

THE COURT CHIMES

2019, THE YEAR WE HONOUR INTEGRITY



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

**PATRICIA RODRIGUES,
PRINCIPAL**

FRIDAY, 13 DECEMBER 2019

On behalf of all our staff, I want to thank all our families for their support this year, we have so much to celebrate and give thanks for!

Presentation Night

Last Friday night was our Presentation Night, it was truly a wonderful evening - the best so far. We presented awards to those students who have excelled in their studies in years 3 - 12.

This year was the first year in which we introduced the Sir Charles Court Medal, the medal was presented to a Primary and Secondary student who has been our best "all rounder" this year.

Fees and Charges

Included in this end of year envelope is the Fees and Charges Schedule for 2020. I am sure you will be happy in that our Board has increased fees by just 0 - 1%. They are well aware of the economic pressures that our families are facing and have kept the increase to a bare minimum.

Uniform

Reminder to our all families that as of next year only Court Grammar uniform is to be worn. When the School Board decided to change the name all families were notified that the SJGS uniform was able to be worn until the end of 2019. The only exception to this is the school bag and socks and the cost to replace blazer pockets was carried by the school.

Please note that there is provision being made for old SJGS uniforms to be collected. There will be boxes available at Reception and, on the days the uniform shop is open, to collect any old uniforms. Parents are advised that returning without the correct uniform is not acceptable and students will be sent home. There has been ample warning for the purchase of new shirts for both boys and girls.



**Court Grammar
School**

Upcoming Events

Wednesday 18 December
School Office closed

Monday 6 January
School Office open

Wednesday 29 January
Uniform Shop - General Sales

Thursday 30 January
Yr 12 ATAR students
commence
Uniform Shop - General Sales

Friday 31 January
Yr 11 Peer Support Training
Uniform Shop - General Sales

Monday 3 February
Yr 7's commence with Peer
Support
Uniform Shop - General Sales

Tuesday 4 February
All students commence
Kindy staggered start

**Wednesday 5 - Friday 7
February**
Kindy staggered start

Friday 7 February
Sir Charles Court Assembly
Pre-K Orientation

**Monday 10 - Wednesday 12
February**
Yr 6 Camp

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Important Dates for 2020 continued.....

Please see the calendar section of this issue to note the start dates for 2020. We will again have our Yr 12 ATAR students commence prior to the rest of the School on Thursday, 30 January, Yr 11 Peer Support Training on Friday, 31 January, Yr 7's commence on Monday 3 February with all other students joining us on Tuesday, 4 February. On Friday 7 February will be our Sir Charles Court Assembly when our student leaders will be formally presented with their badge of office.

Parent Survey

Thank you to those of you who have completed the 2019 CGS Parents/Guardians Survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LN2BTMG> Even though it is a registration requirement, it is only with feedback that we can improve our already wonderful School.

Pick Up and Drop Off

Every year in all schools, the first weeks are full of problems with pick up and drop off. It is essential we abide by traffic regulations, marked bays and ensure the safety of our youngest and most precious students.

Finally, on behalf of all at Court Grammar School, I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and we look forward to seeing you all in 2020.

Yr 6 Camp - 2019



Australian Mathematics Competition results

In August some of our brightest mathematicians participated in the Australian Mathematics Competition. The results are finally here and a big congratulations go to the following students who received High Distinctions (top 3% of their year) and Distinctions (top 20% for their year). All certificates and results will be posted out in the New Year.

High Distinction
Hayden Van Leishout (Yr 10)

Distinction
Isabelle McKeig (Yr 8)
Makhayla Baker (Yr 9)
Jade Whiting (Yr 9)
Bridget Ritchie (Yr 10)
Callum McCall (Yr 10)
Max Ritchie (Yr 11)

Mrs Tupicoff

Yr 8 End of Year Social

On Friday evening of Week 6 the Year 8's were treated with a trip to Bounce for their end of year social.

Everyone was in great spirits amidst the huge basketball slam dunks, crazy vertical wall walking, free-fall fun, foam pit mayhem and mad 'Ninja Warrior' course.

The purpose of the session was to inspire movement, self-expression & provide an opportunity for the students to create strong connections.

After a solid hour on the course, we concluded by sharing a meal together, reminiscing on the year gone by and wishing those who are leaving us at Court Grammar well on their new adventures in 2020 and beyond.

Thanks to the students that attended for making the night special and Mrs Bamkin, who made cupcakes and taught us all how to eat them properly (there is a way)!

Mr Freel





Box of Books
digital pages for all ages

Box of Books - Yrs 7 to 12, 2020

Introduction

Court Grammar School is pleased to announce the appointment of Box of Books, an Australian company that is a world leader in the provision of digital education resources, to support your student's education for the 2020 school year.

Please see the video on how Box of Books works and will benefit our school moving forward at <https://boxofbooks.wistia.com/medias/7gzy8fxvan>

Some families may already have the school prescribed texts in hard copy either through siblings who have completed the subject in an earlier year or through the purchase of the text separately to Box of Books – where this is the case you will still need to have your student provisioned for the digital version of the text on Box of Books and this can be purchased for a discounted cost through the platform.

If your student does not have the digital version through Box of Books then they will not have access to all the integrations and enhancements made to the texts from the school teachers.

Box of Books look forward to supporting your students learning through the delivery of this leading platform and service.

Steps to order:

1. Visit <https://shop.boxofbooks.com.au> to create your parent/guardian account
2. Add each student, nominating their school and year group
3. Select the items you wish to purchase from the booklist shown
4. Use the checkout to organise postage and payment

2020 School Dates

Monday 6 January

School Office Opens

Term One

Thursday 30 January

Yr 12 ATAR Students commence

Friday 31 January

Yr 11 Peer Support Training

Monday 3 February

All Yr 7 Students and Yr 11 Peer Support Leaders commence

Tuesday 4 February

All classes commence

Thursday 9 April

Teaching staff and students finish Term One

Term Two

Tuesday 28 April

Students Commence

Friday 26 June

Teaching staff and students finish Term Two

Term Three

Monday 20 July

Students Commence

Monday 24 August

Staff Professional Development Day

Friday 25 September

Teaching staff and students finish Term Three

Term Four

Monday 12 October

Students Commence

Wednesday 9 December

Presentation Night and Students finish Term Four

Friday 18 December

School Office Closes

*Dates as at 16 December 2019 and may be subject to change.

Workplace Learning

The final week of the school year saw a number of our year 10 students undertake workplace learning. We would like to acknowledge and thank the following host employers for partnering with our School and providing the opportunity for our students to gain invaluable experience in their chosen industry:

THANK
YOU

Baptistcare Graceford
Bertram Primary School
Best Friends Family Vet Centre
Body and Motion Physiotherapy
The Chase Bar and Bistro Baldivis
Civmec Construction and Engineering
Court Grammar School
Customer 1st Electrics
Greencross Vets Baldivis
Just Teasin Byford
Mammoet Cranes Australia
Music Force Greenfields
Mundijong Public Library
North Metropolitan TAFE Music Department
Perth Observatory
Professionals Byford Property Team
Rockingham Montessori School
Southern Cross Electrical Engineers
TEC Engineering
Woodland Grove Primary School
Workpower

We would also like acknowledge and thank the following businesses who hosted Year 11 students during recent ATAR exams:

Anytime Fitness Secret Harbour
Kwinana Veterinary Hospital
Wirrpanda Foundation

Uniform Shop - General Sales Days

Opening Times

The uniform shop will be open for general sales on the following days:

Wednesday 29 January	12-3pm
Thursday 30 & Friday 31 January	9am-3pm
Monday 3 February	9am-3pm

SECONDARY NEWS

BRAD KROKOSZ

HEAD OF SECONDARY

Year 11 Week of Challenge

Just recently Court Grammar's Year 11 students embarked on the Year 11 Week of Challenge to discover new frontiers, learn more about each other and a lot about themselves.

This team-based camp was held in the majestic surround of Dwellingup and hosted by Dare Adventures, but the tranquil tree-change ambiance was quickly shelved early on the first day as students had to hike their way to camp – carrying all that they brought – “Welcome to the Week of Challenge.”

Orienteering, commando course, night walk adventures, archery competitions, kayaking and much more were all part of this week-long competition. Students were grouped into teams of four for the entirety of the camp as they pursued the winning trophy and bragging rights to the Week of Challenge. In addition, each night one student was nominated by their peers to drink from the ‘Cup of Suffering,’ recognition for a student who went above and beyond.

In the end there can only be one winning team and this year it was Team Pink: Elodie McKeig, Lance Overton, Jorgia Pyper and Cain Earnshaw who took home the trophy. Each student who completed the camp received a reward – however the most important reward was that of discovering new limits and forging stronger relationships as the Year 11 students enter their final year of school in 2020.



MIKE JENZEN
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

School holidays can be a happy time but they can also place stress upon families. Here are some tips from an organisation called Drummond Street Services (ds.org.au) to help survive the holidays...

Boost healthy activities: Set reasonable expectations about technology use. If there is too much screen time, the holidays won't be as recharging and health promoting as they could be. Have 90 minutes limits in the morning and then tell them they need to get on with a plan for the day. It's worth noting that police have reported an increase in cyber-bullying during school holidays, so start a conversation about this and be aware of your children's on-line activities.

Connect: Help kids who may feel a bit lonely over the holidays so plan outings to connect with friends. Make meet up plans (parks, BBQs) with other families, or reconnect with relatives, extended families or others. Look-out for local events to make some new and positive community connections.

Encourage children to call one another and make arrangements to meet up. As they get older they need to take some responsibility for arranging their play times and letting the adults know the times and locations. This is good communication practise. Use the school holidays as opportunities to let them have some extra responsibilities, e.g. help with shopping or cooking.

Keep tabs on them: You don't have to interfere, but do set expectations so you know where they are at given times. Set some age dependent rules, i.e. leaving notes, locking up the house or calling if they are going out with a friend. Even if you are at work ask them to check in with you throughout the day. Young adolescents will naturally try to take some risks and push boundaries so don't assume the little angels are at home just reading books! Keep your eye out or enlist friends and neighbours. Older adolescents also need boundaries that are consistently followed while balancing some freedom.

Maintain healthy routines: Sensible bed times, night-time stories and good nutrition are important. Some holiday 'treats' are ok but letting standards drop too far can cause issues when it's time to resume school and settle down. It's a great time to catch up on sleep and do physical exercise so you all feel genuinely tired at night. Encourage kids to get outside: on their bikes, long walks, swimming and helping with chores or gardening.

Watch yourself: No surprises, but parental stress can increase over holidays, which can impact on children. This is usually due to parents feeling overloaded or stretched between home and work. Sit down as a family and make a collective calendar. Schedule some movies or fun days out, along with some times when they are cared by others and some independent, quiet times (if appropriate). Stress levels will drop if you have a break from constant.

Check in: Ask your children every few days how they are feeling? Which activities have they enjoyed and if they need support. Communication and warmth is the key. It's not about having fun every minute of the day, it's about rest and replenishment so they are healthy and happy enough to enjoy not being at school.

Life is busy, but do your best to take time out to enjoy the holidays. Focus on the good parts and stay positive with your family, remember to ask for help when you need it too.

Wishing you all a blessed Christmas and looking forward to seeing you all in 2020!