



REFLECTION Your achievement and success of this school will not be measured by exam results and by university admission scores alone.

The measure of our success will simply be this:

- How well have we prepared you to meet the challenges to come?
- How generous is your spirit?
- How willing are you to embrace a future with less materialism but with more of what matters?

In whatever walk of life you find yourself, whether you walk a world stage or a more humble one, are you convinced that the only way forward for all of us is in a world dedicated to the common good over individual gain. As parents and teachers, preparing you for what comes is the great work of our lives. If we have not convinced you of the absolute necessity of living a life for others then we have failed more than you – we have failed the future – and tomorrow will be a more dangerous place because of it.

Dear Parents, Staff and Students,

THE CHARTER FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS IN THE EDMUND RICE TRADITION

CBHS Lewisham is one of 50 Catholic schools in the Edmund Rice tradition in Australia. One of the most significant things these schools have in common is “the Charter”. This is the Mission Statement for all the schools and articulates the essential elements or “touchstones” of schools such as CBHS Lewisham. It is the document in which the school is accountable to the parents, the wider community and Leadership of Edmund Rice Education Australia. In this edition of Highlights I will explain a little about the Charter and list the touchstones. In following editions of Highlights, I will take one of the touchstones and explore them and how they can have a significant impact on CBHS.

THE FOUR “TOUCHSTONES” OF THE CHARTER

(A touchstone is a fundamental or quintessential feature. In earlier times a touchstone was used to judge the quality of metals. The Charter reflects the values upon which we base our school.) The revised Charter has four “touchstones” to help us understand it. These four touchstones are:

Liberating Education *We open our hearts and minds, through quality teaching and learning experiences, so that through critical reflection and engagement each person is hope filled and free to build a better world for all.*

At CBHS Lewisham, as in your day, you will still see all members of the school community working to the best of their ability, realising their potential and striving for equity and excellence.

Gospel Spirituality *We invite all people into the story of Jesus and strive to make his message of compassion, justice and peace a living reality within our community. As a visitor to CBHS you will see that we continue to nurture and encourage the spiritual growth of each person through reflection, prayer, sacred stories, rituals and sacraments.*

Inclusive Community *Our community is accepting and welcoming, fostering right relationships and committed to the common good. One of the greatest legacies of the Christian Brothers is our ongoing preferential option for the poor by standing in solidarity with those who are powerless and marginalised, providing access to those who otherwise would not seek enrolment.*

Justice and Solidarity *We are committed to justice and peace for all, grounded in a spirituality of action on reflection that calls us to stand in solidarity with those who are marginalised and the Earth itself. Along with our plethora of Social Justice activities, we are committed to working with, and walking alongside, the Indigenous peoples of Australia, advocating justice and promoting reconciliation.*

OPENING SCHOOL MASS – AMENDED TIME

Please note that the Opening School Mass, to be held on Friday, 15th February, will commence at 9.00 am

There is no single component of the vision, mission and practice of a Catholic school in the Edmund Rice tradition that determines its distinctiveness. The vision and mission have their heart in the mission and ministry of Jesus, the Catholic Church and the charism of Edmund. In this context there is a need to look at the sum total of the Gospel message, the Tradition of the Church and the unique response made by Blessed Edmund to the movement of God's Spirit. The formulation of this Charter, describing the touchstones of a Catholic school authentic to the Edmund Rice tradition, embraces this holistic approach. The Touchstones that I will explore individually over the following weeks, emerged from Blessed Edmund Rice, expressed in dynamic and adaptive learning communities. The integration of these cultural characteristics and much more, reflects the mission of a Catholic school in the Edmund Rice tradition.

2019 OPEN DAY

2019 Open Day will be held on Tuesday, 26th February. There will be student-led tours at 9.15 am, 4.30 pm and 6.00 pm. . This is a great opportunity for families considering schools for their son/s to experience the opportunities CBHS has to offer. For more information visit www.cbhslewisham.nsw.edu.au or phone 8585 1744.

ACADEMIC RESULTS 2018

2018 was an exceptionally successful year for our results for the HSC. School Dux Matthew Tropea achieved an ATAR of 98.65 and 28 CBHS students were noted as NESA distinguished achievers and 66 Band 6s were achieved. 90% of Year 12 students who applied for university entrance have received an offer for University admission by either early entry offer or the December and January admission rounds. February offer rounds are still to be finalised. The school is very proud of all of our seniors of 2018 who worked well all throughout the year and finished very well in all aspects of school life.

MCC SWIMMING

This annual event is to be held on Thursday, 7th March this year. Traditionally Year 8 and Year 12 attend as supporters. **Attendance at this event is compulsory for Years 8 and 12 students and transport is provided to and from the venue and the school.** This notice is being given so that work, tutoring and other sporting training can be changed. Year 12 will be allowed to wear sports shorts/track pants and senior jersey and Year 8 will wear their sports uniform as per last year.

With the guidance of Blessed Edmund Rice, may we continue to strive with strength to be of service to others. Live Jesus in our Hearts Forever.

Yours truly,

Br Paul Conn
Principal

<p style="text-align: center;">ENROLMENTS –2020 and 2021 Enrolments for 2020 and 2021 are now being accepted – please contact the Enrolment Secretary on 8585 1702.</p>
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CURRICULUM UPDATE

PROTOCOL FOR COMMUNICATION WITH TEACHERS

Welcome back to the new school year. On behalf of CBHS, we wish all students a year of personal best in their learning achievements and we thank you for your engagement in your son's learning. Parents are asked to read their son's School Diary which outlines the parent protocol for communication with teachers. Your support of the school protocol, as briefly provided below, is expected and appreciated.

SUBJECT SPECIFIC ISSUES – SECONDARY On matters that relate to a specific subject, **in the first instance** parents should contact their son's subject class teacher. Please understand that teachers are frequently not able to come to the phone, or to meet parents at the office without notice, as they may be engaged in teaching a class or attending meetings. In these cases, arrangements can be made for your parents call to be returned, or for a time to meet.

BEYOND INITIAL CONTACT

When matters cannot be resolved at the homeroom or classroom teacher level, teachers are well placed to refer you on to the relevant Coordinator.

- **Pastoral Coordinators** deal with pastoral matters relating to your pastoral group.
- **KLA Coordinators** deal with subject specific issues.
- **The Assistant Principal – Curriculum, Mrs O'Brien and the Assistant Principal – Pedagogy and Innovation, Mr Page**, supervise the KLA Coordinators team.

Parents and carers are kindly asked not to contact me, **The Assistant Principal – Curriculum** without having first contacted the relevant subject class teacher, and then the relevant KLA Coordinator.

CENTRAL PARENT PORTAL LETTER

New Year 5 families to CBHS in 2019, and any new families in Years 6-12, will soon receive a letter, posted to residential addresses, explaining how to access their Sentral Parent Portal. Student Interim and Semester Reports will be made available online only, via the Sentral Parent Portal . Once you have received your letter, and if you have any concerns with accessing your Sentral Parent Portal , please make direct contact with the CBHS I.T. Department via helpdesk@cbhslewisham.nsw.edu.au (only). This will ensure that your request is placed in a que and assigned a CBHS technician.

YEAR 10 AND YEAR 11 ASSESSMENT BOOKLETS

The 2019 Year 10 Assessment Information and Policy Booklet and Year 11 2019 CBHS Year 11 Assessment Information and Policy Booklet is now available for parents and carers and students on our Learning Circles Weebly at: <http://learningcirclesatcbhslewisham.weebly.com/> (click on the respective year group | under downloads)

Students have been asked to download the relevant document by the end of Week 1, Term 1 and store it on your computer and in Google Docs, for reference. Parents and carers are asked to sit with their sons and read this document together so that the assessment requirements are understood.

A reminder that for students, lack of familiarity is not grounds for illness/Misadventure.

Each Year 10 and Year 11 student will also receive a personalised (barcoded) copy of the respective Assessment Information and Policy Booklet over the coming weeks in Homeroom via the Waterford Learning Centre. I will meet with the respective year groups, Year 10 and Year 11, in the coming weeks, to further discuss these documents and more, and in light of your sons' Year 10 RoSA and Year 11 educational journey at CBHS.

WHITLAM INSTITUTE 2019 WHAT MATTERS? WRITING COMPETITION

Students, young thinkers and writers, are invited to get writing about what matters to them to develop a perspective, a point of view, on where we're heading as a society.

"I do not for a moment believe that we should set limits on what we can achieve together, for our country, our people, our future."
Gough Whitlam 1972

The 2019 What Matters? Writing Competition is now open.

Inspired by Gough Whitlam's commitment to involving young people in the shaping of Australia's future, the competition is currently open to school students in Years 5 to 12 from NSW, VIC, WA, the ACT and Tasmania. Responding to the simple question 'what matters?', entrants are free to express their views on any matter they care about.

The competition receives thousands of entries covering a wide range of subjects, putting paid to the idea that young Australians are disengaged and disaffected. Year after year we are reminded how passionate, observant and articulate young people are, and how deeply driven they are by a sense of social justice as they offer us a window into not just what concerns them, but what inspires them.

To enter *What Matters?* students submit an original written work between 400-600 words in prose or poetry, of either fiction or non-fiction. Prizes are awarded in four categories: Years 5/6, 7/8, 9/10 and 11/12. For more information: <https://www.whitlam.org/what-matters>

Monica O'Brien, Assistant Principal – Curriculum

STUDENT AND PARENT ICT USE AGREEMENT

Information and communications technology (ICT) plays an important part in your son's learning at CBHS Lewisham. CBHS supports the responsible development of ICT skills, promoting in particular right relationships and personal responsibility and safety online. At the back of your son's School Diary is an ICT Use Agreement that governs how your son uses ICT while at school, with particular reference to their personal learning device and their mobile phone. Please take the time to go through the school's expectations and sign the Agreement with your son so that he understands the ways in which he is responsible for his use of ICT and his safety online while at school.

Mr Keith Page, Assistant Principal – Pedagogy and Innovation

CBHS ONLINE COMMUNITY

Communication between home and school is important and our weekly Highlights is an important communication tool to keep you, as parents, across important information and news. This year Highlights will be emailed out to parents on a weekly basis; we encourage you to find the time to read and keep across what is happening.

This year we will also look to have a stronger presence in social media, as a way to communicate with our community, share our news, celebrate the achievements of our students and build the CBHS online community. If you use social media then we warmly invite you to follow and engage with us on the following platforms.

Lyn O'Neill, Development and Community Manager



MCC SPORT REPORT

Round 7 of our Summer MCC Representative Sport continues this week with matches v Pagewood. Those boys not involved in Summer MCC Sport who are part of the Swimming Squad will train at Sydney Uni during Thursday sport this term.

Venues this week are:

Cricket:	First XI at Marrickville and 15A at Beaman
Touch:	All teams at Heffron Return 4 pm
Tennis:	Henson Park Return 4 pm
Basketball:	Condell Park Return 3.30 pm
Swimming	at Sydney Uni Return 2.45 pm

Congratulations and commiserations to our NSW wide Downie Shield and Berg Shield Cricket teams who played a Semi Final and Quarter Final match respectively on Monday. Unfortunately, both teams lost on the day however can be well pleased on a successful season.

While on cricket, congratulations to "old boy" Kurtis Patterson on his elevation to the Australian Test Cricket Team that culminated in a superb maiden Test century in only his second innings in the baggy green. He now has a test average of 144, better than Bradman, at least for now. We hope to have Kurtis visit Lewisham prior to, hopefully, hopping on the plane for this year's Ashes in England.

All parents requiring information about NSW Combined Catholic College teams and events should visit the new website at www.csss.nsw.edu.au to download all information and entry forms. Please note that ALL individual entries and nominations must be made by parents of interested students via this process. Families should check the website for clarification so your sons don't miss out.

Term 1 Events:

7th February
14th February
21st February
28th February
7th March
21st March
28th March

18th February
23rd February 7-9.15 pm
7th March 4-7 pm

Round 7 v Pagewood
Spare Round
Semi Final
Final
Grand Final Spare Round
MCC Golf and Squash
MCC Cross Country

CBHS Lewisham Elite Swimming Carnival
CB Swimming Carnival Saturday
MCC Swimming Carnival

Mr David Mamo, Sports Coordinator



CHRISTIAN BROTHERS' HIGH SCHOOL LEWISHAM
Educating boys from Years 5 to 12

Join us for OPEN DAY Tuesday 26 February

Student led School Tours will commence in the morning at 9.15am and late afternoon at 4.30pm and 6.00pm.

Please join us and experience the CBHS Lewisham way.

For more information visit cbhslewisham@nsw.edu.au or phone 8585 1744

YOUNG MEN OF GENTLE HEARTS AND STRONG CHARACTERS





All parents and friends of CBHS Lewisham
are warmly invited to attend our
Opening School Mass for 2019.
The Mass will include the blessing of the
Captains' badges and investiture of the
Student Leadership Team.

Date: Friday, 15 February, 2019

Time: 9:00 am [note amended time]

Place: Br Julian McDonald Centre,
CBHS Lewisham



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OPEN INVITATION TO MEN

"The Cosmic Importance of Male Initiation". A great event not to be missed. One day workshop for men of all ages, 18 years to seniors. Redfern Town Hall, Saturday 30th March 2019, 10 am to 5 pm.

Presenter: Richard Fay, CEO Centre for Men, leads Richard Rohr's work with men in Australia. Bookings essential, seats are limited. Tickets (\$40) and information at cfma.org.au

