



CANBERRA GIRLS  
GRAMMAR SCHOOL

## Senior School *Commencement Service*

Tuesday, 5 February 2019, 9.30am  
CGGS Hall, Melbourne Avenue, Deakin



# Senior School Commencement Service

## Staff 'Processional' into the Hall

## Welcome/Blessing of Anna

**Dr David Willsher, School Chaplain**

May the God of steadfastness and encouragement keep you faithful to the promise you have made as leaders of this School and the blessing of God, creator and redeemer, giver of life and love, be with you all now and forever,  
Amen.

## Principal's Welcome

**Mrs Anna Owen**

## Advance Australia Fair

*Australians all let us rejoice,  
For we are young and free;  
We've golden soil and wealth for toil;  
Our home is girt by sea;  
Our land abounds in nature's gifts  
Of beauty rich and rare;  
In history's page, let every stage  
Advance Australia Fair.  
In joyful strains then let us sing,  
Advance Australia Fair.*

*Beneath our radiant Southern Cross  
We'll toil with hearts and hands;  
To make this Commonwealth of ours  
Renowned of all the lands;  
For those who've come across the seas  
We've boundless plains to share;  
With courage let us all combine  
To Advance Australia Fair.  
In joyful strains then let us sing,  
Advance Australia Fair.*

## The Acknowledgement

Led by Shriya Bellamkonda-Vaka, SRC Chair

We say together:

**We acknowledge the Ngunnawal people as the traditional keepers of the land of our school. We are inspired and nurtured by their wisdom, spirituality and experience. We particularly acknowledge our debt to the wise indigenous women who have shared language, country and culture. We commit ourselves to actively work alongside them for reconciliation and justice.**

## Opening Prayer

Ms Hilda Lee, Assistant School Chaplain

In our commencement assembly today we come together to welcome and give thanks for our new Principal Mrs Owen. We also welcome her family to Canberra and CGGS.

Our assembly also recognises our Year 12 students. They begin the journey of their final years of school as well as being our student leaders and role models.

## We Pray:

**O God, be for us**

**A companion for us in walking the journey with our Year 12 students,**

**A guide at the crossroads of important moments of decision making in 2019,**

**A defence against the dangers or challenging moments,**

**A shelter on the road of a busy student life,**

**Shade in the heat of pressure moments,**

**Light in the darkness of self-doubt,**

**Courage and firmness in our resolve to do our best**

**So that, following you, we may arrive safely at the end of the journey.**

**AMEN**

## Reading

Dr David Willsher, School Chaplain

### Matthew 5:13—16

“You are like salt for the whole human race. But if salt loses its saltiness, there is no way to make it salty again. It has become worthless, so it is thrown out and people trample on it.”

“You are like light for the whole world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp and puts it under a bowl; instead it is put on the lampstand, where it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, your light must shine before people, so that they will see the good things you do and praise your Father in heaven.”

## The Reflection

Dr David Willsher, School Chaplain

## Explanation of The Declaration

Mrs Anna Owen, Principal

Year 11 and Year 12 2019, as a group and as individuals you are asked to make a commitment today to being a role model for the CGGS community.

Whether you have a role which is recognised by a badge of office, or by the fact that you are in Year 11 or Year 12, leadership comes with responsibility.

We ask you to be true to yourself and to the values of Canberra Girls Grammar.

You are called to be open to the giftedness and needs of others, to act humbly in the service of others; to respond justly and be inclusive towards all students; to be compassionate and uphold the dignity of others to be proactive through reconciliation and harmony and to model values of compassion, respect and hope in the CGGS community.

## Senior Council and Co-Curricular Leaders Stand for Declaration

(Senior Council and Co-Curricular leaders please stand)

Led by Anna Owen, leaders say together:

**I sincerely pledge that I will faithfully and truly uphold the values and standards of Canberra Girls Grammar School. I will endeavour to demonstrate responsibility in my duties; to actively**

**oppose what is wrong; to protect the weak, serve others and to be humble in my office.**

**Chaplain:**

Will you be steadfast in maintaining your duties and standards?

**Answer:**

**I will with God's help.**

**Chaplain**

Will you strive in all things to set a good example to the rest of the School, remembering they will look up to you and follow your leadership?

**Answer:**

**I will with God's help.**

## Prayer over the Badges

Dr David Willsher, School Chaplain

God who serves, bless those who will wear these badges. Grant them loyalty, perseverance and courage. May they use their gifts in your service, for the good name of the School and the wellbeing of every member of the community.

## Presentation of the Senior Council Members

The Principal will introduce the Senior Council members to the School Chaplain, saying:

The following students have been elected to the office of Senior Council because their teachers and fellow students believe them to have those qualities of heart and mind which will enable them to serve and lead the School in the coming year. (Names read by Anna Owen, badges handed out by Dr Willsher).

<b>School Captain</b>	Ailin He
<b>School Vice-Captain</b>	Nithya Mathew
<b>SRC Chair</b>	Shriya Bellamkonda-Vaka
<b>Service Captain</b>	Xanthe Allen
<b>Boarding House Co-Captain</b>	Harriet Wallace
<b>Boarding House Co-Captain</b>	Nancy Xia
<b>Debating and Public Speaking Captain</b>	Katherine Flint
<b>Drama Captain</b>	Noa Zwikael
<b>Music Captain</b>	Roopa Sharma-Burton
<b>Sports Captain</b>	Alexandra McDonagh
<b>Emily Captain</b>	Yiping Yu
<b>Burgmann House Captain</b>	Chloe Swan
<b>Deakin House Captain</b>	Elisabeth Abhayaratna
<b>Glebe House Captain</b>	Amelia Frey
<b>Kilburn House Captain</b>	Bianca Barrass-Borzatti
<b>Robertson House Captain</b>	Anna Khan
<b>Waverley House Captain</b>	Aletana Ajulo

# Co-Curricular Captains and Vice Captains Badge Presentation

Head of Senior School reads out names and positions and Principal presents badges:

House Vice Captain – Burgmann	Lily Hall
House Vice Captain – Burgmann	Emma de Somer
House Vice Captain – Burgmann	Isabella Davis
House Vice Captain – Deakin	Annaliese Grove
House Vice Captain – Deakin	Kate Gordon
House Vice Captain – Deakin	Nishanka Kapuruge
House Vice Captain – Glebe	Alice Cater
House Vice Captain – Glebe	Amber Nyhof
House Vice Captain – Glebe	Issy Shaw
House Vice Captain – Kilburn	Alice Maxwell
House Vice Captain – Kilburn	Sarah Bender
House Vice Captain – Kilburn	Reese O’Sullivan
House Vice Captain – Robertson	Phoebe Varela
House Vice Captain – Robertson	Isabel Ritchie
House Vice Captain – Robertson	Yvonne Monk
House Vice Captain – Waverley	Charlotte Foley
House Vice Captain – Waverley	Dimity Vlahos
House Vice Captain – Waverley	Maddison McRae
Amnesty Captain	Grace Carey
Amnesty Vice Captain	Ashleigh O’Toole
Athletics and Cross Country Captain	Antonia Cholewick
Athletics and Cross Country Vice	Zara Collisson
Basketball Captain	Katerina Katsanevakis
Boarding House Vice Captain	May Stuckey
Boarding House Vice Captain	Sarah Walker
Book Club Captain	Ariel Lawson
Music Vice Captain	Ashleigh Lane
(Music) Bands Captain	Heidi Willis
(Music) Band Vice Captain	Anjali Hurrell
(Music) Orchestra Captain	Sarah Hutchinson
(Music) Orchestra Vice Captain	Alex Peters

<b>(Music) Head Chorister</b>	Chloe Willemsen
<b>(Music) Choirs Vice Captain</b>	Sophia Lee
<b>(Music) Ensembles Captain</b>	Lujia Yang
<b>(Music) Ensembles Vice Captain</b>	Olivia Lukic
<b>Creative Writing Captain</b>	Ariel Lawson
<b>Creative Writing Vice Captain</b>	Rachael Mackey
<b>Dance Captain</b>	Brielle Papa
<b>Dance Vice Captain</b>	Mya Ruberto
<b>Debating and Public Speaking Vice</b>	Cassandra Linares
<b>Dragon Boat Captains (Co-Captains)</b>	Sophie McGlade and Georgia Braggett
<b>Drama Vice Captain</b>	Madysson Cocking
<b>Duke of Edinburgh Award Captain</b>	Grace Wright
<b>Film Crew Captain</b>	Ella Smethurst
<b>Hockey Captain</b>	Madeleine Bolton
<b>Hockey Vice Captain</b>	Taylor Burns
<b>Melbourne Avenue Media – Tech Crew Captain</b>	Carla Sanfrancesco
<b>Netball Captain</b>	Katrina Robinson
<b>Netball Vice Captain</b>	Ayva Craig
<b>Nexus Captain</b>	Lara Connolly
<b>Nexus Vice Captain</b>	Scarlett Bellamy Peate
<b>Photography Captain</b>	Lukah Tuan
<b>Photography Vice Captain</b>	Sophie McGlade
<b>Rowing – Captain of Boats</b>	Ella Kerr
<b>Rowing - Vice Captain of Boats</b>	Ella Smethurst
<b>Sailing Captain</b>	Michaela McGrath
<b>Service Vice Captain</b>	Sophie Smart
<b>Snow Sports Captain (Co-Captains)</b>	Isabella Davis and Michaela McGrath
<b>Soccer Captain</b>	Georgina Woodward
<b>Soccer Vice Captain</b>	Zara Collisson
<b>Sports Vice Captain</b>	Zoe Melhuish
<b>SRC Vice-Chair</b>	Rachael Lu
<b>Textiles And Design Captain</b>	Bianca Armstrong
<b>Textiles and Design Vice Captain</b>	Olivia Brummitt
<b>Touch Football Captain</b>	Olivia Taylor



Touch Football Vice Captain	Ashley Vowles
Visual Arts Captain	Lily Simatupang
Visual Arts Vice Captain	Rebecca Gibson
Languages Captain	Georgia Warren
Languages Vice Captain	Sophia Lee

## Speech by 2018 Dux

Tara Dabrowski (introduced by Mr Milligan)

Thank you to Tara Dabrowski by Ailin He

(Badges handed to Year 12 by Directors)

## Call to the Year 12 Students

Ailin He, School Captain

(All Year 12 Students Please Stand)

I now ask the Year 12 students of Canberra Girls Grammar School to publicly acknowledge their leadership role in the School by saying together:

**Year 12 Pledge:**

**As the Year 12 Class of 2019, we pledge to accept and fulfil the responsibilities**

**bestowed upon us in our final year at Canberra Girls Grammar School.**

**As leaders, we will uphold our School's mission to the best of our ability, and seek to guide and inspire those who look to us as friends or role models.**

**As students, we will continue to seek and be grateful for the guidance and inspiration we receive from our teachers and mentors, and will embrace the unique opportunities and privileges our School provides us.**

**As individuals, we will strive to become the best possible versions of ourselves, looking to the future but also revelling in this, our final year of school.**

(Please be seated)

## Reflection by the School Captain

Ailin He

## Call to the Student Body

Read by Nithya Mathew, School Vice Captain

I now ask all students of Canberra Girls Grammar School —

Will you accept our solemn pledge and undertake to support our leadership role within the School?

All Students saying together:

**We will with God's help.**

## School Prayer

Led by Xanthe Allen, Service Captain

We say together

**Almighty God,**

**in whom we move and live and have  
our being,**

**make this School as a field which the  
Lord has blessed,**

**that whatsoever things are true, pure,  
lovely and of good report,**

**may here forever flourish and abound.**

**Preserve in it an unblemished name,  
enlarge it with wider usefulness;**

**and exalt it in the love and reverence  
of all its members**

**as an instrument of your glory;**

**for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

## Hymn (please stand)

**Jerusalem—William Blake (1757–1827)**

*And did those feet in ancient time*

*Walk upon England's mountains green?*

*And was the holy Lamb of God*

*On England's pleasant pastures seen?*

*And did the Countenance Divine*

*Shine forth upon our clouded hills?*

*And was Jerusalem builded here*

*Among these dark Satanic mills?*

*Bring me my bow of burning gold:*

*Bring me my arrows of desire:*

*Bring me my spear: O clouds unfold!*

*Bring me my chariot of fire.*

*I will not cease from mental fight,*

*Nor shall my sword sleep in my hand*

*Till we have built Jerusalem*

*In England's green and pleasant land.*

## Dismissal

Mr Peter Milligan, Head of Senior School





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