





Every Australian family with a teenager would have done well to read the article by respected journalist Paul Kelly (The Australian, 17 December 2014: Update reveals daunting challenge for a debased political culture).

Why?

In this article, Paul Kelly explains the implications for Australians of the mid-year economic and scal outlook. His warning is stark: The warning bells have become a tolling chorus. The mid-year budget update tells Australians the world has delivered us a hefty cut in national income, our budget cannot fund our chosen living standards and our transition from the resources boom will mean years of adjustment pain.

Much of the article is given over to the political implications. However, there is a message to be gleaned for Australian families whose sons and daughters are in the present cycle of secondary schooling, and it is this message our students should heed: The public, after 23 years of a growth cycle, with a generation of workers not having experienced a recession, is psychologically unprepared for the economic outlook in this document.

In educational terms it means this: in economic times more di cult than Australians have recently

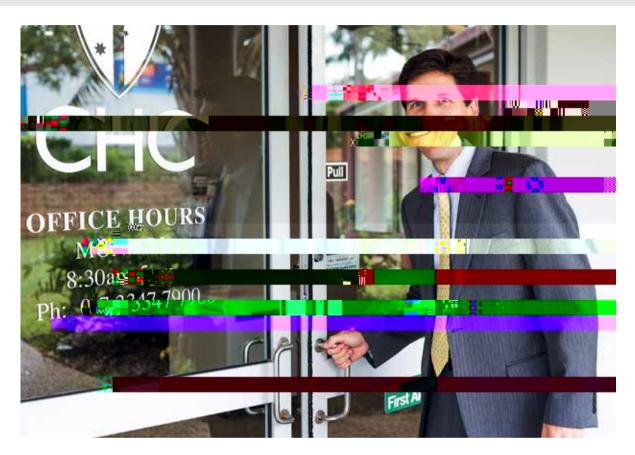
been used to, parents cannot a ord complacency about their student's education. There is no doubt a sound education is bedrock for the rest of life. It navigates the air over the Himalayas at 9 000 to 10 000 metres. The oxygen concentration at this height is a little more than one-quarter that of sea level—not enough for kerosene lanterns to burn, or for helicopters to hover, or for people to breathe. Yet this goose remains fully conscious and faithfully ies over the Himalayas twice each year, a journey that takes just hours.

By comparison, an ascent of Mt. Everest usually takes a human days or weeks, depending upon the weather.

How can the bar-headed goose do it? The anatomy of this goose includes larger-than-normal wings, lungs that inhale greater-than-normal amounts of air, and blood containing a special type of haemoglobin that carries higher-thannormal levels of oxygen to its tissues and organs.

This bird was also designed to produce a lot of heat when it ies. The constant radiation of body warmth and the goose's down feathers prevent ice from forming on the bird's wings, which would potentially ground it.

With a little help from tailwinds, the bar-headed geese make the trip from Tibet to India—more than 1600 kilometres—in a single day. By using



Religious Freedom scholar will lead new Institute at CHC.

A new Institute with links to Oxford University is set to revive the teaching and application of liberal arts within Christian higher education in Australia.

Dr Ryan Messmore, formerly President of Campion College, Sydney, leads the newly formed Millis Institute at Christian Heritage College. Dr Messmore is a sought-after speaker on religious liberty.

Announcing the launch of the Institute and Dr Messmore's appointment, CHC President, Professor Darren Iselin said The Millis Institute represents a radical initiative within the current climate of tertiary education in Australia.

"The origins of university education were in shaping 'good people' - about civility and

goodness and honour and beauty - about cultivating minds and shaping hearts," said Professor Iselin.

"The Millis Institute seeks to intentionally cultivate and celebrate 'the making of persons' in every dimension – mind and body, spirit and esh, heart and soul."

The Institute plans to o er its rst degree program

The Institute is named in honour of Emeritus Professor Brian Millis, the Founder of Christian Heritage College, who retired at the end of 2013. Dr Millis founded CHC as a Christian teachers' college in 1986 with nine students. Today, there are over 700 students studying at CHC for degrees in Business, Social Sciences, Education and Ministry.

Early Start Programs at Universities Popular with Citipointe Students

A number of students from Citipointe Christian College have been o ered a place in the 2015 START QUT program at Queensland University of Technology:

- Isabella Huang
- Steven Morfoulis
- Nikhita Ravji
- Joshua McNamara
- Jasmine Crowe is in a similar program at Christian Heritage College and Kate Heremaia in The University of Queensland Enhanced Studies program.

Citipointe Alumnus Secures Contract with Google

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FIRST WORDS FOR 2015

It was wonderful to see all Secondary students return on Wednesday 28 January and especially to welcome the new students to Citipointe on the Tuesday for their orientation program.

At our rst Secondary Assembly, I told the students that during the vacation Miss Geleijn had resigned and that Mrs Passmore and Mrs Lim would be taking Dance this year. Also, Mrs Thomson is taking leave this year, on medical advice. We will miss her very much. Miss Pratt, who worked with the Nova students last year, will be coordinating the Nova program this year.

We welcomed new staf to Secondary:

Miss Archbell, teaching PE; Mr Daniel Collins, Science; Mr Harri, English & ESL; Mrs Missenden, Student Counsellor; Miss Pratt, Nova; Ms Sydney Su, Chinese; Mrs Terec, Mathematics; Mrs Marion Wright, English.

In 2015, Mr Stephens becomes Head of Year 10 and Mr Paten is co-Head of Year 7 with Mrs White.

Following is the address that I gave at our frst Assembly.

You are Citipointe students. What does that mean?

The College has expectations of you as a Citipointe student to contribute to the Citipointe community. You and your parents have expectations of your school and how it will help to prepare you for your future.

What do I expect from you?

To follow the code of conduct: only one word – respect. There are three parts to this.

RESPECT FOR GOD: Citipointe is a Christian school but that does not mean that you are all Christian; it means that all the sta are active Christians and that everything we do here at the College is based on Scripture and our common beliefs about God and Jesus Christ. We hope and pray that while you are at Citipointe you will



Mrs Helen Moore HEAD OF SECONDARY

learn about Christianity and grow in your spiritual journey. You will hear about our Christian faith in your Christian Studies lessons and in Chapel, but also in all your subjects, as our faith is integrated into our learning. We want you to ask questions and nd answers. As a Citipointe student, we expect you to respect our beliefs and to respect our God.

RESPECT FOR YOURSELF: We also expect you to have self-respect and to always act in a way that demonstrates that you are a person of integrity, value and dignity, an important member of our community. If you are not sure of how to do this, there are guidelines in your Student Diary.

RESPECT FOR OTHERS & THEIR PROPERTY:

As a member of this community, we expect you to respect others and their property. The biblical principle of 'Only do to others what you would want them to do to you' is the basis of our relationships with others here at Citipointe.

A Citipointe student is expected to follow the College Code of Conduct, three parts of the one word: RESPECT FOR GOD, RESPECT FOR YOURSELF, and RESPECT FOR OTHERS AND THEIR PROPERTY.

Now, what can you expect from your school: a world of di erence. Our objective is to provide you with a high quality education across physical, spiritual, social and intellectual areas. At last year's Awards Night, I spoke about all the opportunities that your school o ers you, all the doors that you can open.

Doors for physical opportunities: many sports and physical activities from which to choose; sporting competitions to enter; team and individual sports to play; and our Interhouse carnivals during the year. Our rst carnival is next week and every one of you can show great house spirit by attending and participating either in the pool or by cheering your house from the stands.

Some of the spiritual doors I have already mentioned; during the year, the school

encourages you to contribute to good causes and to give back to your community for World Vision, the Salvation Army, and in events like Ark Day and Last Days and to missions over the world.

We are a Secondary school of over 700 students so of course we are a social community. Probably the most important reason that you have come back today is to see your friends, rather than being really eager to get into your learning. A civilised community can only exist with everyone respecting each other and everyone trying to help each other to achieve our College goals. In this way, everyone can really enjoy the social aspect of school life.

Because we are a school, you would expect that we have lots of academic doors for you to open, and we do; all of us are keen for you to explore your talents and your abilities and to see how far you can push your personal best. All I ask of you is that you do that - your personal best. God has a unique purpose for every person here and that purpose can only be worked out by you. I want you to be the best educated adults you can be so that God's purpose for your life can be ful lled. My greatest wish for all Citipointe students is that you become outstanding creative thinkers, and con dent believers, ready to change your world. Citipointe is a great school and is made up of great students and great sta . We believe that each one of you has the potential to be a person who in uences your society in the future. We believe that you can be people of in uence through faith – what you believe, learning – what you know, and integrity - who you are.

Finally, a verse from the Bible in Colossians 3:23: Don't just do the bare minimum; do your best.

Roger Federer, the number two tennis player in the world was asked recently in Brisbane if it took him a long time to get over a defeat. He sail.9(e)-15.1(c)-1.-eil.201a



HEAD OF PRIMARY

One of the distinctives at Citipointe, in Primary, in Secondary, and in the International College, is that our work is our ministry. As I was praying the other day it struck me that if your work is your ministry you should get closer to God doing it.

A big project I worked on over a three year period many years ago was a thesis on George Herbert, 17th century Christian poet and Anglican priest. I believed God called me to the work so, of course, I asked Him to help me. I believed

DROP OFF ZONES



Mrs Glenda Fitz-Payne DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR



Keeping Our Kids Safe

Imagine more drop o points, more short term parking and an undercover waiting area.

Sounds amazing. It will be!

You can help us achieve the refurbishment of the Wecker Road car park. Your voluntary donation to the school building fund is vital in supporting the capital works program in the College. A \$200 donation per family (tax deductible) will help us achieve our next project.

Redevelopment of the drop of zones in Primary and Secondary

It is now over 14 years since the Wecker Rd entrance to the school was developed. As the College has grown it seems the car park has become smaller. I am sure we have all felt the congestion on school days. The College Board has agreed to the redevelopment of the car park which will see the College through to the next phase of growth. The nal plans include a larger drop o area and more short and long term parking bays. The redevelopment also includes an undercover area near Grace House for Primary students to await collection. Thank you to the Parent Connect fundraising team who have already committed a donation of \$10,000 for the undercover area.

Your donation to the school building fund will allow other funds currently designated for capital expenditure to be utilised in the redevelopment of the car park.

Mrs Glenda Fitz-Payne DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

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CELEBRATING

The Welcome Back Parent Function provided a wonderful opportunity for new and existing parents to connect with teachers and each other.

The live jazz piano added to the ambiance and the delicious food provided by the Hospitality team, led by Mr Nathan Wheeley, was exceptional!

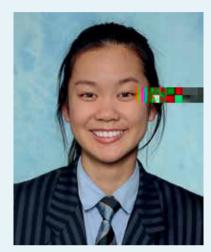
We were delighted to hear from Mr Graham Packer, Chairman of the College Board, and Pastor Ron Woolley, who is celebrating his 30th year as Headmaster.

Thank you to our sponsors and prize donors, whose contributions made the evening especially fun: A Slice of New York, Packer Leather, Citipointe Seedlings, Roman Empire Bar Restaurant, School Seconds, Deep Grey Photography and Village Roadshow.

Please support our donors as they continue to support the Citipointe community.

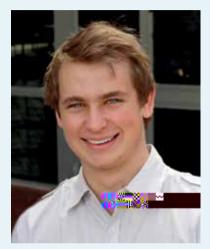
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SIX CITIPOINTE YEAR 12 STUDENTS TOP OF THE STATE

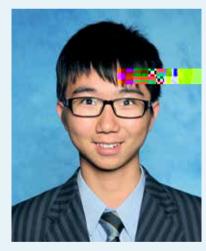




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William Chang

Catherine Djong



Richard Van Wyk



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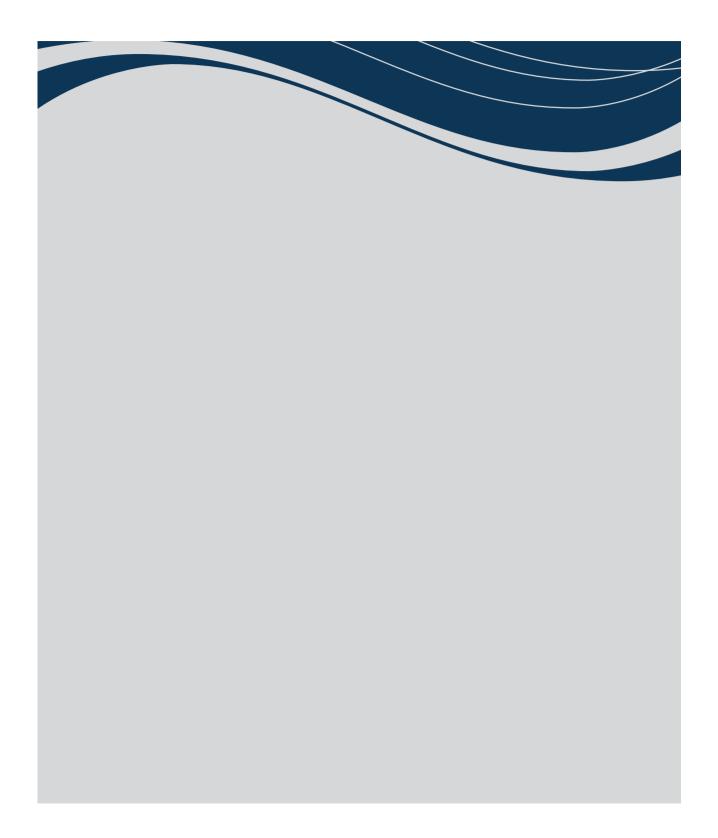
To top the state in a subject is a di cult task, yet six Citipointe Year 12 students accomplished this in 2014!

These students were awarded a VHA10:

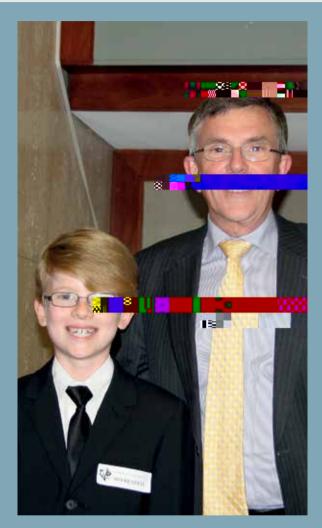
- Engineering: Catherine Djong, Ching-Ching Lee and Sam de Ambrosis
- Mathematics A: William Chang

Accounting:	Richard Van Wyk
Music:	Kevin (Gun) Kang

Citipointe is very proud of these excellent results.



BENJAMIN WOOD CITIPOINTE ALL-ROUNDER



Last year was a very successful year for student Benjamin Wood Year 5.

Ben was named an MLC Tennis Hotshot of the Month and won a trip to the Australian Open in January. Coached by Mr Mark Robinson, Ben played on Rod Laver Arena and participated in an award ceremony.

However, there is more to Ben than an interest in sport; he was awarded the Sr Mary Lenard Memorial Award for achieving the highest mark in the State for his Australia Music Examinations Board (AMEB) Drama and Performance Exam and performed at the 2014 Barbara Sisley Awards/Recital.

For this he received an award at Parliament House, and was again featured in the South East Advertiser. (The Barbara Sisley Awards acknowledge the students who top the state of Queensland in AMEB and Trinity College Speech and Drama Examinations in the previous year).

Ben's speech and drama teacher is Miss Kelsey Horton. He has been having private speech and drama lessons with Miss Horton at school since he was in Year 1. In 2013 and 2014 Benjamin received High Distinction Plus for his AMEB speech and drama exams.

Ben was also awarded three rsts, two seconds and a third place at the Wynnum Manly Eisteddfod for Speech and Drama in 2014.

Ben received a phone call on Christmas Eve from Tennis Australia to say he had been selected to travel to the Australian Open again as a VIP to the Kids Tennis Day. Ben played tennis with Alicia Molik and was also privileged to meet and spend time with Roger Federer.



I AM A CITIPOINTE STUDENT

Proverbs 17:27 tells us: A person of understanding has an excellent spirit.

Our desire is for Citipointe students to be educated holistically to become people of in uence, through their faith, what they believe, their learning, what they know, and their integrity, who they are. Citipointe students embrace a spirit of excellence to become people of wisdom and understanding. They are Citipointe students, and they are well on their way.

> JADON BEAUMONT – LOCAL GOVT / STUDENT PRESIDENT

I'm Jadon and I am the Student President elect for 2015. I have had the opportunity to be involved in the Music program and have also represented the

College in the Lord Mayor's Youth Summit. My vision for the school is to be a passion lled community not just a crowd. I am a Citipointe student.

JOSHUA HENDERLING – JYPT

I'm Joshua and I was privileged to travel to South Korea to participate in the International Junior Youth Physicists Tournament, where school teams compete to solve complex physics problems. It was a life-changing extension activity. I am a Citipointe

student.

BRITTANY ZENDLER - SPORT

I'm Brittany and I love sport. I have been involved in waterskiing, athletics, cross country, and touch football. This year I have participated in the Queensland State Water-skiing State Titles and

the Australia vs New Zealand Championships. I was placed rst in the South District Cross Country and represented Met East in the Queensland School Touch Football State Champs. I am a Citipointe student.

TIONNE YOUNG – HOSPITALITY / PHILIPPINES

I'm Tionne, for the past two years I have been a part of the missions fundraising team where we have raised money for di erent organisations like Compassion

Australia, Eagles Wings and serving food to the homeless. I had the opportunity to do a mission trip to the Philippines and learnt so much about myself, I loved serving di erent communities, playing with the children and loving people. I have had so much fun. I am a Citipointe student.

> HANNAH WHITE CLASS 2014 – NOVA PROGRAM / FIJI

I'm part of the gifted & talented Nova Arts Program. Over the past

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CITIPOINTE CYCLING SUCCESS

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Ryan Elliott

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Ryan Elliott, Year 6, has set the tone for cycling within the Citipointe community with some stellar results.

He was awarded 2014 Queensland Junior Track Cyclist of the Year and 2014 Queensland Junior Road Cyclist of the Year in the under 11 boys category by Cycling

Queensland. This is an incredible achievement given the spike in grassroots participation following Cadel Evan's 2011 Tour De France win.

Ryan won gold in all events...

Fast forward to the Australia Day weekend 2015 and Ryan starred in the Queensland State Junior Track Championships. He competed in the Under 13 age category. He won gold in all of his events and set two new state records.

His results were:

500m Time Trial - rst place and a new State Record of 41.15 seconds

Flying 200m Sprint - rst place and a new State Record of 13.58 seconds

Scratch race - rst place

Congratulations to Ryan on all his achievements.

Mr Dean Le Petit PE TEACHER



JUMPING CHRIS BREAKS STATE RECORD

Year 6 student Chris Choi had a 2014 to remember after breaking the state long jump record. He launched into an incredible jump of 4.69 metres at the Queensland Championships.

Chris then went on to represent the state at the National Championships in Penguin, Tasmania. In the Australian 10 year old boys division, he placed fth with a jump of 4.56 metres. Chris also managed to bring some silverware back to Brisbane when he placed third in the two man long jump relay. In the last of his competitions Chris competed in the 8 x 100m mixed relay placing fourth overall.





Volleyball

Citipointe Christian College has been ranked third in the state in the Volleyball Queensland Schools Cup - Champion School list for 2014.

Volleyball Queensland combine all of the results from the junior schools cup and the senior schools cup and use the combined result to nd the Champion School. The points system they use emphasises both participation & performance.

The schools involved in the competitions are located throughout Queensland but mostly come from towns south of Rockhampton & East of Dalby.

Citipointe's coaching sta include Mr Wayne Cobb, Mr Justin Chan, Mrs Heather Costello, Mr