

**Nurturing the
Global and Future-Ready Canberrans**



Our logo consists of the 3 Cs: **Challenge, Conquer and Contribute**

The letter "i" in our logo stands for:
Information Technology and
Innovation

The red dot symbolises a Canberran
who goes through different paths,
the '3 Cs', to ultimately reach
global achievement
as represented by the
green dot.

SCHOOL VISION:
Grateful, Respectful
and Compassionate
Canberrans

SCHOOL MISSION:
Care. Aspire. Nurture.

SCHOOL VALUES:
Gratitude
Respect
Compassion





GRC Seeding Week

The first day of school can be especially daunting for Secondary 1 students. As such, the Secondary 1 Seeding Week was held in the first week of school to welcome our new students into the Gratitude, Respect and Compassion (GRC) family and to enable them to forge new friendships with one another. It was also an avenue for the school to share the GRC culture with parents.

At the end of the week, students felt a greater sense of belonging to the school and were immersed with the school values of gratitude, respect and compassion. These activities held to orient the students also helped them build relationships with their Character Coaches (form teachers) and with their peers as well.

In addition to the talks held by various members of the school, the highlight of the programme had to be the fun Class Bonding games that were organised and conducted by the Peer Support Leaders!



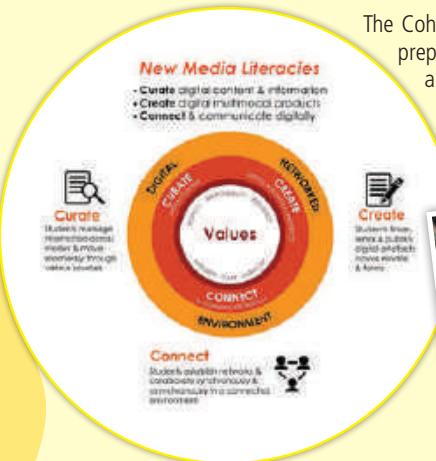
Special Programmes



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about CBS ALP!

Applied Learning Programme

At Canberra Secondary school, our Applied Learning Programme (ALP) incorporates learning in an authentic setting and exposes students with opportunities to explore deeper in Visual Arts and Design (VAD). The programme aims to help our students strike a balance between technical skills mastery with appreciation for the arts thus developing them holistically.



The Cohort 1 Visual Art curriculum looks into preparing students with visual aesthetics and digital media skills.



▲ Applied Learning @ Canberra Sec

MY SECOND HOME

Grateful, Respectful and Compassionate Canberrians

When I first found out that I got into Canberra Secondary School, I was kind of worried. All of my best friends from primary school got into a school that is nearer to my house. I am the only person from my friend group who got into this school. I was worried that I would not be able to make new friends and I was afraid that they would forget me. The first few days of school were tough. Everyone acted as if they knew each other for so long. However, I still did not have any friends. After a week of school, I got up the courage to make new friends. I'm starting to enjoy school even more now. I would even call it my second home.

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CANBERRA SECONDARY SCHOOL



Learning For Life Programme

At Canberra Secondary School, students' learning for life begins with learning about life through a series of specially-curated lessons and experiences about the 4 stages of one's L.I.F.E – namely; Life (birth), Infirmied, Frail and End-in-mind (Legacy mindset).

Cohort 1 students will celebrate their unique identity and advocate for family life through participating in a series of family challenges.



▲ GRC@Home - Canberra's very own
"Eat with Your Family" Day!

Cohort 1 and 2 English Oratorical Programme

This is an eight-hour Pratirical workshop for the Cohort 1 and 2 students. Students learn how to research, organise information, and make persuasive arguments. They can also learn to articulate their thoughts clearly, confidently, and persuasively. Students can tap on their interests in technology by using an Artificial Intelligence software to craft their speeches.



▲ Our students showcasing what they learnt into practice!



Conversational Chinese/Malay Programme

The Conversational Chinese/Malay (CCM) Programme is an enrichment programme offered to the Cohort 1 students. During the CCM lessons, students can gain a deeper understanding and appreciation of the different cultures in Singapore.

The CCM Programme also provides opportunities for Canberrans to experience and immerse themselves in either conversational Chinese or Malay and practice what they have learnt in authentic settings.

Science Buskers Festival

The Science Buskers Festival is an annual competition organised by the Science Centre Singapore. This year, the competition was held physically at the Science Centre Singapore with nearly 400 participating teams across Singapore schools including Tertiary Institutions. Our lower sec Canberrans had the invaluable opportunity to participate in the competition this year. At the competition, the participants did a "show-and-tell" on any science topic in creative and engaging manners. It was a pride-worthy moment for two lower secondary teams from Canberra Secondary School to have emerged as the finalists!



▲ Canberra's very own colour-changing kettle!



▲ Students getting ready for the auditions excitedly!

Students in Action

Cohort Camps

Outdoor learning offers a holistic approach to education that goes beyond traditional classroom settings. It combines physical, mental, emotional, and social aspects of learning and can have a lasting, positive impact on individuals. Hence in Canberra Secondary School, students get to participate in different outdoor learning activities through the cohort camps. The aim of the cohort camps this year was to nurture every Canberran into a Grateful, Respectful and Compassionate (GRC) individual through authentic, real world learning experiences. It also promotes environmental appreciation in the students through participation in the various outdoor activities. The cohort camps this year was held from 20-22 March 2023.

The Cohort 1 and 3 students participated in a residential camp at MOE Labrador Outdoor Adventure Centre and Camp Challenge Sentosa respectively. Students had the opportunity to try out a wide variety of exciting activities which included low and high elements, abseiling, rock climbing and outdoor cooking. The Cohort 2 students attended a 3-day non-residential camp and had fun participating in outdoor activities such as kayaking at Lower Seletar Reservoir and Amazing Race at Sembawang Park. Our graduating cohort attended a motivation camp in school to experience and learn vital study skills for their upcoming national exams.



▲ Cohort 4 Camp



▲ Cohort 3 Camp



▲ Cohort 2 Camp



Sports Festival

The annual Sports Festival is one of the highlights of our school's Physical Education (PE) programme. Students look forward to having fun while participating in the sports activities, at the same time showcasing the physical skills that they have learnt during their PE lessons.

Students started off Sports Festival this year with a Compassionate CANberrans Walk along the PCN around the school, after which they had an inter-class sports challenge across various locations in the school. Students were all engaged in various sports activities, such as football, frisbee, captain's ball etc. Our GRC CANberrans also got to enjoy a special ice cream treat fresh off the cart during this year's Sport Festival!



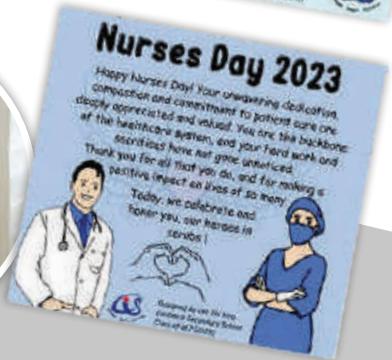
Values-in-Action CarniVIAI

The Values-in Action (VIA) **CariniVIAI** was led by the Cohort 2 students this year. The CarniVIAI aims to nurture camaraderie between students and promote empathy and understanding of active ageing. Each class was tasked to set up their very own booth with carnival games to engage their schoolmates meaningfully. The parade square came alive with the games and the sound of laughter echoed as students immersed themselves in traditional games and experiential booths.



Nurses' Day Appreciation

In celebration of the Nurses' Day this year, our Canberrans turned ordinary towels into beautiful roses to thank the nurses for their selfless dedication and hard work. Our student representatives from Cohort 3 presented the gifts to the nurses at Yishun Community Hospital on 31 July 2023. Through this activity, we hope our students will continue to display the values of a Grateful, Respectful and Compassionate Canberran.



School Celebrations

Student Leaders' Investiture

The Annual Student Leaders Investiture aims to affirm and inspire our student leaders to continue making meaningful contributions within the school and the wider community as youth leaders. During this event, the outgoing Executive Committee symbolically passes the leadership torch to newly appointed members, marking the transition from one leadership term to the next. This transition underscores the student leaders' commitment to guiding and inspiring their peers while highlighting the importance of our school's core values: Gratitude, Respect, and Compassion. The event serves as a powerful reminder that leadership extends beyond titles and positions; it encompasses personal growth, learning, and the ability to inspire others. Ultimately, it reinforces the values and passion that drive our student leaders and their collective dedication to making a positive impact on the school community.



Awards Day

Canberra Secondary School celebrated its "Awards Day 2023" on 30th of June, bringing together students, parents, and educators under the theme "With gratitude, we celebrate." The event was a resounding success, recognizing outstanding achievements in both character and academics. A total of 146 awards were presented, and the winners served as inspiring role models, leaving a profound impact on the student audience in attendance, showcasing that with determination and commitment, they too can achieve greatness.



Youth Day Celebrations

Canberra Secondary School commemorated Youth Day on 5th of July this year. The event was a spectacular showcase of talent and unity. Our Peer Support Leaders delivered an inspiring skit emphasizing the significance of authenticity and parental support in line with the theme of 'Uniquely Youth'. The performance also highlighted the exceptional abilities of our CCA groups, including the Concert Band, Modern Dancers, and a captivating precision drill showcase by the National Civil Defence Cadet Corps. Students were captivated by the PSLs' heartfelt messages. To sweeten the day, cotton candy and exclusive school-themed red T-shirt were distributed as tokens of appreciation.



National Day Parade

On the 8th of August 2023, our entire school united in celebration of our nation's birthday, adorned in our proud national colors of red and white. The first half of the morning commenced with a splendid parade, a remarkable achievement resulting from the collective dedication of both teachers and students from our Uniformed Groups and Concert Band. Their unwavering commitment to their practices and drills was a testament to our school values of Gratitude, Respect, and Compassion, and it shone through as they executed the parade segment with utmost pride and confidence.

During the second part of the celebration, the school hall came alive with the spirit of unity, echoing the theme "Onward As One." This theme urged all Singaporeans to look ahead with confidence and build a shared future as one united people. The heartwarming celebration featured talented students who presented two captivating skits. Adding a dose of fun, the "Don't Forget the Lyrics and Teachers!" game segment had students guessing song lyrics while our teachers took center stage, serenading us with their renditions. Laughter and camaraderie filled the hall as we shared the joy of music with our amazing educators.

This National Day, our school united under the banner of "Onward As One". This serves as a reminder that as Singaporeans, we move forward confidently towards a shared future, bound together as one united community.



School Achievements



Visual and Performing Arts

Our Visual and Performing Arts groups have spent the past year practicing and rehearsing for their biennial SYF Arts Presentation. Their efforts have certainly paid off as the following groups were awarded with the Certificate of Accomplishment: Malay Dance, Modern Dance, Guzheng Ensemble and Choir. Our Digital Media in Visual Arts (DMA) club also emerged victorious in the Live On Festival 2023 Design Competition organised by the National Organ Transplant Unit for the Ministry of Health.

Congratulations to the students, teachers and instructors for making this possible!



Uniformed Groups

Our Uniformed Groups have done the school proud once again by clinching top awards this year! The National Cadet Corps (Sea) was awarded with the Unit Recognition Award 2022 (Distinction), the National Civil Defence Cadet Corps was awarded with the Unit Overall Proficiency Award 2022 (Distinction), and the Boys' Brigade was awarded with the J M Fraser Award for Excellence 2023 (High Distinction).



Sports

Our Volleyball and Badminton team brought glory to the school in this year's National School Games. The Volleyball C Division (Girls) Team clinched the 2nd Place in the North Zone Championship, while the B Division (Girls) and (Boys) Teams clinched the 3rd and 4th Place respectively. The Badminton B Division (Boys) Team won the 4th Place in the North Zone Championship, while the B and C Division (Girls) Team won the 8th Place. It was the hard work and dedication of the students, teachers and coaches who have contributed to the success of the teams.

Why did I choose Canberra Sec after PSLE?



The teachers are always there for us when we need help, and the architecture of the school is big and beautiful.

Sec 1 Empathy - Aadil



There is a relaxed and friendly atmosphere, which makes it a comfortable and enjoyable place to be.

Additionally, I appreciate the diverse opportunities and classes that are available, allowing me to explore different areas of study.

Sec 1 Honour - Nurun



My friends are always there to encourage me and help me with things that I'm not confident in.

Sec 1 Diligence - Jovin



I love being in the National Cadet Corps as it has taught me how to be disciplined and treat others with respect. The friendships forged and connections formed have made the school all the more dear to me!

Sec 1 Respect - Danish



The teachers here are truly knowledgeable and friendly, and I appreciate the way they teach us in such a positive and engaging manner.

Sec 1 Integrity - Eunice



The beautiful Zen Garden and Koi Pond are two places that I really cherish in the school as I can always go there to relax.

Sec 1 Kindness - Auni



Whenever I need help, I can always look for my teachers or caring Character Coaches.

Sec 1 Harmony - Isaac



The teachers in Canberra Secondary School are committed and supportive. They make sure you strive for the best, be it in academics, CCA or character development.

Sec 1 Diligence - Delisha Narrain



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