



CRANBOURNE EAST SECONDARY COLLEGE

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Year 7 - Assembly Speech

“It is easier to build strong children than repair broken people.”



My name is Sanuda Perera and I am here to tell you that school is an important thing but a good school is everything. Why? Childhood years spent in a good school environment are important because they help us learn how to make a positive difference in the world. Your school is where the first lessons of life begin. In this place, in this institution we call school, we learn the disciplines of life, the necessary courtesies, the little laws and most of all to give to one another enduring and unconditional support to learn.

Each student has a future, and a past as well; full of memorable events and many hours of the most difficult learning tasks to complete. No less than adults, the student remembers and forgets, appreciates and rejects, reasons logically and errs when s/he doesn't know. Thoughtfully, the student trusts and doubts.

My Year 7 teachers at Cranbourne East Secondary College have helped me to clear my doubts and start a new life as a secondary school student. Last February, I moved from my old school (Wesley College in Sri Lanka) to my new school (CESC). During the first few days, I was so nervous, I continuously forgot my locker combination and had countless problems with my laptop. I was terrified about making mistakes and was lost doing my work in a completely different language.

Slowly the days passed and my Home Group teacher and the other Year 7 teachers listened to me, recognized my fears and helped me to settle in. I appreciate their kindness and understanding. As a matter of fact, most of the teachers at CESC know that we children are human and have emotions, although we (sometimes) get on their nerves. I would like to render my thanks to my Home Group teacher Ms Clark, all the teachers and especially Ms Monaghan for giving me this opportunity to voice my thoughts. In fact, Ms Monaghan assured me that she would stand beside me if I felt nervous, no matter what.

I got up!
Dressed up!
Showed up!
And never gave up!

Sanuda Perera Year 7

COLLECT SINGLE USE PRODUCTS LIKE SHAMPOO, CONDITIONER, SOAP OR TOOTHPASTE AND DONATE TO STUDENT VOICE TO HELP OTHERS!

Shampoos

Soaps



Conditioners

What is "Pinchapoo"?

Pinchapoo is a not for profit organisation founded by 36 year old Kate Austin. Pinchapoo collect little one-serve hygiene products such as shampoos, soaps, toothpastes and conditioners in order to provide for people who are in need. They have provided the less-fortunate with more than 1 million mini-products since 2009.

What is CESC doing to help?

CESC Student Voice Leaders are collecting the products in June, July and August. There is a container at the front office for donations from students, parents and the community.

Services that Pinchapoo help:

- Homeless shelters
- Family violence refuges
- Refugee support centres
- Short term housing
- Crisis accommodation
- Hospitals
- Schools
- Jails



700 products collected as of 25 July 2017!!!