

PATHWAYS

Outstanding Attendance

Attendance at school is an essential part of students being successful in the Canterbury Vale School program. As the term draws to a close, we wish to celebrate those students who have maintained an attendance of 80% or higher for the term. These students are ensuring they have the best chance at a successful and rewarding education. Congratulations to the following students:

Dash
Harrison
Mohammad
Julian
Braxton
Aiden
Kanei
Osman

Farewell Adrian!

This year Canterbury Vale School witnessed its very first student to complete their HSC. Congratulations to Adrian Singh who successfully completed his final examination and is awaiting his ATAR results. Adrian has enrolled in Laboratory Skills at TAFE for 2021.

From all the staff and students at Canterbury Vale School a big congratulations to Adrian and all the best for the future!

Harrison's New Start

This term I started at Canterbury Vale School & I've already done a lot like the café and science. I'll talk a bit about that. I've done café and learnt how to make lemon cupcakes and also I had to do the cleaning up sadly, but I did it and I had fun making lemon cupcakes. I also had fun in science making ooblek and testing it on a speaker with cling wrap and watching the vibrations. I also used water on the speaker and it felt weird when I put my finger in it but it was really fun over all. I've had a lot of fun at Canterbury Vale School so far and there is a lot more to come like virtual reality and wood work. I can't wait to do wood work, I learnt a lot on wood work at Picnic Point High school so I know it'll be fun.



IMPORTANT MESSAGES

It is extremely important to contact the school when personal details change.

Whether it is an address, medical condition or court orders PLEASE notify the school.

Farewells

As 2020 draws to a close, we farewell a number of students transitioning to their mainstream schools, or alternative education. This is an exciting and nervous time for these students, and we wish them the best in their future endeavours. One of our leavers, Kanei, has written a reflection on her time at CVS.

I came to Canterbury Vale School on the 24th of October 2019. On my first day I was really nervous walking through those school gates for the very first time as a student at CVS. I walked up the ramp and handed my phone in which gave me a lot of anxiety because my phone is the only way I knew how to control my anxiety. I was welcomed by a fellow student named Rocky, he introduced himself to me and made me feel a bit calmer. I was just sitting down all shy and quiet until I seen a big group of kids who all attended CVS my anxiety started to rise up again more people. I had anxious thoughts going through my head like “what if they don’t like me” and “do I look ugly”. The whole day I was quiet and kept to myself, I was having anxiety attacks the whole day.

A few weeks went past and I started to get more comfortable I started making new friends like Potu, Osman, Nour, Julian and Jaedyn. These boys made me feel really welcomed into the school and always looked out for me. I was going really well at CVS I was in the café every week for 5 weeks in

a row. I was the quickest person to get a gold award and I got it within 7 to 8 weeks. I started liking CVS a lot more because I finally felt accepted and appreciated for all the hard work I was doing.

The new year came it was 2020!!! I was so excited to see all my friends at school. This was the year that my “honeymoon period” (as the teachers call it) wore off. I started showing the real me but I was still doing good and getting to work in the café every week as well but then COVID-19 hit. It was difficult working from home and I ended up doing no work at all, because I couldn’t stay focused but when school came back on and when I walked through the gates again, I finally felt ready to learn and that’s a big thing for me since I hate school. In 2020 I made some more new friends like Jana. Jana and me became really close and she is like my little sister.

I could go on and on about my time here at Canterbury Vale but it would be too long. CVS really changed me as a person and I’m not just saying this because it’s going to be in the

newsletter and all the teachers know I’m very straight up and say things how it is. I’m not lying CVS changed me in a positive way it has helped become a better person and inspired me to focus on my goals and get my dream job I always wanted.

When I look back on my first day of CVS I don’t know why I was so worried about meeting the students here because they all have become my family and I know I could always count on them. I’ll never forget my time at CVS it is a really big part of why I am the person I am today. CVS is an amazing school the teachers are so nice and are only trying to make you a better person I truly look up to them and I feel sorry for all the stuff they had to put up with because of me.

I just wanted to say a special thank you to Osman, Potu and Julian for making this experience so amazing and a special thanks to Ms Pei for always looking out for me. To all the staff at CVS thank you for everything you’ve done for me.

Principal’s Report

What a year 2020 has been! This year has brought immense changes for both students and staff including the delivery of remote learning, restrictions to how we normally engage students in learning, work experience and acknowledging their achievements. I believe it’s safe to say that we are all due for a bit of a break.

Looking back on the year and this term I am extremely proud of my staff and their efforts to

continue to deliver quality education for all CVS students. Under these unique circumstances and the resumption of normal school operation in Term 4 it meant that we could begin to offer more learning experiences, such as a white card course, physical education experiences, charity days and NAIDOC activities. On top of these we resumed celebrating the successes of our students with the return of rewards excursions and Principal



Award Ceremonies. Providing opportunities to our students are beneficial in celebrating their successes, gaining qualifications to support their transition pathway, engaging the community and also improving student knowledge.

Congratulations to Osman, Nicholas, Jessica and Liam who successfully participated in the White Card Course to allow them to safely work on a construction site. This was a school funded activity with staff accompanying the students. Impressive reports from staff and the course coordinator acknowledged respect and responsibility by all students.

Canterbury Vale School also participated in a Halloween theme charity day to raise money for blood cancer. There were only a few students here on the day (this was a little disappointing as some students choose not to engage in these activities which give back to the community) and the amazing donations of food and prizes from the staff resulted in a great afternoon enjoyed by all in attendance. Canterbury Vale School raised \$430. What an amazing achievement.

As the year comes to an end, we begin to acknowledge the students who are moving on from CVS either returning to their mainstream school or transitioning to work. Firstly, Osman, Jaedyn, Kanei and Izak will be returning to their mainstream school full time. Nour and Ehab are lucky enough to be employed fulltime, an amazing outcome for them and their futures. We wish all

of these students' good luck for the next stage in their lives and hope that they take with them everything that they have had the opportunity to learn, here at Canterbury Vale School.

Finally, a special mention to Adrian, who completed his HSC this term! Such an amazing achievement and the first student to complete the HSC during their enrolment at Canterbury Vale School. Not only did Adrian show tremendous persistence, resilience and commitment to fulfilling all requirements of the HSC curriculum, he also completed all required exam and is eligible to gain an ATAR. This accomplishment should not be overlooked and opens a range of options for his future. Adrian and also all his supporting teachers should be proud.

I would also like to take the opportunity to thank the incredible staff at Canterbury Vale that I have the pleasure of working with. There has been a raft of changes to the school this year but the group of teachers and support staff I have here would be the envy of every Principal. Dedicated, passionate, thoughtful, creative, professional, happy and hardworking. Thank you on behalf of students, parents and myself.

Finally, to those of you celebrating Christmas, I wish you a happy, fun and safe celebration and to all I wish you happy and safe holiday.

Marco Blasutto
R/Principal

NSW Department of Education

Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to...



Learn



Build friendships



Develop life skills

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Naidoc Week at CVS

On the 8th of November to the 15th, at Canterbury Vale School we celebrated Naidoc week by learning about Aboriginal culture through artwork, activities, stories, food, creations and celebrations. On the 9th of November all of the teachers put together all the Aboriginal artworks so us as students could do amazing artworks on it, most of us did the aboriginal symbols on the worksheet that everyone copied of, with all the fantastic aboriginal colours.

Naidoc week is to celebrate the Indigenous people of this land/ country Australia and to get into the Aboriginal spirit by eating their food, doing aboriginal artworks and symbols, doing all the activities and sports that they would do, and have celebrations like them etc, for the whole week from 8th to the 15th of November.

Everyone at CVS participated and did well, even if they didn't want to do all of the activities they were respectful by acknowledging the custodians of this land. We all had a lot of fun and excitement from it, and they all learnt a lot about the Indigenous people, and knew a lot more about the Aboriginal people and what they use to do and still keep doing.

By: Kiara

Taste of Success

Starting in 2021, Canterbury Vale School will begin running a breakfast club for all students enrolled. It is well known that a successful day starts with with a full belly!

In order to support students in preparing for a successful day, students are welcome to enjoy breakfast provided by Canterbury Vale School.

We will be offering toast, raisin toast and milo. The kitchen will be open from 8:45am Monday, Tuesday and Thursday free of charge, and on Friday our cafe will be open from 8:45am to allow students to purchase breakfast if they wish. Students will be able to order toasties for breakfast, similar to lunch on a Friday.

Consequently, this will change our school hours from 9:15am to 9:00am. If you have any questions relating to this please contact the school at cantervale-s.school@det.nsw.edu.au.



Don't forget - school resumes on Friday 29th Jan for all students. 27th and 28th are staff development days.

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