



Co-Curricular

Activities Handbook



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Christian Brothers College provides a variety of cocurricular offerings for student participation. Involvement in these activities provides a platform for our boys to challenge themselves, whilst building relationships and the opportunity to represent CBC in the wider community.

As a College, we value the role that cocurricular activities play in the lives of students, and aim to foster and promote an environment where excellence isn't constrained to academia alone. CBC offers a wide range of options across three pillars – Sport, Activities and Music

As an important part of their holistic education, all boys from Year 4 are required to participate in at least one activity per year, with the range of offerings below.

Where more than one selection is made and training times clash, compromise can easily be reached by relevant staff.



Family Season	Sports	Activities	Music
Summer (T4-T1)	Badminton Cricket *Rowing Tennis Volleyball Waterpolo JC Basketball	ESport	
Winter (T2-T3)	SC Basketball Cross Country Football Soccer Table Tennis	Chess Debating Robotics	
Whole Year			SC Teams (T4-T3) JC Teams (T1-T4) Concert Bands Choirs Guitar Ensembles Percussion Ensembles Rock Bands Jazz Bands Instrumental and Vocal Lessons
Occasional	Swimming Athletics	Drama Club (T1-2) Astronomy Club Photography Club	

For more information on each pillar, please read the relevant handbooks, and/or contact via the following email addresses:

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Astronomy Club

The Astronomy Club is for students who are curious about the Moon, planets, stars and constellations – in a nutshell, exploring the wonders of the night sky. The club provides opportunities to use our school telescopes and robotic telescope, photograph the Moon and planets, create star-trail images and develop practical astronomy skills.

Members will be made affiliated members of ASSA and be able to participate in astronomy presentations, guest lectures and special viewing events. ASSA meetings will be held on the first Wednesday of each month at Adelaide University, with a viewing night planned once a month. There are own meetings to plan further exciting and unique activities developed from the interests of its members. Parents are encouraged to share the experience and support their sons during observing activities. The club will operate during Terms 2 and 3, from May to September.

Come along, look upwards and discover the universe!

Chess

Chess has been a cornerstone of the school community for many years, providing a welcoming and intellectually stimulating environment for students of all experience levels. Whether a student is picking up the pieces for the first time or has years of experience, this co-curricular activity offers opportunities to learn, improve, and enjoy the game alongside like-minded peers. Students represent the school in fortnightly interschool competitions and attend weekly training sessions with an experienced chess coach. Through competition and coaching, students develop teamwork, resilience, and strategic thinking while gaining expert guidance, analysing games, and exploring new ideas, strategies, and tactics.

Beyond the board, chess is a fantastic way to build friendships, develop confidence, and become part of a supportive community. The co-curricular encourages curiosity, problem-solving, and good sportsmanship, creating an atmosphere where students are challenged, engaged, and inspired to grow as both players and individuals.



Debating

At its core, debating is more than just a co-curricular activity, it's an opportunity for students to engage in critical thinking, public speaking, and teamwork. The South Australian Debating Association (SADA) provides an invaluable platform for students to explore these skills while fostering a love for intellectual discourse and respectful argumentation. Unlike sport or music, debating emphasises the art of structured reasoning and persuasive communication. Students are tasked with forming cohesive arguments, thinking on their feet, and collaborating with their teammates to present compelling cases on a variety of topics. Through SADA's structured competitions, debaters gain confidence, resilience, and a deeper understanding of global and local issues. Teachers and coaches are privileged to see firsthand how debating helps students grow into articulate, informed individuals. It's not just a co-curricular activity, it's a pathway to developing leadership, empathy, and a lifelong appreciation for the power of words.

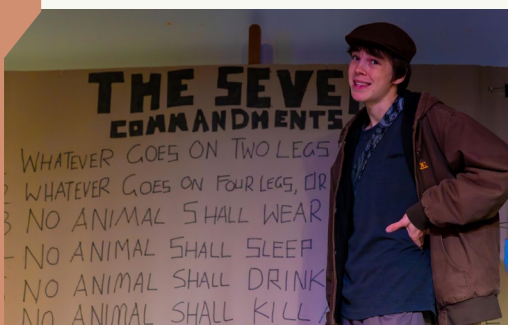


Drama Club

The Drama Club provides students with the opportunity to experience the excitement of bringing a live theatre production to the stage. The Club welcomes students from Years 7 to 12 and is open to those interested in performing on stage or working behind the scenes. Whether students are appearing in their very first production or have years of theatre experience, everyone is encouraged to become involved.

Being part of the Drama Club develops confidence, teamwork, communication, creativity, problem-solving, and leadership skills. It also provides students with the unique experience of working alongside peers from different year levels to achieve a common goal. Students can contribute in a variety of backstage roles, including Lighting and Sound, Stage Management, Set construction and Props, Costumes, and Crew.

The Drama Club is a wonderful opportunity to make new friends, challenge yourself, and experience the thrill of live theatre while creating lasting memories both on and off the stage.



E-Sport

The Esports program gives students the opportunity to compete, collaborate and develop their skills in a structured and inclusive gaming environment. Students take part in a range of popular titles, including Super Smash Bros., Mario Kart, Rocket League, Minecraft and EA Sports FC, using the College's gaming consoles. The activity promotes teamwork, communication, strategic thinking, problem-solving and positive sportsmanship, while allowing students to connect with others who share similar interests. Sessions are offered after school during Terms 1 and 4, with additional lunchtime opportunities available throughout the year. Students can participate socially, practise with teammates or represent CBC in competitions. CBC Esports has achieved strong results in the past, including multiple top five finishes in national Super Smash Bros. competitions and success in state Mario Kart events. The program welcomes both experienced players and students new to competitive gaming, providing opportunities for students of different skill levels to participate, improve, and contribute to the team.

Photography Club

The Photography Club offers students the opportunity to develop their photography skills while exploring a wide range of exciting locations and photographic styles. Whether you are an experienced photographer or just beginning, the club provides a supportive environment where creativity and technical skills can flourish.

Students are welcome to bring their own camera, or they may borrow one of the College's digital cameras, ensuring that everyone has the opportunity to participate regardless of experience or equipment. Previous excursions have included photographing the River Torrens, Adelaide's beaches, College sporting events and training sessions, The Royal Adelaide Show and Portrait photography, including staff and distinguished guests such as politicians and members of the judiciary.

The Photography Club is an excellent opportunity to learn new skills, meet like-minded students, explore South Australia through a camera lens, and create photographs that students can be proud of for years to come.



Robotics

The Robotics Club provides students with an exciting opportunity to explore STEM through the global First LEGO League (FLL) Challenge program. Working in teams, students design, build and program LEGO SPIKE Prime robots to complete missions on a themed competition table. Beyond coding and engineering, participants engage in the FLL Core Values of teamwork, innovation, inclusion and gracious professionalism, developing important skills in collaboration, communication and problem-solving.

Each season, students research a real-world problem connected to the annual FLL theme and create an innovative solution, which they present to judges. Through hands-on experimentation, testing and refinement, students learn to think critically, persevere through challenges and apply creative solutions to complex problems.





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