

Canterbury celebrates 30 years of excellence

Earlier this year, Canterbury College has reached a significant milestone, celebrating 30 years of providing quality education to students in the southern Brisbane region.

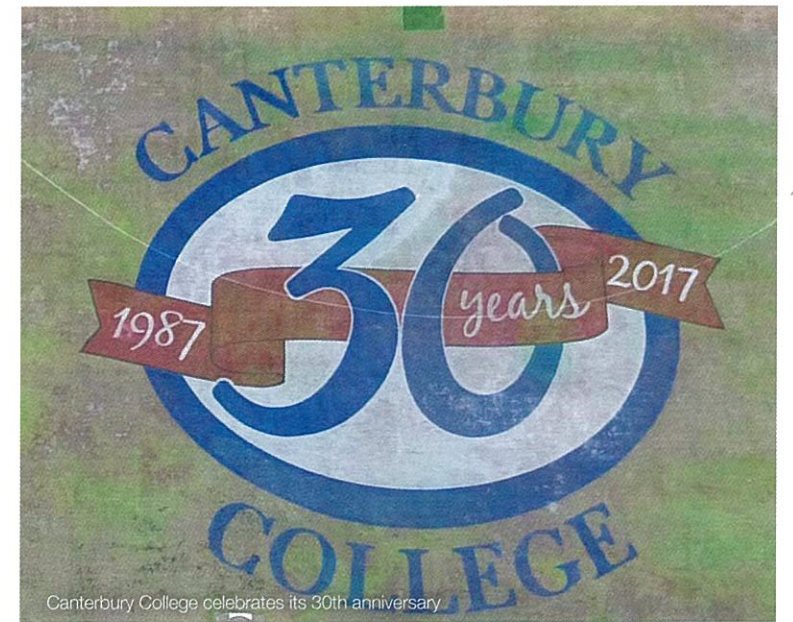
To commemorate the event, students met with teachers, parents and faculty alumni at the Canterbury Events Centre for a day of festivities that included a special ceremony and the Cursus Magnus competition (the school's specialty relay race.)

Canterbury's Head of College Donna Anderson said that the school has grown significantly since starting with just 75 students in 1987 to now teaching 1435 pupils.

"At the time, we only had one six, seven and eight class, with two full-time teachers and three part-time staff," she said.

"It's just amazing to see how much we've grown, even in the 10 years I've been here."

Ms Anderson said she looked forward to watching Canterbury College grow even further, as plans to install a swimming pool, sporting complex and digital hub unfolded.



Canterbury College celebrates its 30th anniversary.

"We've got a lot on our plate, with a lot of room to work with," she said. "The school grounds used to be an old dairy farm and was originally bought with 37 acres.

"We've grown quite a lot since then and while the school will continue to develop, I don't think the board will allow the number of students to grow much more.

"We don't want to lose that family feeling and connectedness to the children."

St Paul's School growing its worship band

St Paul's School has seen a dramatic increase in the number of students participating in its senior worship music bands. The School now has two bands playing simultaneously at two venues for weekly chapel services for senior students.

Services for students in Years 7 to 12 at St Paul's are conducted every Monday, with half the School meeting in the chapel while the other half meet in the newly-built performing arts centre.

A full worship band plays in the main chapel, while a smaller acoustic ensemble plays in the performing arts centre.

According to The Rev'd Mark Leam, the Chaplain at St Paul's School, the number of students expressing interest in participating in the worship band has increased significantly over the past 12 months.

"We're in a fortunate position now that there are so many students keen to play and sing as part of the worship band. It's a real blessing to our services to have live music in both venues, and I'm very thankful for the students and staff who are volunteering their time to make this happen."

Year 9 student, Gracie Manderson, recently joined the worship team and sees it as an opportunity to express her Christian faith while at School.

"I enjoy being part of the School worship band as it's full of friendly people, many of whom I'm friends with, and it's a wonderful chance to be part of a music team in a Christian context."



Members of the St Paul's Worship Band during rehearsals