

We hope that you have had an enjoyable break and we look forward to welcoming your children back to school next week.

Monday 24 April

Main office closed for staff professional development

Wednesday 26 April

Students return (winter uniform – see our [Student Information Booklet](#) for details)

From the Principal

Best Use of Time

As many of us already know, schools were originally designed during the First Industrial Age (1760-1840). For that time, and for another 150 years since, there was a demand for a literate and numerate workforce to operate new machines in factories. The goal of the school system was to produce many workers with the same basic skills, knowledge and attitudes needed to work in factories and other industrial settings.

The key features of a school system for an industrial age emphasises standardisation and uniformity where all students study the same material, at the same pace and in the same way, regardless of their individual needs, interests, or abilities. The curriculum is made up of core subjects with few connections between them, with little development of critical thinking and problem-solving skills. The traditional classroom model replicates the factory setting, rows of desks taught in a highly structured and hierarchical manner to follow instructions, work efficiently and conform to rules and regulations.

Times are now different. We have iterated to a time where the Fourth Industrial Revolution is upon us. The hallmark of this period is the rapid development of digital technology. The Fourth Industrial Revolution is defined by the World Economic Forum (WEC) as “a fusion of technologies that is blurring the lines between the physical, digital, and biological spheres.” Rapid advances in artificial intelligence, robotics, the internet of things, and biotechnology are the cornerstones of this revolution.

The world has changed, and schools need to move with it. Schools are obligated to explore more flexible, adaptable, and personalized approaches to timetable schedules which harness the power of modern technology without compromising the social and relational nature learning.

Ira Socol says, “Time is the most controlling of all the structures which define ‘school’. Learning is, of course, timeless. It exists in its own temporal zone, unique to each individual, and different for each thing ‘learned’. But school is all about the clock.”

Teachers and leaders in schools are obligated to consider ‘Best use of Time’. In the last three weeks of Term 1, the College Leadership Team consulted with staff about how we use time for learning, care, and faith formation at the College. The Leadership Team believes now is the time to include students, parents, and carers in the conversation about ‘Best use of Time’. Specifically, we need to consider ways in which we provide students with more choice and agency through a flexible approach to subject, time and place. Furthermore, there is a need to provide teachers with more time for collaborative planning, preparation and evaluation of high quality, student-centred learning.

With the above in mind, I invite all parents and carers of Chevalier College to attend a Community Forum.

Thursday 4 May 2023
7.00pm to 8.30pm

Reserve your free spot by **Tuesday 2 May** using [this link](#).

The event will be held in the John Fahey Centre. Parking is available in the car park adjacent to the John Fahey Centre. Enter via gate 5.

Please note that this event is for Parents and Carers, not for students.



Greg Miller, Principal, invites you to Chevalier College's

Parent & Carer Community Forum

BEST USE OF TIME

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Chevalier College
FORTES IN FIDE | STRONG IN FAITH

The poster features a large illustration of a clock with gears and people interacting with it, symbolizing time management and community involvement.



College Uniform and Appearance

We know a school uniform creates a sense identity for the school community. When students present neatly and tidily and wear their uniform with pride, there is an increased sense of belonging and connection. That is why it is important to wear the correct uniform and to wear it well. As such, I ask that all Chevalier students and families read over the expectations of the College with regards to uniform, hair and appearance. I appreciate all parents working with the College to ensure each student arrives for Term 2 in keeping with the College's expectations regarding uniform and appearance.

Please refer to the [Student Information Booklet](#) for the winter uniform requirements. A reminder also that the Chev Shop opening hours can be found [here](#), and that Back to School vouchers can be used at the Chev Shop.

Greg Miller

Principal

Learning and Teaching

Parent / Teacher Interviews

Parent / Teacher interviews for Years 7 and 12 will take place on **Monday 1 May**. Bookings will open at 4.00pm on Wednesday 26 April. Further details including the booking link will be sent in a separate email to the relevant year groups on Wednesday.

Parents of Year 11 students will have the opportunity to discuss their child's progress after the release of the Year 11 Mid-Course Reports in Week 6 of Term 2.

If you have any questions throughout the term regarding your child's progress, please contact the College via office@chevalier.nsw.edu.au. Your request will be forwarded to the teacher, who will contact you directly.

Rebecca Graham

Assistant Principal – Learning and Teaching

Extra Curriculum

Sports Training

Training resumes for all Winter Sports teams on **Thursday 27 April**. Some teams have an additional training session on Wednesday 26 April and students will be contacted via the Heja Sports Team App should this be applicable to their team.

ISA Sport

Round 1 of the ISA Winter Sports competition commences **Saturday 29 April**.

- Draw information will be available via Parent Essentials/Extra Curriculum Program on the College website each week.
- Students will be advised of any last-minute changes to draws throughout the season via the Heja Sports Team App.
- The Home and Away schedule for Winter Sports can be found [here](#).

College Athletics Carnival

For your diaries – our College Athletics Carnival will be held on **Thursday 25 May**.

Coach Phillips

Extra Curriculum Administrator

Other matters



ANZAC Day

A reminder that students have an opportunity to represent Chev at the various ANZAC Day marches around the Southern Highlands and also at Picton.

Please wear full winter uniform, blazers for seniors. When you arrive at the venue, please find the staff member with the Chev flag.

Please see below regarding the venues and times.

BOWRAL:

Meet at Oliver Brown car park – marker 1
Arrive by 10:10am ready for 10:30am

MOSS VALE:

Meet at Queen Street car park
Arrive by 10:30am ready for 10:45am

MITTAGONG:

Meet at Albion Street (off Main Street)
Arrive by 10:10am ready for 10:30am

PICTON:

Meet in the laneway behind Picton Hotel
Arrive by 6:10am ready for 6:30am

Mother's Day High Tea



We warmly welcome mothers and mother figures to our Mother's Day High Tea, to be held on **Friday 12 May** from 9.30am - 11.00am.

Tickets are \$25 each which includes your high tea, and a morning of reflection and gratitude. If you would like to also bring your mother (your child's grandmother or great person), please book a ticket for them too!

Please book your ticket [here](#) by **Friday 28 April**.

Beautiful – the Carol King Musical

Tickets are now available for this year's production of *Beautiful – the Carole King Musical* performed and produced by our wonderfully talented students.

Beautiful – the Carole King Musical is a fun and entertaining show that will appeal to fans of Carole King's music, as well as those who enjoy great music and great entertainment.

Beautiful manages to balance her personal story with the music that made her famous. These personal stories add depth to the show and make it more than just a celebration of King's music. The show features many of King's most famous songs, including *I Feel the Earth Move*, *It's Too Late*, and *You've Got a Friend*, as well as songs by other artists that King wrote for, including *The Locomotion* and *Will You Love Me Tomorrow*.



The musical is limited to five sessions, so make sure you get your tickets early. To avoid disappointment, [book your tickets now](#).

Session times:

Wednesday	10 May 7.00pm – 9.00pm
Thursday	11 May 7.00pm – 9.00pm
Friday	12 May 7.00pm – 9.00pm
Saturday	13 May 2.00pm – 4.00pm
Saturday	13 May 7.00pm – 9.00pm

Upcoming Events

- ⇒ Staff Retreat Day – 24 April
- ⇒ ANZAC Day – 25 April
- ⇒ Students return – 26 April
- ⇒ ISA Winter sports commence – 29 April
- ⇒ Parent Teacher Interviews – 1 May
- ⇒ Year 10 Wilderness Excursion – 1 – 5 May
- ⇒ Year 11 History Excursion – 4 May
- ⇒ Year 11 Agriculture Excursion – 4 May
- ⇒ School Musical – 10 – 13 May
- ⇒ Mother's Day High Tea – 12 May

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