



CHRIST CHURCH
GRAMMAR SCHOOL
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2019 Cocurricular Program

Christ Church Grammar School offers a wide variety of cocurricular activities for different year levels and catering for many different interests. These programs are offered before school, at lunchtime and after school and are designed to widen students' horizons and complement and enrich the educational opportunities at the school. For more information, please email cindy.jackman@ccgs.vic.edu.au

Net Set Go – Monday lunchtime held on the Basketball Court (Prep-Year 3)

The Net Set Go program has skill-based activities, minor games, music, dance and modified matches that will help the children develop fundamental movement skills and learn basic netball skills including throwing, passing and catching. The children will also learn those all-important social skills like teamwork and communication and develop a love of sport and physical activity.

Cost: **\$150** per term

Science Club – Monday or Wednesday lunchtime in the Science Lab (Years 2-6)

The topics that the children will explore include:

- Balancing birds – looks at centre of gravity
- Rockets – simple rockets made with straws, (different from the film-canister rockets)
- The Earth – explores the concept that we are on a planet
- Planets and Space – a follow up to The Earth. Explores the concept of the Solar System
- Chemistry Introduction – simple experiments to explore chemistry
- Air takes up space – exploring air and gases
- Air can move things – continuing exploring air and gases
- Melting and freezing – looking at solids and liquids using ice
- Dissolving – exploring how some substances can dissolve in water
- Clucking cups – exploring sound

Most sessions have a hands-on experiment to take away. Some sessions end with *microscope time*, where students finish by looking at a random object through a digital microscope.

Cost: **\$250** per term

Karate – Tuesday lunchtime in Memorial Hall (Years 2-6); Friday lunchtime in Memorial Hall (Prep-Year 1)

Karate has been taught at Christ Church Grammar School as a cocurricular activity for over fifteen years and is about control and discipline. We teach traditional karate with a contemporary outlook, utilising modern coaching principles and encouraging the children to be the very best they can be.

Karate enhances personal development in many ways, increases personal confidence, learning self-defence skills whilst enjoying game sense skill work. All gradings are conducted during regular sessions and all students enjoy being empowered in a structured and nurturing environment.

The skills initially taught include defensive movements, (blocks), body evasion, awareness and assertiveness. With increased knowledge, the children are taught more self-defence strategies, kata, (prescribed patterns upon which the grading syllabus is based), and years later, *kumite* (sparring). We strive to attain a high level of skill from all our students.

Cost: **\$210** per term

French Club – *Tuesday lunchtime held in M049 (Years 3-4); 3.00pm-3.30pm (4 Year Olds); Thursday lunchtime (Year 2)*

This club gives an opportunity for children to learn French. The emphasis will be on conversation French, learning vocabulary and common phrases used in restaurants, on holiday, whilst shopping.

Cost: **\$170** per term

Communication and Drama Club – *Tuesday 3.30pm-4.30pm in Memorial Hall (Years 2-6)*

This new concept of focused and dedicated teaching of communication with drama is a long-held belief that excellent communication skills are a right, not a privilege and all ages should be able to enjoy and learn with passion and zest. The classes will be offered to Years 2 and 3 combined and Years 4 to 6 combined.

All staff are qualified International Speech and Drama Teachers who have a strong belief and respect for students to be confident, positive communicators with a love and understanding of drama and the performance crafts. Each staff member is hand selected for the age appropriate and balance of students in the class. The classes will have a minimum of two teachers per class.

Cost: **\$250** per term

Chess Club – *Wednesday 7.50am-8.40am in the Beryl Gregory Resource Centre (Prep-Year 6)*

Groups for Prep-Year 6 based on year group and ability. Beginners and experienced players are welcome.

Chess is a wonderful game of deduction, reasoning, strategic analysis, concentration, spatial awareness, logic and social interaction. It is an excellent way to develop strategic thinking skills and make friends. The children are taught by experienced teachers from Chess Ideas, a company providing chess coaching in schools since 1994.

Children learn about the value of pieces, how each piece moves, strategies to commence a game and strategies to defend the King. As their skill level improves, children are given problems to solve through simulations, and set plays are designed to further broaden their understanding about the strategies and intricacies of the game. They are engaged in tournament and match play activities and receive individual attention as they learn to develop sound attack and defence skills.

Cost: **\$180** per term.

Soccer Club – *Wednesday lunchtime on the oval (Prep-Year 6)*

Blake Thompson was a professional soccer player in Europe for six years. He wants to encourage children who love soccer as much as he does, to give them an opportunity to participate in a unique session with him once a week. Register if your child is interested in soccer and would like to learn some new skills whilst having fun with their peers.

Cost: **\$160** per term

Coding Club – *Wednesday 3.30pm-4.45pm or Thursday 3.3pm-4.45pm in the Science Lab (Years 3-6)*

We will create groups in each session based on who signs up and their progress during the term, so you choose whichever day suits you best.

The director of the program is Virginia King, who has been the head tutor for Advanced Programming at RMIT, and now runs a company, Invent the World, that offers courses for school-age children based around programming, engineering, robotics and game design.

Don't worry if you've never programmed before, we will start you off learning to code with a fun, easy-to-learn language called Blockly. You will learn fundamental concepts like loops and variables and apply your knowledge to solve puzzles in *Angry Birds* and *Minecraft* mini-games!

Had a bit of experience with coding before? We will teach you to use Scratch to create your very own game, which could be entered into the STEM Games competition.

Coding Club is a fun environment that will teach you creativity, logic and problem-solving skills.

Cost: **\$250** per term

Club des Petits Déjeuners – Thursday 8.00am-8.40am in M049 (Years 4-6)

This club is for children who would like to learn some conversation French whilst sharing a French breakfast of pastries and hot chocolate.

The cost of breakfast is included in the cost of each lesson.

Cost: **\$210** per term

Homework Club – Wednesday 3.30pm-4.30pm in the Beryl Gregory Resource Centre (Years 3-6)

The Homework Club provides a service which is closely aligned with our teaching and learning programs and one that supports the school's vision, mission and values. This is a popular program which is a useful support in assisting the children to complete their homework tasks in a timely manner.

Cost: **\$250** per term

Gymnastics – Wednesday 3.00pm-3.40pm (4 Year Old); 3.45pm-4.45pm (Years 1-2); Thursday in Memorial Hall 3.00pm-3.40pm (Prep); 3.45pm-4.45pm (Years 3-6)

Gymnastics is run by Ashleigh Brennan and Monette Russo (Olympic athletes)

Gymnastics is a fun and challenging sport that builds strong foundations and fundamental movement patterns as well as coordination and partner work and is a great basis to build on for other sports and activities.

The gymnastics program embodies the Gymnastics Australia junior recreational program that teaches children the fundamental movement skills required to lead an active and healthy life full of sport and recreation. It gives children the opportunity to practice, develop and enjoy moving through a wide-range of activities while assisting them to develop physically, socially and cognitively.

Gymnastics sessions focus on:

- Exciting warm up/team building games
- Fun and challenging circuits with a gymnastics twist
- Developing a floor routine to demonstrate at the end of term
- Gradual progression and advancement in balance, strength, coordination and body awareness
- Ideal for all levels and abilities

The most important aspect of our gymnastics sessions is to ensure that everyone has fun and challenges themselves. It is important that each child looks forward to gymnastics each week, where they can learn something new and gradually progress and be proud of their abilities and achievements.

Cost: **\$250** per term.

Italian Club – Tuesday lunchtime in 1S Classroom (Prep-Year 2)

This club gives an opportunity for children to learn Italian. The emphasis will be on conversation Italian, learning vocabulary and common phrases used in restaurants, on holiday, whilst shopping.

Cost: **\$170** per term.

Latin Club – Thursday lunchtime and 3.30pm-4.30pm held in the LOTE Room (Years 2-6)

An introduction to this ancient language. The children will learn basic grammar and vocabulary and learn how Latin relates to the English language.

Cost: **\$250** per term

Advanced Chinese – Thursday lunchtime held in the Science Lab (Years 3-6)

This is a club for students wishing to further advance their Chinese language skills.

Cost: **\$170** per term.