would love to welcome you back.









# OLD BOYS' NEWS



Tony Sukkar Current West Tigers First Grade



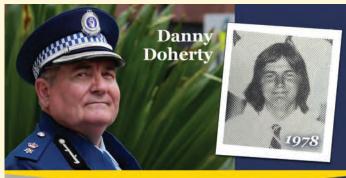
Kurtis Patterson
Current Australia A
Cricket Team



Ethan Roberts
Indigenous All Stars



Manos Lagos
Australian Athelite Emu
Asia Pacific Youth Touch team





A proud moment for CBHS Lewisham as Danny Doherty (1979) retires from his role as Commander of the NSW Homicide Squad, passing the baton to fellow Old Boy and NSW Police Force veteran Joe Doueihi (1985).

# **REUNIONS**

If you are planning a reunion or catch up, email us at oldboys@cbhslewisham.nsw.edu.au and we will add it to the list!

#### **CLASS OF 1975** 50 YEAR REUNION

• 27 SEPTEMBER 2025 PETERSHAM RSL CLUB, 12PM •

Contact:

Terry Wickenden - terrywickenden@gmail.com RSVP HERE https://bit.ly/Lewo1975

#### CLASS OF 1968 / SC 1966 60 YEAR REUNION - 2026

27 NOVEMBER 2026

Contacts:

Gerard Wilkinson - gerard.w@bigpond.net.au
Mick Boller - mick\_boller@hotmail.com
Get in touch to keep in the loop



Class of 2024 Old Boys selected in Lebanese Touch Football team

Well done to Michael Joukhador (Class of 2024) Joey Matta (Class of 2024) Cruz Frangieh (Class 2024), Michael Boustani and John Paul Tannous (Class of 2024) who were selected in the Lebanese Touch Football Team and JP Catalano and Manos Lagos (Class of 2024) selected for the Australian Team for the Asian Pacific Touch Football Tournament held in Queensland.



We were thrilled to welcome back Old Boy Bailey Hayward (Class of 2018) to CBHS last term.

Currently playing with the Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs, Bailey took time out of his busy league season to speak with our Primary students about all things rugby league, as well as the importance of faith and family in his life.

Thank you Bailey, for your generosity and inspiring words - your visit left a lasting impression on the boys and reminded them of the values that truly matter, both on and off the field.





Reuniting with former classmates (now staff) and teachers (L-R) Mr Dean Bereveskos, Mrs Tiffany Lawless, Bailey, Mrs Deb Cummins, Mr James Tsokos, Mr Matt Williamson

# **VALE**May they rest in peace



Br Paul Conn CBHS LEWISHAM PRINCIPAL 2008–2020



Our community was saddened to hear of the passing of Brother Paul Conn on April 27, 2025. Br Paul served as Principal from 2008–2020, leading many initiatives that continue to shape the character and spirit of our community today. His leadership was rooted in compassion, integrity, and a vision for a more just and caring world, he will be deeply missed.

• Alex Murphy CLASS 2015

• Tom Carroll
CLASS OF 1963 / SCHOOL CAPTAIN



Fr Kevin Tuitu'u
CBHS LEWISHAM CHAPLAIN
2011–2018



#### Remember when...

Who remembers the monthly newspaper of Christian Brothers' High School Lewisham? HIGH was started in 1963 and ran for over 10 years, with staff and students producing a jam packed newspaper of school happenings, careers counselling, form notes, sports results and local retail ads, all for the sum of 2c.

Look out for flashbacks from some of the issues in our archives, and please tell us your news, old or new, we love it all.

Email: Oldboys@cbhslewisham.nsw.edu.au

The CBHS Lewisham hats below were donated by Lynn Marie Wilde, daugther of Gregory Carmody, student in the 1930s-1940s.





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