

SEMESTER 1, 2024

The CORONET

*Focus on the boy
to grow the man*



Acknowledgement of Country

We respectfully acknowledge the Gadigal People of the Eora Nation, who are the Traditional Owners of the land on which Christian Brothers Lewisham is built, and pay our respect to their Elders past, present and emerging.

We are honoured to recognise our connection to Gadigal Country, history, culture and spirituality through this location, and strive to ensure that we operate in a manner that respects and honours the Elders and Ancestors of these lands.

We also respectfully acknowledge Lewisham's Aboriginal, Torres Strait and South Sea Islander staff, students, alumni, partners and visitors.

We also acknowledge and respect the Traditional Owners of lands across Australia, their Elders, Ancestors, cultures and heritage, and recognise the continuing sovereignties of all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Nations.

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Principal's Message

Welcome to our first issue of *The Coronet*, with news and events from across the Christian Brothers (CBHS) Lewisham community and celebrates the boys and their academic and co-curricular achievements.

HSC SUCCESS

We began the year still elated with the outstanding achievement of our senior class of 2023 making the top 100 schools in NSW. They achieved wonderful results in the Higher School Certificate. They scored 100 Band 6s with nearly all subjects well above state average.

- CBHS was placed 82nd in the state which equates to being in the top 10% of all schools in NSW.
- Our students recorded 100 Distinguished Achievements (Band 6s) from a smaller cohort of entries meant that our Band 6 rate improved
- We are the highest ranking EREA School in NSW
- 25 boys recorded ATARs above 90.
(Nearly a third of the boys who applied for an ATAR).

These wonderful results were amplified by the fact that they were achieved by a wonderful group of young men who were a pleasure to work with these past few years. They have modelled hard work, perseverance and commitment and we wish all of them continued success in their adult lives.

HIGH POTENTIAL CLASSES - The Aquinas Program

In each year group from Years 5–10 we have a high potential class as part of our Aquinas Program. Students in these classes are presented with work that is more challenging, to push them to meet their potential as learners. This year we are preparing for the 2025 launch of our Accelerated Mathematics Program for students in Years 9–12. This program will allow students to sit the Higher School Certificate Advanced Mathematics examination one year ahead while students are still in Year 11. In Year 12 these students will concentrate on their extension Mathematics program.

“We Journey
Together
in Hope”

THEME OF THE YEAR



Zayn Afouni receives the Class Commendation for Effort from Dr Blowes



2024 School Captain Daniel Khoury



2023 High Achievers

CELEBRATING OUR DIVERSITY

This year we have particularly focussed on recognising the broad range of cultures that make up our school community. We celebrated an Inclusive Community Day as the prelude to the Lewo World Cup, a futsal competition where boys play for their national community. In July we celebrated a Maronite Mass for our students of Lebanese background and the following week we raised funds for our sister school in Peru. First Nations students were recognised with our annual Reconciliation Week ceremony.

KEEPING CONNECTED

We trust that your connection with us remains strong and we invite you to join our social media pages (Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn) to catch up on the latest developments at CBHS Lewisham.

Dr Michael Blowes
PRINCIPAL



All Rounders : James Dimoudis, Jonathan Haklane, Anthony Kazzi and Michael Prioste



Dr Blowes presents Gabriel Wong with his Future Problem Solving Trophy

Placed in the top 10% of schools in NSW for the 2023 HSC

All Rounders Achieving 90 or above in 10 or more units of study



School Dux All Rounder

Jonathan Haklane
ATAR 99.6

Chemistry	91%
English Advanced	92%
Mathematics Extension 1	97%
Mathematics Extension 2	92%
Physics	95%
Studies of Religion I	86%



All Rounder

James Dimoudis
ATAR 99.55

Economics	95%
English Advanced	91%
Legal Studies	96%
Mathematics Extension 1	96%
Mathematics Advanced	98%
Modern History	95%
Studies of Religion I	96%



All Rounder School Captain

Anthony Kazzi
ATAR 99.15

Economics	95%
English Advanced	92%
Legal Studies	95%
Mathematics Advanced	96%
Modern History	95%
History Extension	84%



All Rounder

Michael Prioste
ATAR 98.35

Economics	95%
Engineering Studies	92%
English Advanced	94%
Mathematics Advanced	92%
Physics	90%
Studies of Religion I	96%

Distinguished Achievers 90 or above in a specific subject

Athan Alexiadis
Physics

Michael Anthony
Industrial Technology
Mathematics Advanced

Christopher Attieh
Mathematics Standard

Mark Craparotta
Business Studies
Mathematics Standard
PD/H/PE
Studies of Religion II

Lucian De Francesco
PD/H/PE
Studies of Religion II

Jordan Dennett
Mathematics Standard

Brian Derla
Visual Arts

Gabriel Derrick
Economics
English Advanced
Legal Studies
Studies of Religion I

James Dimoudis
Economics
English Advanced
Legal Studies
Mathematics Extension 1
Mathematics Advanced
Modern History
Studies of Religion I

Paul Elia
Economics
English Advanced
Mathematics Advanced
Modern History

Daniel Fortini
Business Studies
Legal Studies
Mathematics Advanced

Luka Gonano
Legal Studies
Mathematics Standard
Modern History
Studies of Religion II

George Hakko
Industrial Technology
Studies of Religion II

Jonathan Haklane
Chemistry
English Advanced
Mathematics Extension 1
Mathematics Extension 2
Physics

Thomas Johnson
Music

Anthony Kazzi
Economics
English Advanced
Legal Studies
Mathematics Advanced
Modern History

Egwin Lau
Mathematics Standard
Studies of Religion II

Simon Lima
Mathematics Advanced

Nicholas Malliaros
Mathematics Standard
Studies of Religion II

Marc Maniscalco
Business Studies
Studies of Religion II

Jordan Mavroidis
Engineering Studies
Mathematics Extension
Mathematics Advanced
Physics

Charles Meyer
Mathematics Extension
Mathematics Advanced
Studies of Religion I

Alexander Micallef
Ancient History
English Extension
Mathematics Advanced
Studies of Religion II

Matthew Noulas
English Advanced
English Extension 1
English Extension 2
Studies of Religion I
Visual Arts

John Papadimitriou
Business Studies
Mathematics Advanced
Studies of Religion I

Andy Paramythys
Business Studies
Mathematics Standard

James Parmegiani
Business Studies
Studies of Religion II

Michael Prioste
Economics
Engineering Studies
English Advanced
Mathematics Advanced
Physics
Studies of Religion I

Georgio Tadros
Business Studies

Christian Tselios
Engineering Studies
Mathematics Extension 1
Mathematics Extension 2

Aaron Vassiliou
Visual Arts

Marlon Wanigesekera
English Advanced
Legal Studies
Music

Andrew Wong
Music

Gabriel Wong
Biology
English Advanced
Mathematics Extension 1
Studies of Religion I

Deputy Principal's Message

The year so far has been an active and exciting one, with various activities keeping the students and staff engaged; from camps to sporting events, debating and musical presentations. The staff of the school should be commended for the great number of opportunities they give the boys.

It was great to welcome the new sons of Lewisham on the first day as our Year 5 & Year 7 boys commenced. The boys needed to quickly find their feet as they moved off to camp, making new friends and beginning to understand what it means to be a Lewisham student.

The range of co-curricular activities during Semester One were many, enhancing and nurturing each students talents and passion. Sporting opportunities Touch Football, Swimming, Basketball, Football & Rugby League, and our representation across these was outstanding. Debating was again an important component of CBHS life with a several teams in the Catholic Schools' Debating Association (CSDA) competition. The involvement of so many old boys in the debating is great to see, their support training, mentoring and attending the competition nights makes a huge difference to the students. So much so, the Year 9A team successfully won the Grand Final of this Metropolitan competition, and will carry onto the State competition in Term 4.

Musically the boys had many opportunities to participate this semester, individually or as part of an ensemble. The CBHS Concert Band returned to the Sydney ANZAC Day March, students performed at school assemblies and we



Debating winners L-R: Edward Smith, John Elias and John Aravopoulos

also held the Inaugural Guitar and Strings Evening. Battle of the Bands in July saw six talented bands deliver an incredible lunch time show for our community, with the Greek Band now set to perform at the Marrickville Music Festival. All these events showcasing the talent, hard work and skill of these boys to the school community, their family and friends.

*The boys are continually
being challenged to be the
best they can be.*



2024 Primary Leaders



Above: Battle of the Bands winners, The Liturgy
Right: Ethan Tsiamis, The Greek Band



The boys are continually being challenged to be the best they can be during our Pastoral Care and Wellbeing programs, as well as staying informed about the ever changing world we live in and their responsibilities. The Year coordinators and School Counsellors have been proactive in dealing with the many outside influences on the students and the best strategies to work with them.

The highlight for me personally this year has been the number of boys who have been actively involved in Social Justice issues and activities. Year 12 boys volunteering at Matt Talbot Hostel, several boys taking part in the World's Greatest Shave, the Year 8 students at the Winter Sleep Out, boys supporting our goal to build a house in Peru, organising fundraising BBQ's and other activities, all realising the importance of practising the service of others.

We encourage all students at CBHS Lewisham to become involved in school life and to continually think and serve others, not just in our school community but to the wider community. It is great to see this in action, and look forward to Semester Two.

Below: Staff and students braving the cold for the Winter Sleep Out fundraiser



Careers Update

CBHS Lewisham is increasingly being perceived as a school of best practice for preparing students for successful careers beyond school. Our approach to career education recognises that we as a school can positively impact upon a young person's ability to make well informed career decisions and to manage their own career development.

An example of this was the outstanding Careers Expo held Monday 25 March. It was very well supported by 58 exhibitors and attended over three sessions by a total of 400 students with their families. It was a credit to our careers staff: Mrs Robyn Stoddart and Mrs Kate Parker. The event gave boys a great opportunity to look to their future and hopefully this will drive their learning in the coming years.

We support senior students with three pathways:

- Dual Accreditation
- Employment Program
- University Entrance (ATAR)

The **Dual Accreditation** pathway allows students to receive both a Higher School Certificate (HSC) as well as a nationally recognised VET qualification (AQF Certificate II) in either Business Services, Hospitality, Construction or Information and Digital Technology which are all taught on site at CBHS Lewisham.

External VET options (AQF Cert II or III) like Plumbing, Entertainment, Automotive and Electro technology are also popular courses and they are offered at our partnering local Vocational Colleges at Southern Cross Catholic College, Burwood and St Yon's Trade Training Centre, Bankstown.

School-based Apprenticeships (AQF Cert III) have emerged as a strong pathway for students to advance their career progression. In Year 11 we have a record 17 students completing a school-based apprenticeship which involves learning at school, training at TAFE and paid work as an apprentice on worksites. Nine students are training for carpentry, four are training for electro technology, three for plumbing and one for cabinet making and they are enrolled in a range of TAFE locations including Ultimo, Meadowbank, St George, Gymea and Randwick Colleges. Another five boys are enrolled in school-based traineeships for Real Estate services, Fitness, Business Services, Retail Services and Supply Chain Operations.

The **Employment Pathway** emerged as a response to students who desired to change their career orientation during their senior years. It allows students to access work placements and tap into the asset of our Old Boys Network who are looking for school graduates to employ. These students study core subjects like English, Mathematics, Catholic Thought, Work Studies and electives for their Higher School Certificate. Work placements are a very important part of our careers program as they provide on the job training and access to employment opportunities.

Last year we were successful in all our students using either the Dual Accreditation or Employment pathway to gain an apprenticeship, cadetship or employment in a wide range of promising careers. If your workplace or business is offering apprentice positions, we would love to hear from you, as we



L-R Mrs Kate Parker and Mrs Robyn Stoddart



Moustafa Saadeddin & Cody Pham
ONYX ELECTRICAL



Franca Ballard & Tane Mundine
BY GROUP



John Karambelas & Braxton Roberts
JNK PLUMBING

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Our third pathway is designed for students seeking **University Entrance** and boys are supported with regular presentations by the universities about course offerings and eligibility requirements. At the Careers Expo the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) were present as were representatives from 15 universities. Last year students matriculated into a wide range of courses offered by a wide range of universities and our aim is to maximise their choice of courses by maximising their HSC achievements. Our ATAR pathway enjoyed its most successful year with its 2023 HSC results and our challenge is to maintain or improve upon them.



Jonathan Nolan & Neo Benfield-Smith
SFC SYDNEY FLIGHT COLLEGE BANKSTOWN



Year 10 Careers Week
Round Robin

Year 5 Camp

As part of their introduction to CBHS Lewisham, early in Term 1 our new Year 5 boys embark on a four-day camp to Milson Island Sport and Recreation Centre on the Hawkesbury River.

This camp is the perfect opportunity for our newest students to get to know each other while enjoying some fun outdoor activities such as kayaking, boat building, archery and swimming. Firm friendships are made and the boys get their first term with us off to a great start.

*Time to learn
more about each
other, build new
friendships and
enjoy activities
together*



*Kayaking
Boat Building
Archery
Swimming & more*



PRIMARY HEADSTART

*Starting your son in Year 5 or 6
with us gives them a great headstart
to CBHS life.*

- Our small Primary school classes allow our boys to strengthen their literacy and numeracy skills.
- Our classes cater to all students as individuals according to their needs.
- We have a contemporary, well resourced library which our Primary boys love.
- We are specialists in boys' education, focusing on a curriculum that caters to how boys learn.
- Enrolling as a Primary student can help reduce the anxiety some boys experience when progressing into secondary school.
- We develop confident young men with a strong sense of justice, solidarity and faith.
- Our Pastoral Care program ensures that every boy is known and cared for in a safe and supportive environment.
- Our Aquinas Program identifies and nurtures high potential students from Year 5-10.
- Our Co-curricular program caters to a variety of interests and passions, including sports gala days, performance evenings and opportunities to represent the school in chess, public speaking, choir, swimming and athletics.
- We offer a range of after-school activities including our ALFA program, Code Club, Music Ensembles and Homework Club.

Year 7 Camp

The Year 7 Camp is another introduction to CBHS life and an opportunity to learn more about what it means to be a Lewisham student.

This year the boys enjoyed the Broken Bay Sport and Recreation Centre. A combination of a bush and beach experience, getting the boys off grid and surrounded by the beach, native wildlife, scenic lookouts and leafy surrounds.

With new boys starting and the official transition to high school underway, it is a chance for the boys to bond over abseiling, rock climbing, canoeing, orienteering and fishing.

*A combination of bush and beach,
time to get off grid*



Year 8 Rubicon

The Year 8 “Rubicon” Experience at Terrigal is our middle school Spirituality and Formation Program.

Each year the boys take part in this 4 day, specially designed program. It is both a spiritual and beach focussed outdoor education experience, to discover more about themselves, their relationships with others and their relationship with God.



Duke of Edinburgh

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, commonly known as the Duke of Ed, is a prestigious program that encourages young people to develop their skills, engage in physical activities, volunteer in their communities, and embark on Adventurous Journeys. Participants gain valuable life experiences, build lasting friendships, and achieve a profound sense of accomplishment, all while earning a distinguished recognition that celebrates their dedication and resilience. The Award is broken into three levels – Bronze, Silver and Gold.

This year CBHS have begun a new Bronze Duke of Ed program, with 40 students from Year 9 working through the award together, with the aim of continuing onto the Silver level in Year 10.

Over two days in June the boys had their first Adventurous Journey, a key component of the Duke of Ed challenging them to develop teamwork, leadership, and resilience while fostering a sense of adventure and self-reliance. Accompanied by teachers Ms Flynn, Mr Logemann, Mrs Ullio and Mr Geisler-Edge, the boys hiked, canoed and camped in Glenworth Valley – carrying packs containing all their food, clothes, tents and cooking gear.

Next term the students will continue to work on their regular engagement with volunteering, developing skills and physical activity until their next Adventurous Journey in Term 4!

Develop skills, engage in physical activities, volunteer in their communities, and embark on Adventurous Journeys





DID YOU KNOW? CBHS is the exclusive Australian High School partner of Italian football club and 2024 UEFA Europa League Champions – Atalanta BC.

Training Camp

The ALFA (Atalanta Lewisham Football Affiliation) Training Camp in July was a unique opportunity for our boys to build friendships, improve their skills and be seen by the Atalanta BC Youth Squad Coaches, direct from Italy.

The coaches spent four days with the boys, and also presented a training seminar to local coaches to share their knowledge and expertise.



Atalanta Coaches Michele Trapletti & Luca Sbolli



Italy Immersion

During the April school holidays, 40 students from Years 9, 10 & 11 had the experience of a lifetime; a cultural immersion trip to Italy.

The journey began in Rome and ended in Milan, seeing many historic sites along the way, such as the Colosseum, the Pantheon and Pompeii. The boys also expanded their religious knowledge visiting the Vatican City, St Mark's Basilica in Venice and Il Duomo in Milan.

Staying with host families for 6 nights was a highlight, with the boys attending school with their host student and becoming part of their family for the week.

An amazing trip on an educational, cultural and spiritual level for the students and staff, as seen by their reflections shared on the right.



Suzie Sadeeh, Chrissie Daniel, Paul Kapeleris and Mary Daus



What was the highlight?

- POMEZIA - the homestay because I met amazing people and made some really good friends and Venice
- Scenery
- Going out with the student I lived with at homestay
- Sharing rooms while on tour and getting to know boys I didn't really know before we left
- Free time - shopping
- Gondola rides
- Ferrari museum
- Five Guys - fast food
- The food - pizza and gelato

What did you learn from the experience?

- More Italian.
- New phrases
- Communicate and lift the language barrier
- Having to share a room is not all bad
- How to wash clothes
- Being on my own isn't as scary as I thought
- I spent too much money
- Our school system is better
- To manage time better
- Being more social and having more opportunities to socialise
- To make most of your time

Would you go back if you had a chance? Yes please

Would you recommend this trip to any of the younger boys hoping to do it in the future? A resounding yes



Sport Update

Sport is an integral part of the boys' formation and development at CBHS and there are many offerings each term.

In addition to Primary and Senior Athletics, Cross Country and Swimming Carnivals, the boys take part in school sport every Thursday, plus they also have the opportunity to represent the school in various sports. The representative competitions are part of the Sydney Catholic Schools (SCS) competition, plus various Metropolitan and State competitions.



Basketball Triumph

Congratulations to Mr Luc Benedet and his Junior Basketball team for their SCS Conference Premiership win at Perry Park in April.

The boys had a good lead at half time but Marcellin Randwick came back and the lead dwindled to 6 points, before we rallied to win the game 41 to 36.

Many thanks to the team manager, Mrs Mary Daus.



Swimming Champ

Year 5's Liam An is reaping the rewards of his hard work, with success at the NSW Primary School Sports (PSSA) Swimming event in April. Liam achieved a 1st in 50m backstroke and 3rd in 200m Individual Medley. To top that, Liam has now been selected to represent NSW in the School Sport Australia (SSA) Swimming Championships in July on the Gold Coast. What a brilliant result Liam, well done!



Futsal Champions

Brilliant effort by our CBHS Futsal teams in the FNSW Futsal Regional Championships in June, with our U16s team winning the competition & our Opens team coming in as Runners Up. Well done boys & Coach Mr Foti.





Semester Soccer Success

Congratulations to our Soccer Junior A & B teams and Senior B team for their success in the Sydney Catholic Schools Conference Finals in June.

The boys' skill and hard work achieved 3 wins overall, against Marcellin College Randwick.



Paul Kelly Cup

Students showcasing the CBHS Indigenous Jerseys at the AFL Paul Kelly Cup in June for Years 5 & 6.



Social Justice

The CBHS Social Justice initiatives aim to provide each boy with a sense of their place in the wider community. Students and staff are offered opportunities to play an integral role within the wider community addressing justice issues and assisting the disadvantaged.

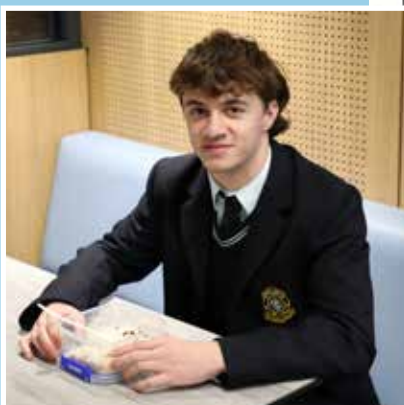
This semester, our Primary students collected and packed snack packs for St Vincent de Paul during Lent, and contributed generously to the Magee Winter Appeal.

Many initiatives over Years 5–12 also occur throughout the year such as Project Compassion, House of Welcome donations, seniors volunteering at Matt Talbot, plus activities targeting the EREA Beyond Borders program.



Ration Challenge

During Refugee Week 2024 students and teachers participated in the Act for Peace Ration Challenge. The initiative was a great success as candidates prepared their meals for the week with the same rations as a refugee living in Jordan. They shared recipe ideas, collaborated on meal plans, and discussed the realities that refugees and those displaced all over the world face, instilling empathy and willingness to raise as much awareness and funds as they could. This sense of solidarity empowered the boys to raise a total of \$5120, which will contribute to the distribution of ration packs globally and provide medical care and education to vulnerable families. We thank and congratulate those who participated.



World's Greatest Shave

We are really proud of our students, teachers & families for their support of the **Leukemia Foundation World's Greatest Shave in March**. Bringing the CBHS community together for a great cause, and empowering the boys to create real impact. An unforgettable experience, with a total of \$5000 raised to help Australians facing blood cancer right now.



Lewo World Cup

The Lewo World Cup brought passion and ancient rivalries to the last few weeks of Term 2, in the quest to be crowned 2024 Champions.

Junior and Senior teams competed, representing Australia, Greece, Germany, UK/Ireland, Italy, Eastern Europe, Lebanon, Spain/Portugal, Asia Pacific/ Rest of the World. The Grand Final saw Greece vs Spain/Portugal with Greece taking out the title, 3-2 (right). Apart from the thrilling competition, the Lewo World Cup raised over \$1000 towards the Peru 'Build a House' Program.



Winter Appeal

Our Magee House Winter Appeal this term, in partnership with the St Vincent de Paul Society, focused on donations for the Working Homeless.

All items were collected by the Vinnies Van, with assistance from our Primary Social Justice Team (right). The generosity and support of our community was overwhelming and will make such a difference to so many.



Reconciliation Week

Reconciliation Week 2024 was an opportunity for our community to come together and celebrate the journey towards true unity, and further connect with the cultures, languages, practices, and stories of our Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander, and Australian South Sea Islander students and their families.

CBHS Lewisham boasts a flagship Aboriginal Program which facilitates opportunities for all students to engage in the process of Reconciliation. As the 2024 theme suggests, this is so important... "Now More Than Ever"!

Across the week, many initiatives and events were held:

- Renaming of the school buildings – to recognise significant places, people and local language
- Aboriginal Stations of the Cross
- Traditional smoking ceremony
- Walk for Reconciliation – All Aboriginal students with a friend / ally to Yeo Park, Inner West Council's "Breathe" Survival Memorial
- Traditional Dance and ceremony at St Patrick's College.

We also welcomed Aunty Lynda Millin Osborne (Cockatoo Dreaming), who shared her family stories and grounded us 'on country'.

The opportunities for students to reflect, connect and share the culture, language, practices, and stories of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples was in abundance over the week.



Red Dirt Immersion

During the July school holidays, 10 students and 3 staff experienced the Red Dirt Immersion, a cultural, spiritual and educational experience, travelling through the central and northern regions of NSW.

This amazing experience for our students brings a deeper appreciation of the Aboriginal peoples' heritage, culture, identity and spirituality in the areas we visit, as well as a better understanding of the interrelations of our past and the challenges that has brought forward. Students were engaged in cultural, school and community visits, and participated in camping, bushwalking, bike riding and possibly swimming activities in the Coonabarabran, Brewarrina, Bourke and Dubbo regions.

In partnership with St Pius X College Chatswood, the boys deepened their understanding of Aboriginal communities, learning 'on country and through country'. A truly unforgettable immersion for all.

The boys deepened their understanding of Aboriginal communities, learning 'On Country and Through Country'.



Music Camp

During May we held our annual Music Camp at Terrigal, with students from Years 7 to 11 taking part in this fun and rewarding experience.

Due to our expanding Music co-curricular program, we ran two consecutive camps with students from the Vocal Group, Liturgy Band and the Senior Concert Band.

Over four days, the boys developed their musicianship, explored new repertoire for upcoming events and engaged in recreational and team-building activities such as a talent quest, paddleboarding and beach activities. We look forward to witnessing their continued growth in their ensembles throughout the year ahead.



Guitar & Strings Recital

The Inaugural Guitar and Strings Recital Evening in June was a celebration of musical talent and dedication.

The event showcased a diverse range of performances by students from various year levels, each demonstrating exceptional skill and passion for their instruments. From classical masterpieces to contemporary arrangements, the repertoire captivated the audience.

The evening not only highlighted the students' technical proficiency but also their ability to convey musical expression. With enthusiastic applause and a sense of community spirit, the evening underscored the school's commitment to nurturing young musicians and fostering a love for music among its student body.





Anzac Day

This year the CBHS concert band and percussion ensemble proudly took part in the 2024 Anzac Day March, commemorating and recognising all Australians who have served and died in military operations.

In particular, we honoured our own alumnus, Corporate John Bernard Mackey, who was awarded the Victoria Cross for action at Tarakan Island, East Indies on 12 May, 1945.

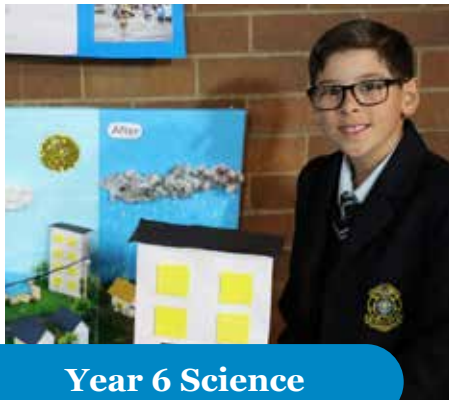
VC Mackey was a true representative of the Anzac ideals that are still shared with our students to this day; courage, endurance and mateship.



Primary Presentation Evening

On Wednesday 19 June the Annual Primary Presentation Night was held, showcasing the many skills of our Year 5 & 6 boys. The Annual Public Speaking Competition started the night with a number of boys competing, and the talent and effort was incredible. Our Primary musicians also entertained the crowd, with the Guitar group, Primary Band and Choir putting on a great outdoor show.

The Year 5 boys then presented their own *Notable of Australian Society*, with enthusiasm and knowledge. The persona, the portraits, reports and question boxes showcased their hard work this term. The final standout of the night were the Year 6 Science presentations. The physical models showed an amazing understanding of natural disasters, and were again presented with great purpose and knowledge. A great end to a busy semester one, well done boys.



Year 6 Science



Year 5 Australian Notables





Above L-R: Year 5 winners
Lewis & Fox



Year 6 winner
Nikloas Serçi

2024 Public Speaking Competitors

YEAR 5 Deon Aldridge-Chow, Sebastian Debolt, Malik Deen, Jackson Hart, Jack Jabbour, Amogh Jha, Patrick McColough, Fox Mullane, Lewis Naidu and Owen Sharkey.

YEAR 6 Michael D'Arrigo, Michael Hamad, Hamish Hamilton, Harrison Hoban, Sebastian Lopes, Charlie Nicolas & Nikolas Serçi.

All the boys performed so well, it was too difficult for the judges to split Fox & Lewis as the Year 5 Public Speaking Champion. Congratulations also to Nikloas Serçi who was the Year 6 Champion and well done to the Runner Up Hamish Hamilton.



Matthew Williamson



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

I am a Primary School Teacher and this year I also took on the role of House Patron for the Magee House which involves Years 5-12. This is my 5th year teaching at the school, commencing in 2020 after graduating in the Class of 2015 from CBHS.

What are your top 3 favourite things about CBHS?

1. Being able to see the boys develop into young men and the interactions you can share in the playground with high school boys whom I previously taught.
2. The array of academic and co-curricular opportunities our boys have, being able to showcase their many talents inside and outside the classroom.
3. Seeing friendships develop in the Primary School over time, whether it be at camps, on the playground, common sporting teams/interests or simply being in the same class and watching these continue into the High School.

What was a highlight of Semester One for you?

The recent Primary Presentation Night where the school community was able to celebrate the many hours of hard work the boys had put in this Semester. This included seeing the fascinating 'Notables', Science Projects, Bands/Choir Performances and our Public Speaking Competition. It was rewarding as a teacher to see how proud each student was of their work after the effort they applied.

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

This tagline is extremely relevant to me as an Old Boy who can relate to my own experience commencing in Year 5 as 'the boy' and now progressed to 'the man' who has a first hand understanding of the standards and expectations of CBHS. It is my hope that I can continue to guide our students who walk through those gates for the first time exactly as I did many years ago by taking the experiences from the teachers who assisted me on my journey to become 'the man'.

STAFF SNAPSHOT

Parent Meet and Greet

In February, the Parents and Friends (P&F) Association and the School Leadership Team hosted a twilight meet and greet to start the school year. Parents mingled in the Heritage Yard, connected with others from their son's year group, and swapped experiences and perceptions of the school. It was encouraging to hear the positive feedback about so many aspects of school life and we look forward to welcoming many back for the upcoming P&F Trivia Night.



Founder's Day Mass

On Wednesday 1 May, the school gathered to commemorate our founder, Blessed Edmund Rice and to also celebrate the Feast of St Joseph the Worker, CBHS Patron Saint. This occasion saw the return of Old Boys, Christian Brothers, World Youth Day counterparts and significant members of our Edmund Rice community to celebrate with us on the day.



L-R Br Mark Cody, Cathie Dalliwall, Br Paul Conn



L-R Maura Manning, CEO EREA NSW Colleges Ltd, Dr Michael Blowes and Br Paul Conn

Staff Excellence



Congratulations Mrs Vella!

We are very fortunate to have teachers of the highest calibre who work at CBHS Lewishman. Mrs Gosia Vella, one of our long-standing teachers in the Diverse Learning Centre was recently announced as the winner of the **2024 Community Languages Teacher Medal**.

This award recognises the achievements of an outstanding and innovative teacher who instils knowledge and a lifelong love of language and culture in students. Gosia is an outstanding educator and teacher. She is held in the highest regard by the education community for her work ethic and her commitment to the values of public education. As well as being a co-founder of the Polish School of Sydney (TPSS), Gosia is also a co-founder and current Vice President of The Polish Teachers Association in Australia.



Congratulations Marea and Blake!

Congratulations to Blake Griffith and Marea Soulos, leaders of the CBHS Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Program on receiving the Inner West Council Pauline McLeod Award for Reconciliation.

This award recognises "silent achievers" who work diligently in promoting Reconciliation and have one thing in common, their desire to improve the quality of life for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Nominees must demonstrate commitment to Reconciliation and either live, work or study within the Inner West.

Blake and Marea are the backbone of the CBHS Aboriginal Program, providing students from Year 5-12 with an education that aims to close the education gap and offer opportunities to connect to Country, and share their Culture with the entire school community.

CLASS OF 1958 CATCH UP

A few lads from the Class of 1958 enjoyed their regular catch up last month at Dooley's Lidcombe. The numbers may have been down, but Charlie Knoke flew down from Queensland to be there, so that was an added bonus after so many years away.

In addition to Charlie, there was Fr Paul McGee, Kevin Carey, Wayne Hodgins, Eric Hahn and John Mara. Apologies from Graham Jones, Gerry Gilroy, Bob Garwood, Bernie Ayers, Steve Wilkinson and Michael Parker. Hope to see a few more at our next one in January 2025.



NEXT ONE Friday 10 January 2025 • Lunch at Dooley's Lidcombe
Contact John Mara for more information: jolomara15@gmail.com

Return to Lewisham

On Friday 15 March, we welcomed Old Boys back to the school for the annual **Return to Lewisham**; Mass and refreshments in the school grounds, followed by an Old Boys Dinner. Fr John Sullivan from the Class of 1957 concelebrated the mass with Fr Paul Magee from the Class of 1958.

It was great to see a range of old boys from different generations catch up, and also a chance to meet our current leadership team and students. We are hoping to have an even bigger turnout for 2025.

If you know of any classmates not on our Old Boys list, email us with their details or join the Old Boys Facebook group and we will get in touch.

oldboys@cbhslewisham.nsw.edu.au



Old Boys at CBHS



James Khoury (SC 2011) and his father John (SC 1972), representing the Alumni at our Founder's Day Mass in May.

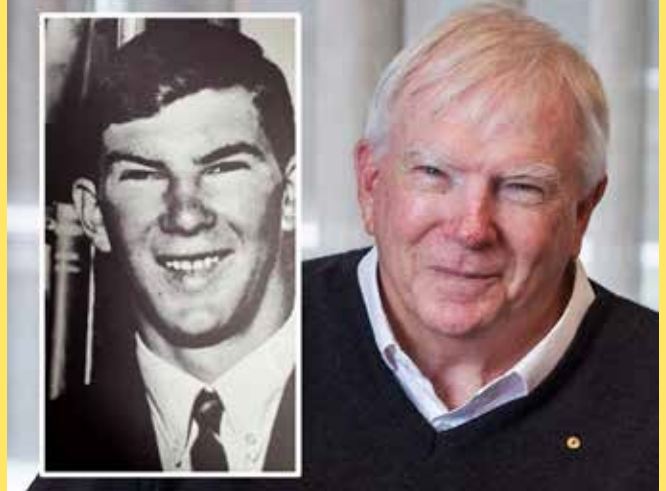


Our Junior Football Team are lucky to have Dean Bereveskos (2013). Dean coached them to victory in the grand final of the Sydney Catholic Schools Competition.



Anthony Kazzi (2023) shared his first year university experience with students at our Careers Week Assembly.

VALE John Walsh AO 1951-2024



Our community was saddened to hear of the passing of Lewisham old boy, John Walsh.

A giant achiever of CBHS, 1968 School Captain and Dux, he suffered a debilitating spinal injury while at Uni, yet went on to be the nation's leading actuary in the disability sector and a key figure in the foundation of the NDIS.

John was the epitome of all the Lewisham spirit, and his loss will be felt by many.

On behalf of the CBHS Lewisham community we extend our deepest condolences to John's family, and all who were impacted by his extraordinary life.

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 1969 / 55 YEAR REUNION

- SAT 2 NOVEMBER, 12PM
CLUB YORK SYDNEY

Contact: Tony Campbell
tcampbell44@yahoo.com.au / 0420 727 130

CLASS OF 1958 / LUNCH REUNION

- FRIDAY 10 JANUARY 2025, 12PM
DOOLEY'S LIDCOME

Contact: John Mara / jolomara15@gmail.com

CLASS OF 1980 / SC 1978 45 YEAR REUNION

- MARCH/APRIL 2025

Contact: Steve Mulally
mullos1962@gmail.com / 0479 135 314

Remember when...

As we begin a new chapter of CBHS news with *The Coronet*, who remembers the monthly newspaper of Christian Brother's 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.



Monthly News of Christian Brothers' High School, Lewisham
Registered at the G.P.O., Sydney for transmission by Post as a Periodical

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*An important new service by the
Old Boys—*

CAREERS COUNSELLING

FOR SOME years past the Committee of the Lewisham High Old Boys' Association has conducted a Careers Night for students in Fifth and Sixth forms and those students leaving school at the end of Fourth Form.

For some weeks prior to the Careers Night the students have been issued with a circular containing information about the night. They have been requested to indicate the three professions or occupations in which they are most interested. The Committee then arranges for members of the Association engaged in the particular professions or occupations to be in attendance at the Careers Night. Three separate lectures are given by each speaker, thus enabling the students to attend three different lectures.

While the Careers Night has been welcomed and encouraged by parents, teachers and students, a number of old boys and parents have for some time considered that a more permanent form of careers counselling would prove of more benefit to the students. No formal has been

as many professions or occupations as can be covered. After the Careers Night the students will be given the names of the panel members, and therefore given the opportunity, at times convenient to the panel members to discuss personally with the panel member their future in the appropriate profession or occupation.

It is considered that in this manner the students will be afforded an excellent opportunity to discuss and properly consider their future, a matter of great importance in this day of higher education and competitive business. They will have available the guidance of people who are genuinely interested in assisting them and who have had extensive experience in their respective fields.

Proposals for the establishment of such a scheme are in the initial stages at present

A LAST GLIMPSE OF OUR H.S.C. STUDENTS



As "High" comes off the press our H.S.C. students will be in the thick of exams. As this picture reminds us of them, let's remember them in their exams. Lewisham wishes you every success, men!

Night of honour for the sons of Lewisham High

THE ANNUAL Speech Night Concert and distribution of prizes brought a capacity crowd to the Sydney Town Hall. One could not help feeling "one thousand strong" as the Secondary Massed Choir and the Junior School filled the stage and tiers; as nearly two hundred boys received prizes; as speaker after speaker highlighted the traditions and values of the College; as Brother Healy conducted the School Song of "You Sons of Lewisham High".

The recently appointed Bishop to the Archdiocese, His Grace Bishop Kelly, was the Guest-of-Honour. In his address to the large and responsive gathering His Grace praised the Brothers for their work in developing strong Christian and moral values in the

field of sport, but particularly in the scholastic field, prepared the boys who attend schools like Lewisham to face the world with a Christian outlook.

In his closing words, His Grace stated that the Catholic Church will never be

Boys of Lewisham High. The Principal informed parents of the Terrigal and Austinmere Camps, the Albion excursion, the M.C.C. successes and the results of the Higher School Certificate and the School Certificate exams. Within 15 minutes, Brother conducted



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