



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.



Focus on the boy to grow the man.
135 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE

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We value the thoughts of our Old Boys and would love your input on the types of events you'd like to attend. Please take a few minutes to complete our survey and let us know what interests you. Thankyou!

OLD BOYS EVENT SURVEY

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Welcome

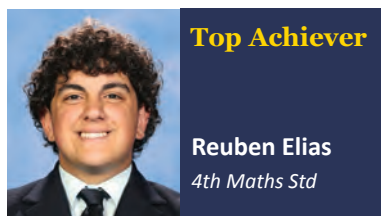
To begin the school year, we welcomed nearly fifty students to our High Achievers Assembly in Term 1, marking a fitting and inspiring start to the semester. The event brought together members of our school community to celebrate excellence, perseverance and service—values that continue to shape our students' journeys.

Among our special guests was old boy Professor Paul Harnett AO (Class of 1974), recognised with the Order of Australia for his life-long contributions as a senior doctor within NSW Health. The achievements of our 2025 High Achievers were also celebrated, with 25 students attaining an ATAR above 90, and a further fifteen receiving Distinguished Achiever Awards for outstanding subject results. We also acknowledged the accomplishments of our school-based apprenticeship and traineeship students, whose pathways reflect diverse and meaningful routes to success.

A particularly moving moment came as Peter Walsh, brother of 1968 School Captain John Walsh AO, attended with family members to honour John's extraordinary life. Despite a devastating sporting accident in his early twenties that left him unable to walk, John dedicated his life to service in the non-profit sector and played a key role in shaping the National Disability Insurance Scheme. His legacy now lives on through the John Walsh AO Award for HSC Dux. The inaugural recipient, Theofilis Malliaros, achieved an ATAR of 99.15. In his address, Theo spoke with humility about managing expectations and emphasised the importance of consistent effort.

This assembly was a fitting start to a busy semester. As we approach its conclusion, we are reminded that achievement lies not only in results, but in the character developed, the challenges embraced and the contributions made to our community.

- CBHS placed 110th in NSW which equates to being in the top 15% of all schools in NSW.
- 100 Distinguished Achievements (Band 6s) achieved by 42 students.
- 25 boys recorded ATARs above 90.
- Median ATAR of 80.84
- 56.18% of all Bands were either Band 5 or 6
- 25 students received a 90+ ATAR
- 85% of courses above State Average
- All vocational students have secured an apprenticeship or traineeship, or are studying and/or working.



HIGHEST ATAR



STUDENTS WITH ATAR ABOVE 95



COURSE RESULTS ABOVE STATE AVERAGE



ALL-ROUND ACHIEVERS



DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENTS



of results received A MARK OF 80+



NSW TOP ACHIEVERS IN COURSE



STUDENTS WITH ATAR ABOVE 90



DUAL ACCREDITATION PATHWAY STUDENTS have secured an apprenticeship, further training or employment



*Dr Michael Blowes, Professor Paul Harnett
and Peter Walsh*



The Walsh Family



HSC Dux - Theo Malliaros



Professor Paul Harnett AO



*Old Boy Mr Boland, his wife and grandson
Jonathan Nolan*



2025 High Achievers sing the school song



Opening School Mass

The 2026 Opening School Mass marked a significant and joyful beginning to the year, as our new student leaders were formally commissioned and presented to the school community.

This special liturgy also celebrated the school's 135th anniversary, reflecting on the enduring theme: **One in Christ, Three in Love and Five Inspiring Ways**. Following the Mass, families and friends gathered for the Investiture of Student Leaders, where parents proudly witnessed the announcement of roles and responsibilities.



In a meaningful tradition, Year 12 leaders presented Year 6 students with their badges, while parents affixed the senior leaders' badges, symbolising their new responsibilities. School Captain Toby Kim delivered an inspiring address, encouraging his peers to strive to leave a lasting and positive legacy for both this year and the future.



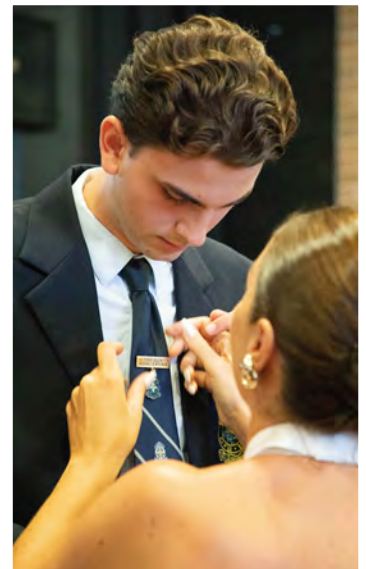
School Captain Toby Kim & Primary Captain Tyler Lee



School Vice Captain Max May & Primary Vice Captain Dimitri Danas



School Vice Captain Sam Vouros & Primary Vice Captain Anwar Naddaf



Open Day 2026

The CBHS Open Day gets more and more popular each year, with at least 1000 visitors over three sessions this year, and the feedback was very positive.

Staff and students provided a great collection of displays, presentations and experiments, showcasing the wide range of opportunities on offer at our school. The Concert Band seems to be bigger and better each year, making a great impression on our visitors, as did the new grassed playground area.

Our student tour guides remain our best ambassadors and many of them participated in all three of our sessions guiding parents and answering all their questions. Also a big thankyou goes to the Parent Engagement Group who ran the BBQ.

If you missed this year's Open Day, we offer monthly Discovery Tours throughout the year, and encourage prospective students and their families to attend.

DISCOVERY TOURS
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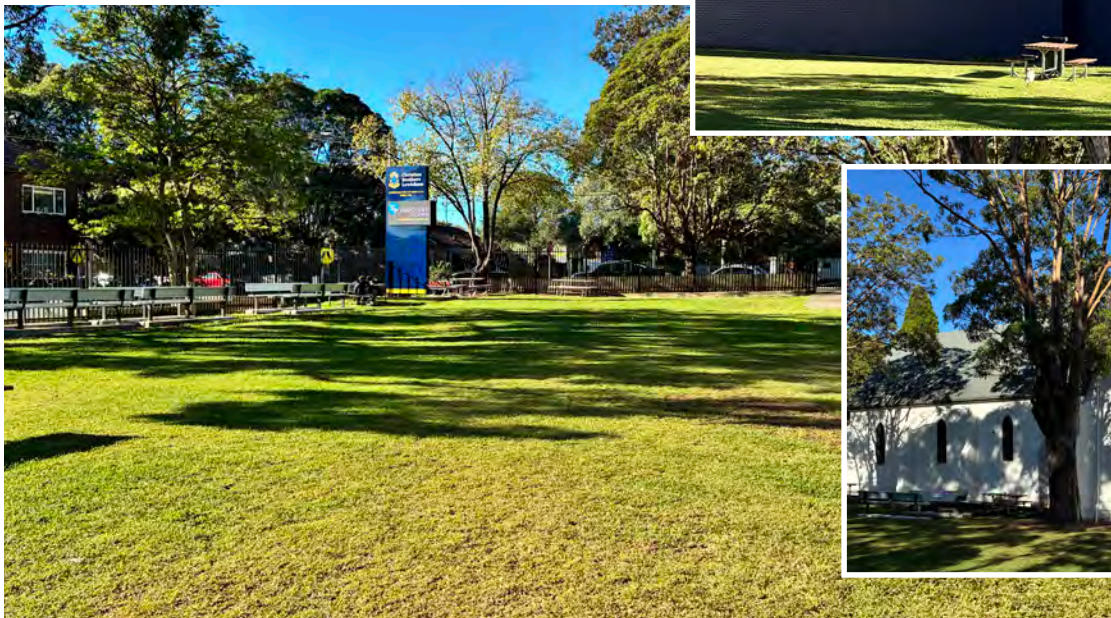
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Building Program Update



A relatively dry start to the year has enabled strong progress on our building program. We are confident that the new Primary classrooms and hospitality and food technology kitchens will be completed by the end of this year. The new three-storey Junior School building will accommodate five Year 5 and 6 learning groups. Connected to the Gallagher Block, it will link to existing school facilities via new walkways. The Diverse Learning Centre is also being refurbished to include additional small-group learning spaces. The final stage of the project is the new playground, which is expected to be ready for the start of the 2027 school year.

In the meantime, students and staff are enjoying the new grassed area, while the refurbished chapel is proving to be a valuable addition to the School. It is being used extensively for exams, classes and music recitals, further enhancing our versatile learning and community spaces.



Celebrating Growth & Excellence in Learning

We're proud to share that CBHS Lewisham has been recognised in the Sydney Morning Herald article, *'Top 160 High Schools for Maths and Literacy Growth'* (10 May 2026), achieving an outstanding 39-point increase above the NAPLAN average.

Even more encouraging is the significant growth across Numeracy, Writing, Reading, and Spelling—a reflection of our whole-school commitment to evidence-based teaching and student success.

So, what's driving this growth?

WHOLE-SCHOOL LITERACY PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Our teachers continue to deepen their expertise through sustained professional learning. Literacy is everyone's responsibility at CBHS, with explicit teaching, modelling, and scaffolding embedded across all Key Learning Areas. A shared literacy rubric also ensures consistent expectations for student work.

A COHERENT WHOLE-SCHOOL LITERACY APPROACH

We've established a clear and consistent framework that unites our approach to reading, writing, and subject-specific literacy. From the Homeroom to each lesson, daily reading is expected and literacy is part of every student's day.

LITERACY CIRCLES (YEARS 7–8)

Weekly literacy circles engage students in shared novels, building comprehension, vocabulary, and critical thinking through discussion and assessment.

USING DATA TO DRIVE TEACHING

Our focus on professional learning in data use empowers teachers to target individual learning needs, differentiate effectively, and respond with precision in both literacy and numeracy.



*This achievement reflects
the dedication of our staff,
the engagement of our students,
and the strength
of our learning culture.*



World's Greatest Shave

Our 2026 Year 12 students took part in the Leukaemia Foundation's *World's Greatest Shave* this year, raising awareness and funds for Australians affected by blood cancer.

Students shaved their heads in support of those facing leukaemia, lymphoma, myeloma and other blood cancers - collectively raising almost \$12,000. The funds will help provide practical and emotional support for patients and families, while also contributing to vital blood cancer research.

The Leukaemia Foundation estimates this contribution will help support 32 families undergoing treatment and managing everyday expenses such as bills, groceries and transport.



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:

- Electrician
- 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
- Supply Chain Operations



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 Robyn.stoddart@cbhslewisham.nsw.edu.au

Anzac Day March

Congratulations to the CBHS Concert Band, Percussion Ensemble and student leaders and music staff who represented the school at the City of Sydney ANZAC Day March.

As always, our students performed exceptionally, demonstrating focus, discipline and enthusiasm while marching and playing—no easy task. More importantly, they showed genuine respect for our veterans. Their conduct reflected maturity, pride and a strong sense of purpose, making it a privilege to march alongside them during this significant event.

It was also a proud moment to see our school banner and students in full uniform featured on national television. We thank our school community, parents and carers for their ongoing support in making opportunities like this possible.



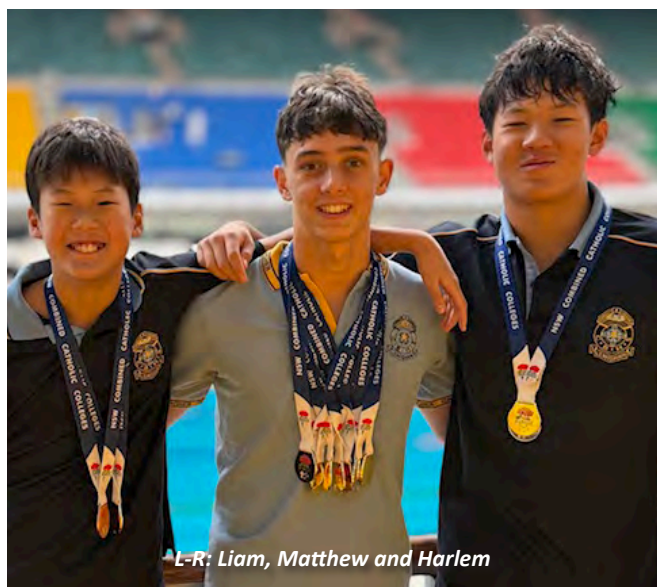
Our dedicated music staff



As students reflected on the values of Anzac Day, the Primary Social Justice Team put their baking skills to the test this week, making and selling Anzac Biscuits to raise funds for Legacy. Giving up their lunchtimes for this worthy cause, the students showed great enthusiasm, teamwork and generosity. Their efforts were a wonderful example of the ANZAC spirit in action, demonstrating the values of mateship, compassion and service to others.



Sport Stars



L-R: Liam, Matthew and Harlem

Semester 1 Swimming Achievements

Our swimmers delivered outstanding performances across both the NSWCCC and NSW All Schools Championships.

At NSWCCC, Matthew Macdonald dominated with six first-place finishes, while Harlem An and Liam An also secured podium results. The All Age Relay Team—Maxwell Cuthill, Harlem An, Marcus Kentish-Jones, Matthew Macdonald, San Kang and Liam An—claimed an exciting first place, sending all boys through to the NSW All Schools Championships.

At NSW All Schools, the relay team placed 5th, with strong individual performances from Harlem, Liam and Matthew. A fantastic effort from all boys, who represented the school with pride.

SCS Table Tennis Championships

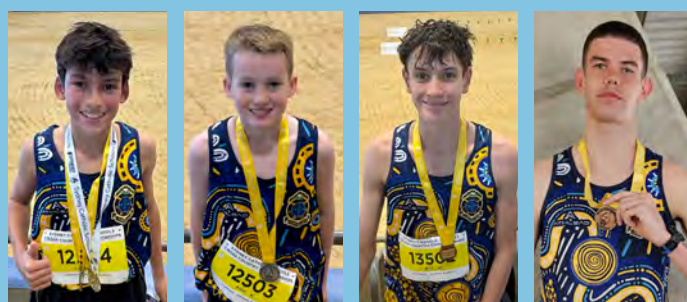


Junior team 1- 3rd Place
JACKY & TERRY



Senior team 1- 2nd Place
ROBERT & ILLIAS

SCS Cross Country Championships



U12 - 1st Place LUCAS
U12 - 2nd Place FINN
U13 - 3rd Place BEN
U18 - 3rd Place LACHLAN

This year we had 20 students competing in the SCS CCC with highlights including: Lucas - 1st & Finn - 2nd in the U12 division overall, Ben - 3rd & Harrison 4th in U13. In U14, Oscar finished 6th, and Lachie - 3rd place in the U18 division. All students demonstrated great effort and determination, with several progressing to the NSWCCC Championships.



Rugby League Opens team - 2nd place, SCS Conference



A Pedagogy for Boys: *The Night of Notables*

Effective teaching for boys thrives on movement, clear structure, hands-on learning, and strong relationships.

This term, Year 5 students experienced all of these elements through their annual **Night of Notables** project - a showcase that brought history, creativity, and performance together in a meaningful and memorable way.

The project began with each student selecting a notable Australian who has made a positive and lasting contribution to society. Over several weeks, the boys researched their chosen figure, exploring their achievements, personal story, and impact on Australia. This research formed the foundation for a series of creative tasks designed to deepen understanding and build engagement.

Students produced an artistic portrait, crafted an infographic poster, wrote interview questions, and prepared a biography. They also curated props and designed a display that reflected the life and legacy of their notable Australian. With the support of their families, each boy assembled a costume and rehearsed embodying their chosen figure.

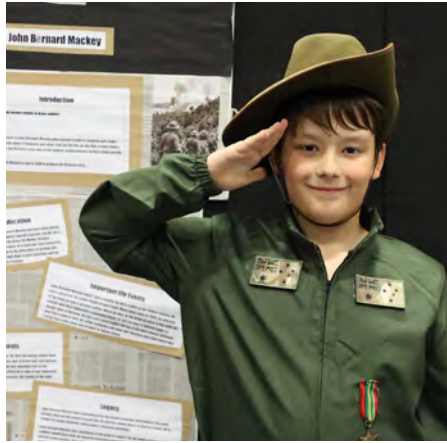


The culmination of this work was the exhibition evening, where students stepped fully into character. As parents, staff, and peers moved through the displays, the boys responded to questions in role, demonstrating not only their knowledge but also their confidence and ownership of the learning process. This authentic performance element provided the “why” behind the task — a crucial motivator for boys, who learn best when they see relevance and purpose.

The project also reflects key principles of effective pedagogy for boys: incorporating movement, using visual cues, setting clear short-term goals, and harnessing positive competition to drive engagement. Most importantly, the success of this year’s presentations highlights the strong relationships between Year 5 teachers and their students. When boys feel supported and understood, the quality of their work rises accordingly.

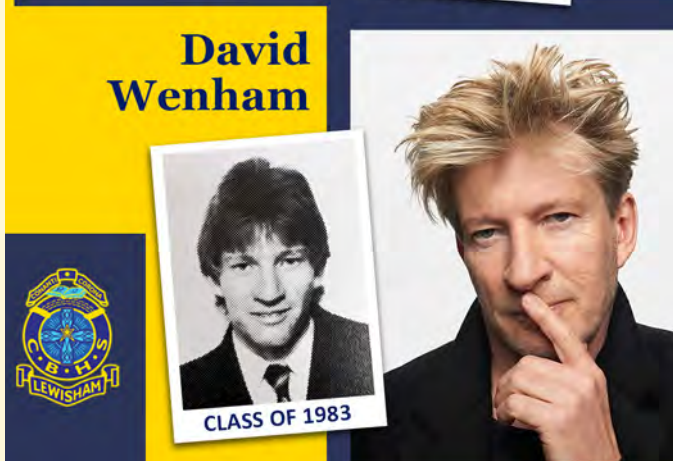
The **Night of Notables** is more than a research project - it is a celebration of Australia’s influential figures and a powerful example of how boys learn best: by doing, creating, and connecting. Through this experience, students not only honoured significant Australians but also developed skills and confidence that will continue to shape their learning journey.





Year 5 Australian Notables



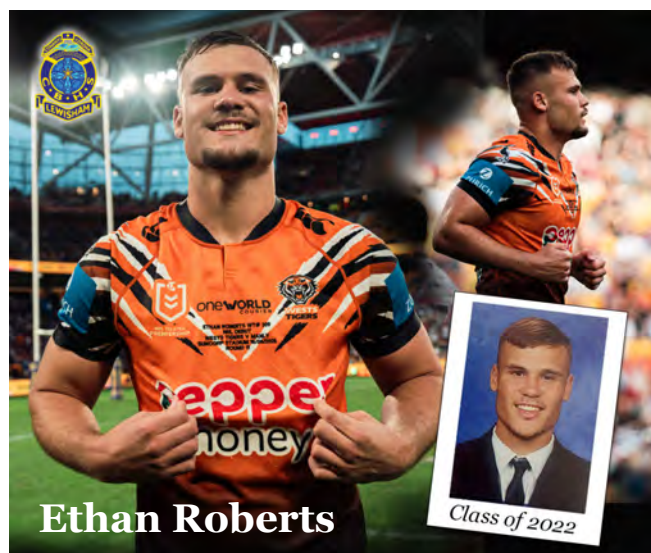


We are incredibly proud to celebrate two Old Boys recently performing in major Sydney productions.

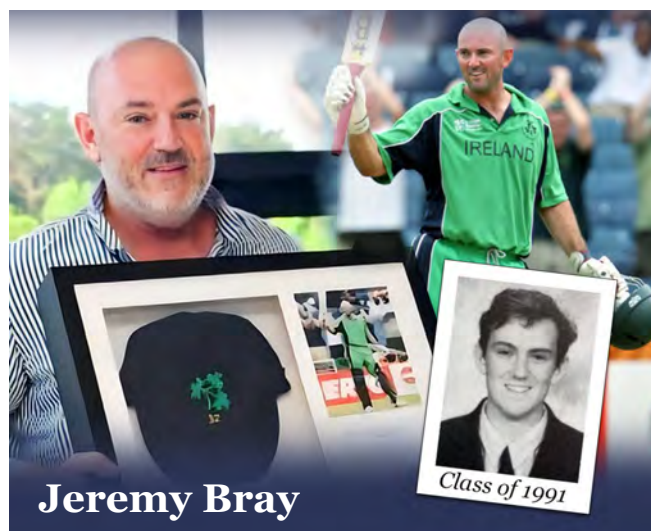
Daniel Belle (Class of 2000, Vice Captain) starred as Ubaldo Piangi in Opera Australia's spectacular production of *The Phantom of the Opera*, beautifully staged on Sydney Harbour.

Renowned actor **David Wenham (Class of 1983)** returned to the Sydney Theatre Company stage, with a powerful performance as The Poet in *An Iliad*.

Congratulations to Daniel and David on their outstanding achievements and continued excellence in the arts.



Congratulations to Old Boy Ethan Roberts (2022) on his NRL debut with the Wests Tigers in May. Ethan etched his name into club history as Player #309 - a true testament to his hard work and determination.



Former Australian-born Irish international Jeremy Bray has been inducted into the Irish Cricket Writers Hall of Fame, honoured for his prolific run-scoring career, including Ireland's first World Cup century in 2007.



World Cup fever hit a new level when our primary football fans were treated to a visit from former CBHS Lewisham student Marco Tilio (2012–2017).

Marco, now an established international footballer with 10 caps for Australia, a World Cup and Olympics appearance, and three A-League championships, spoke with students about his journey, career highlights, and how he prepares for big games.

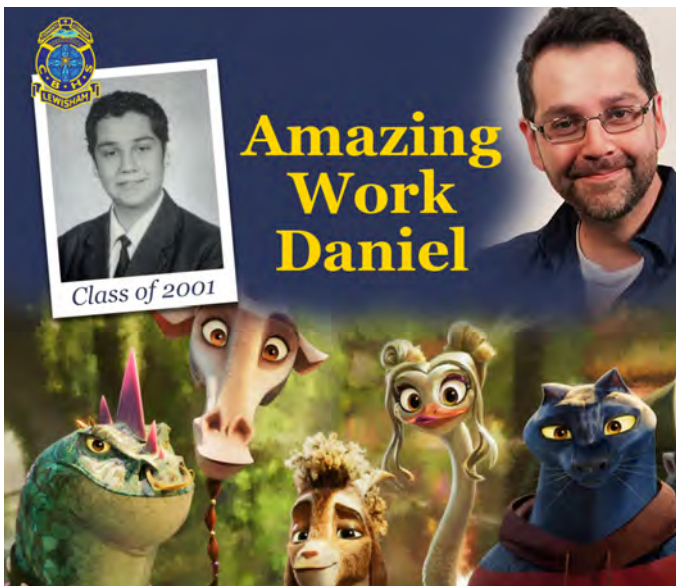
He's currently playing as a winger for Rapid Wien in the Austrian Bundesliga, bringing his trademark speed and creativity to European football.



Father Trevor Returns!

Welcoming back Father Trevor Hird as CBHS Chaplain has been a pleasure, after his departure in 2021.

Father Trevor joined eight Rubicon camps in Terrigal during his first week, sharing his trademark energy with the students. It is wonderful to have Father Trevor back supporting and inspiring our community.



Amazing Work Daniel

Class of 2001

We're so proud of CBHS Aboriginal Education Worker and Old Boy Blake Griffith (2017) featured in *The Long Run*.

The documentary follows the 2025 Indigenous Marathon Project squad as they train for their first New York City Marathon. Blake's determination and commitment shine throughout the journey.

Congratulations, Blake!
Stream now on 9Now or Stan.

VALE *May they rest in peace*



Terry Williams

A valued member of the CBHS Lewisham community. Father of Old Boys Steven (2013) and Mark (2017), and husband of Denise, former P&F President. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Williams family.



We are proud to celebrate Old Boy Daniel Pozo (Class of 2001), now Head of Character Animation at Sony Pictures Imageworks.

Daniel's first major lead project, *GOAT*, showcases his incredible talent and leadership—bringing the directors' vision to life while leading a team of up to 120 animators.

From discovering his passion for animation during his school years to working on global blockbuster productions, Daniel's journey is a powerful reminder of where creativity, focus and persistence can take you.



Sons of Old Boys



REUNIONS

Upcoming Reunions

Do you have a Class Reunion planned? Let us know, and we can help spread the word.

60 YEAR REUNION CLASS OF 1968 / SCHOOL CERTIFICATE 1966

Friday 27 November 2026 • Club York

EMAIL & RSVP Gerard Wilkinson
gerard.w@bigpond.net.au

50 YEAR REUNION CLASS OF 1976

Friday 25 September, 2026 • Club York

EMAIL & RSVP Bernard O'Leary
Whats App group: 0404 815 783
bernard_oleary@yahoo.com.au

40 YEAR REUNION CLASS OF 1986

Saturday, 1 August 2026

Jets game at Henson Park
followed by a function near Marrickville.

EMAIL & RSVP Jason Pritchard
jason.pritchard@hotmail.com

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

Simply email us at
oldboys@cbhslewisham.nsw.edu.au
for more information.

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and let us know what events interest you.



Current Year 9 coordinator and Old Boy Paul Kapeleris (2011) celebrating success as coach of the Intermediate A Football team, along with Chris Babaian (2017) assisting him while on teaching placement at CBHS.



3 Generations at Lewisham!

L-R: Jack Guerin (Year 5, Class of 2033)
Brett Guerin (Class of 1996)
Denis Guerin (Class of 1967)



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