

Many Learning Experiences



Although our start to the year has looked a little different from usual, the children have all shown how brave and independent they can be.

It has been wonderful to watch the students looking out for each other as they have settled into their new classrooms and routines.

It has been a delight to welcome our new Receptions to Cedar College. They have loved making new friends, reading stories, and learning about how God created the world and loves His people.

It has been a thrill for the children to learn 42 Jolly Phonic sounds and to discover that they can now start reading words. What an achievement!

The children in **Year 1** have been enjoying many learning experiences such as writing recount books, practising their numbers to 100, learning all about colour mixing and some differences in family life from the past, compared to the present.

One highlight from this term was a Possum Magic Picnic. The Year 1s ventured outdoors to play some games, go on a minty hunt, and then enjoy some Aussie-themed foods, such as lamingtons, Vegemite sandwiches and Anzac biscuits - yum!

The Year 2 students have had so much fun learning about Minibeasts, especially observing the life cycle of the Monarch butterfly. They have also looked back in time to discover how toys and household technologies have changed and improved.

It has also been interesting for the Year 2s to discover how vegetables grow from seeds, and also a challenge to stop the snails from eating them!

PHOTOS

- 1. Nature Play
- 2. Reception Classroom
- 3. Science
- 4. Science
- 5. Minibeasts - Butterflies
- 6. Reception Learning
- 7. Minibeasts - Butterflies
- 8. Science
- 9. Possum Magic Picnic
- 10. Nature Play
- 11. Investigations
- 12. Ladybug Investigations



Overcoming Challenges



We had an interesting beginning to the year, with Year 10 and 11 students starting with online learning.

Despite being a challenge, this also provided students with an opportunity to further develop their ability to be flexible and creative.

Our Year 12 students began their final school year on campus and had two weeks with the Senior School all to themselves, which was a new and strange experience! Senior School students also started the year in their new communities. These continue to be within House groups but are composed of only Senior School students, unlike previous years in which Communities incorporated Middle and Senior School students, within the same house.

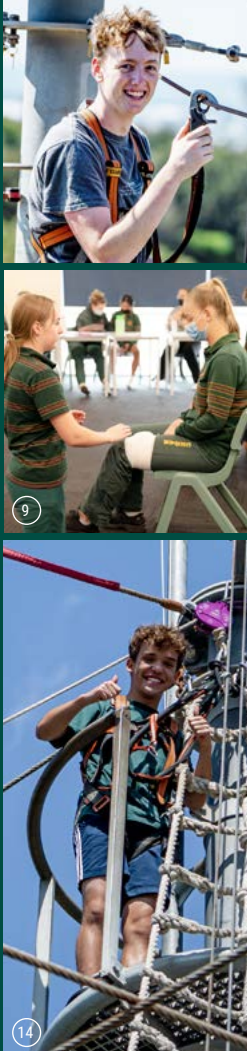
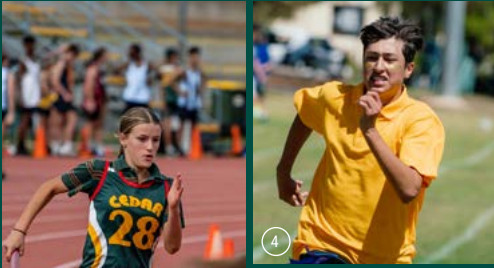
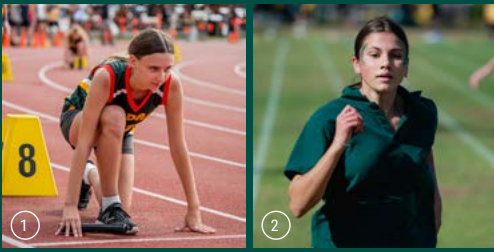
In Week 6, we held our annual Sports Day event. This was a wonderful opportunity to come together as a school community and have fun while celebrating the gifts and talents of our students. The weather was perfect, and the students committed to giving their best effort to their team.

Towards the end of the term, the Year 12s had a fun day, which replaced their camp. This included a morning session of university presentations, while the afternoon was spent at the High Ropes course at West Beach. Students did a fantastic job facing their fears, with many climbing to the very top of the High Ropes apparatus and abseiling to the ground. It was a great day for developing camaraderie within the Year 12 cohort, and a wonderful opportunity to provide our Year 12 students with some much-needed fun and down time.

The Year 12 Prefects ran **Bullying. No Way! Day** activities on Friday April 25, which included a devotion during morning Community and lunchtime activities. Students enjoyed live music on the Gazebo lawns and a treasure hunt which promoted the anti-bullying message, as well as signing their names on a banner to make a stand against bullying.

Term 1 concluded on Maudy Thursday with a very special Easter service organised by Pastor Jeremy and our Faith and Fellowship Prefects. The intimate service was led by students and included reflections from several staff and students about what Easter means to them, as well as a worship time and scripture reading. The service was very special, containing a powerful and inspiring message and providing a wonderful way to finish the term and prepare each of us for Easter.

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| 1. Interschool Athletics | 9. First Aid Session |
| 2. Sports Day | 10. Year 12 High Ropes |
| 3. Sports Day | 11. Bullying. No Way! Day |
| 4. Sports Day | 12. Bullying. No Way! Day |
| 5. Interschool Athletics | 13. Easter Chapel |
| 6. Year 11 Drama | 14. Year 12 High Ropes |
| 7. Year 12 High Ropes | 15. Year 12 High Ropes |
| 8. Year 12 High Ropes | |



Making Deeper Connections



We are grateful for the opportunities we have had throughout Term 1.

We welcomed our Year 7s and new students to Middle School at Cedar College.

While we have all had to navigate disruptions, there has been wonderful growth among students in the Middle School already. The Year 7s really benefited from the staggered start to the year. They quickly became familiar with the campus and key staff, with only half of the High School students on campus during the first two weeks.

While we were not able to run our normal camps program, our Year 7s participated in an adjusted activity program. It was really encouraging to observe the cohort making new connections with one another and growing in confidence through the novel and challenging activities. I am greatly appreciative of our staff and the Beyond Limits team, who worked above and beyond to make sure we could undertake the activities for the Year 7s!

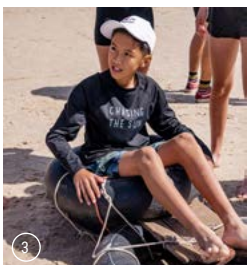
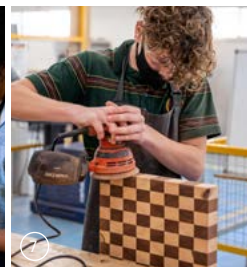
The Year 8s and 9s have been a pleasure to share the campus with. Mr Mooney, Year 8 Co-ordinator, has worked on growing maturity in his cohort and showing appreciation for each other's strengths and unique characteristics. We endeavour to display love to each other at Cedar College, as we intentionally find value in our own abilities and characteristics, as well as those of others. Our Year 8 students are at an important stage in this journey. The need to critique cultural influence regarding stereotypes and expectation is crucial.

We encourage our students to anchor their identity and value through faith in Jesus and connection with others.

This theme continues from Year 8 into Year 9. Our Year 9s have certainly enjoyed commencing elective subjects. Students appreciate the specialisation in areas they have chosen in Year 9, and a simplified timetable allows for deeper learning.

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| 1. Year 9 Cheese Boards | 8. Year 7 Activity Day |
| 2. Interscholar Athletics | 9. Year 7 Activity Day |
| 3. Year 7 Activity Day | 10. Year 9 Drama |
| 4. Sports Day | 11. Year 9 Drama |
| 5. Year 7 Activity Day | 12. Year 7 Activity Day |
| 6. Science | 13. Sports Day |
| 7. Year 9 Cheese Boards | 14. Interscholar Athletics |



History, Investigation, and Sport



There have been many highlights in Upper Primary during Term 1, despite navigating our way through the ongoing challenges which COVID has brought.

After starting the school year with Home Learning, we were happy to be back on campus together in Week 3.

The Year 3s have been learning about the history of Cedar College and the Northgate area. They went for a walk around Northgate to look at the natural environment as well as the buildings and transport. They also explored the history of the area through Google Earth and the massive ways the area has changed over the past 25 years. Using iPads, they documented the things that have changed and stayed the same at Cedar College.

In Term 1, 6SD/LJ promoted all of the students to the status of 'teacher'. Each student was given the opportunity to teach a lesson to their classmates, focusing on one of their own particular interests, and they did a brilliant job. They've learnt about everything from axolotls to rugby; performed experiments and made origami creations; tasted smoothies and solved puzzles; learnt new sporting games and skills and assessed their new knowledge with multiple Kahoots. It has been a great way to learn and discover more about each student individually.

Upper Primary Sports Day was a fantastic day. We were grateful that our Cedar families could attend to cheer on their children. We enjoyed beautiful weather, a sausage sizzle, and many fun and competitive events, with Bradman claiming victory at the end of an exciting day.

PHOTOS

- 1. Year 4 Shelters
- 2. Sports Day
- 3. Sports Day
- 4. Year 4 Shelters
- 5. Great Cedar Run
- 6. Great Cedar Run
- 7. Great Cedar Run
- 8. Digital Technologies
- 9. Digital Technologies
- 10. Year 4 Shelters
- 11. Great Cedar Run
- 12. Sports Day
- 13. Science
- 14. Science
- 15. Sports Day
- 16. Great Cedar Run

