



IN BLACK & WHITE

ISSUE 30 – 1 MAY 2012

FROM THE HEADMASTER

Term 2 is underway, and a very full break is behind us. The campus has seen some significant changes, with another period of intense activity. The former mathematics block has been removed and the temporary 'subdivision' of ten buildings has been created on the vacant sites to enable the full renovation and upgrading of the Open Air Block. We are taking advantage of the window of opportunity created by the planning phase of the new buildings to finish the Open Air Block by the end of the year. The ambitious target of 100% of the new earthquake code is a daunting one for an existing heritage building whilst retaining its character, but such comprehensive engineering work has created the opportunity to re-equip and refurbish at the same time. The temporary classroom complex is ahead of schedule, looking very orderly, and will serve us well. It is an enormous effort for just three terms, but to have our Open Air Block (which at any time may contain up to one third of the school) upgraded and ready to serve the next fifty years will be a terrific outcome.

The Harper/Julius project continues to mislead with relatively little to see externally, but internally the strengthening steel is being installed, and most masonry repairs are completed. The external stonework needs to be supported by the new internal works, so we will soon be seeing more rapid progress. This building has presented significant challenges, but will be another exemplar of sensitive conservation and restoration when completed – and very strong. It is still on schedule

for completion at the end of the year. Other work during the break has included the painting of the Selwyn Block, bringing the finishing touches to that renovation also. The temporary cathedral project is at last making headway, and there is hope it will be completed by Christmas. When the cathedral community leaves us, they will be missed but we will regain some facilities and open up other options.



Excitement is growing as our production of *Jesus Christ Superstar* approaches. I have been to see some of the process; there is no doubt this is going to be a truly memorable and remarkable achievement, the product of expertise, talent and commitment. Please don't miss it; our major productions tend to be talked about for years afterwards – you will want to have seen it. Also during the holidays, our hockey 1st XI had a pre-season tour of Auckland schools, our 1st XV travelled to Dunedin, and our cricketers to Singapore, Paris and England returning today. I received a glowing report of their visit to Winchester College in England from their Director of Cricket. He could not speak more highly of the sportsmanship and cricket ability of our teams, and also commented they had never had a tour so well supported by parents. They too made a great impression on the hosts! My sincere thanks to

**JESUS CHRIST
SUPERSTAR**

MAY 14-19 7:30PM
CHRIST'S COLLEGE AUDITORIUM
PH 366 8705 OR 983 3700
WWW.JCSUPERSTAR.CO.NZ

colleagues who have provided all these opportunities, and also to those who have been at College helping with all the relocations. This has certainly been a very full three weeks. The production needs additional backstage space for the next few weeks, so once again the College boardroom has been pressed into service as a classroom. We are enjoying our game of 'facilities chequers' moving around the place – just as long as it doesn't become more like the wonderful game of 'go' where the unwary fail to see traps ahead and end up being left with nowhere to go!

Last term saw the first interim progress grades in their new format, and the revised progress reports. I would welcome any feedback on how useful they were, and of course any recommendations for further developments. Full reports are prepared at the end of this term.

Our winter sports are underway, and this term promises to be another extremely busy one. One highlight will be our annual rugby match against CBHS, and I take this early opportunity to confirm that once again it will be an alcohol free event. We will be publicising the arrangement widely but please pass the information on to any who are planning to attend. There will no doubt be some ill-considered discontent amongst a few senior attendees, but all recognise how this event has been transformed in the last three years.

We have made a few minor changes to *In Black & White*. We are no longer including assembly notes from the issue day. (Had we done so this time you would have been able to read about Piers Dover's bagpiping in assembly today, which was outstanding). The notes from each week (not the alternate weeks as provided in *In Black & White*) are on the College website, which we hope all visit regularly. During term time, news items are added on most days, giving a fair impression of the range and quality of the school's activity. I also encourage you to visit our Facebook page, most easily accessed from the front page of the website.

The term has started in beautiful Autumn weather, despite gloomy forecasts – long may it continue. It is getting cooler though, and darker, but once again I offer encouragement for the boys to get to school independently. If cycling, good lights and high-visibility clothing are important. Over the break, the Avenue outside College has been resurfaced, the Armagh Street crossing renovated, and things are a little more orderly, but still the utmost care is needed on all our crossings. The Chaplain reported to me this morning seeing three cars drive straight through the red light outside the school during the holidays. I am constantly reminding the boys to be vigilant, and they respond very well.

House cross country on Monday in Hagley Park is another of our traditional whole school events, and well worth dropping in to if you have any time in the afternoon.

We welcome Mr Mark Abbott as a tutor in Flower's House, and Mr Warren Lidstone to his new role as Deputy Housemaster in the same house. Mr Matt Thatcher, our other stalwart Flower's tutor, is teaching PE in addition this term, and we welcome Mrs Pip Miller to mathematics.

Finally, I am looking forward to hosting our next Parents' Association meeting at my home on Monday 7 May at 7.00pm. These are very informal, open meetings over drinks and nibbles, at which the many ways our parents support the life of the school are discussed and arrangements made. If you would like to come along, for catering numbers only, please email my secretary smlindsay@christcollege.com. We will pass your contact on to the Chairman, Kerry Mannis.

Simon Leese, Headmaster

REID EDMOND



Reid Edmond (Corfe Year 9) recently competed at the New Zealand Open Karate Championship here in Christchurch. He won Silver in Kata (a sequence of karate moves) and a Bronze in Kumite (fighting). He also earned a silver in team fighting.

Reid, pictured above in red, has represented New Zealand for karate in younger age groups.

MARTY MCKENZIE

Martin McKenzie has been selected for the 2012 New Zealand under-20 squad. Marty, who is a Flower's House Old Boy, is currently contracted to the Southland Rugby Union. He will travel with the squad of 28 to South Africa next month for the IRB Junior World Championship to help defend the title won by the New Zealand team in 2011.



JULIUS HERZHOFF

Julius Herzhoff (Jacobs Year 13) competed at the under-17 National fencing championships which were held in Dunedin over the holidays. He won the foil and claimed silver in epee, losing by one point 13-12.



CALENDAR EVENTS

Week 1		
W 2	7.30pm	Confirmation preparation group
Th 3	9.00am-6.00pm	Years 10 & 11 MegaJR online video conference for selected students, IT
	12.45pm	Interhouse junior volleyball, Gym
	12.45pm	Interhouse senior hockey prelims, Upper
	6.00-9.00pm	CSS interschool intermediate debating
F 4	1.15pm	Year 12 General Studies, CPIT liaison visit, OBT
	6.45pm	Induction of new choristers & Baptism Service, Chapel
Sa 5		Weekend programme available for all boarders
		Saturday activities begin
Su 6	Noon	1st XV v Nayland College (home)
	7.00pm	5th Sunday of Easter Evening Worship for Easter. Preacher: The Chaplain
Week 2		
M 7	9.00am-3.00pm	Years 10 & 11 GATE conference for selected students, CBHS
	9.15-10.05am	'Ensemble Impact' play for Year 11, 12 & 13 drama students, OBT
	4.00pm	School cross-country races, North Hagley Park
Tu 8	9.00am-3.40pm	Year 13 Biology In-House field day
	1.15pm	Interhouse senior volleyball, Gym
	1.15pm	Interhouse junior hockey prelims, Upper
	4.30-6.00pm	Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award introductory session, OBT
W 9	6.00-9.45pm	'JCSS' technical rehearsal Act 1, Assembly Hall
	6.00-9.45pm	'JCSS' technical rehearsal Act 2, Assembly Hall
Th 10	7.30pm	Confirmation preparation group
	8.30-11.00am	University of Auckland liaison visit
	8.30am-9.45pm	'JCSS' rehearsal, all cast and crew, Assembly Hall
	12.30pm	CSS road race
F 11	12.45pm	Interhouse junior debating first round
	6.00-9.00pm	CSS interschool senior debating
		CSS basketball begins
	1.15pm	Year 13 General Studies, Victoria University liaison visit, OBT
Sa 12	1.15pm	Interhouse junior volleyball, Gym
	4.00-5.00pm	Chapel choir rehearsal
	5.30-10.00pm	'JCSS' dress rehearsal Act 1, Assembly Hall
		Weekend programme available for all boarders
Su 13		SISS squash tournament, Christchurch
	Noon	1st XV v Waimea College (home)
	5.30-10.00pm	'JCSS' dress rehearsal Act 2, Assembly Hall
		6th Sunday of Easter
	9.00am	Holy Eucharist
	11.30am-3.30pm	'JCSS' full dress rehearsal, Assembly Hall
	5.30-10.00pm	'JCSS' full dress rehearsal, Assembly Hall
Week 3		
M 14	9.15-11.00am	Year 12 Careers Expo, CBS Arena
Tu 15	7.30pm	'Jesus Christ Superstar' opening night, Assembly Hall
		Year 12 Work Choice Day
	9.00am-4.30pm	Year 10 Geography field trip, Selwyn River
	11.05am-12.50pm	Year 13 PE triathlon NCEA assessment
	1.15pm	Interhouse senior volleyball, Gym
	1.15pm	Interhouse junior hockey first round, Upper
	7.30pm	'Jesus Christ Superstar' performance, Assembly Hall

CAREERS

Events since the last *In Black & White*

- Lincoln University liaison visit, (Year 12)
- Navy Adventure Challenge (holidays)
- Otago Tertiary Study Open Day, Dunedin



find out what performing arts training is all about. This is a great opportunity to get a feel of what it would be like to be a student at NASDA, and a lot of the NASDA for a Day participants decide to audition for a place in the programme the following year. Mr Sellars has application forms and dates.

Dates

TERM 2	Important Dates:
	4 May: CPIT liaison visit (Year 12)
	10 May: University of Auckland, liaison visit, 8.30-11.00am
	11 May: Victoria University (Wellington), liaison visit
	13-15 May: Careers Expo, Year 12 to visit
	15 May: Work Choice Day, Year 12. University of Auckland – Parents' Information evening, Legends Lounge, Addington Event Centre, 7.00-8.30pm
	16 May: Swiss Education Group, Swiss Hotel Management School, Caduceus Lounge, Addington Event Centre, 7.00pm
	18 May: AUT (Auckland University of Technology) liaison visit, (Year 12)
	25 May: Lincoln University, liaison visit (Year 13)
	8 June: CPIT liaison visit
	11 June: University of Otago, Law Seminar, Years 12 and 13, 1.45-3.00pm, parents welcome
HOLIDAYS	4 July: Youth Forum, University of Canterbury
	5-6 July: University of Canterbury Open Day
	1 August: Victoria University, Christchurch Information Evening
	31 August: Study at Vic Day Open Day, Victoria University, Wellington
	5 September: Swiss Education Group, Swiss Hotel Management School, Chateau on the Park, 7.00pm
	13 September: Queenstown Resort College Information evening

NASDA for a Day

Interested in pursuing a career on stage or on screen? CPIT's National Academy of Singing and Dramatic Art (NASDA) offer a Bachelor of Performing Arts (Music Theatre) and are hosting experience days throughout the year so senior students can

University of Auckland

If parents would like to attend the Information evening on 15 May, please register online at <http://bit.ly/spo-chch> Learn about undergraduate programmes, accommodation, scholarships and entry requirements.

Youth Forum – University of Canterbury, 4 July

For Year 13 students to gain exposure to University style workshops, lecture based learning and discussion, and to gain analytical skills which is important for nurturing engaging minds. Youth Forum 2012: Building a Model City. This is a broad topic which is multi-disciplinary, and will have lectures from Arts, Commerce, Law, Fine Arts and Science faculties. Contact Mr Sellars or Mr Lidstone if interested.

Monash University, Australia – Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery

The prerequisites for this course are English and chemistry with biology highly recommended. The 2012 deadline for sitting the ISAT exam is fast approaching (18 May), with the application for entry in 2013 closing on 8 June 2012. The Regional Manager will be in NZ from 5-20 June and would be happy to answer any questions. Printed information available from the Careers room. Also www.med.monash.edu

Medicine – Hospital Work Experience, Australia

Gap Medics. Contact Mark Hinksman, Programme Development Director. mark@gapmedics.com or www.gapmedics.com

Careers Expo - Sunday 13 - Tuesday 15 May

Year 12 will attend on Monday during periods 1 and 2. They will receive a Careers Workbook on Friday 4 May at General Studies. Other Year groups and parents can attend on Sunday and after school Monday.

Projects Abroad

Volunteering overseas for school leavers either during a gap year or over the summer break. www.projects-abroad.co.nz or email info@projects-abroad.co.nz

Mr CP Sellars, Careers Advisor

Open days in May

Small group tours for Year 8 families are being held on Thursday 3, 10, 17 & 24 May from 10am-12noon. Bookings are essential.

Contact Registrar, Sandy Scannell on 364 6836 or registrar@christcollege.com

Year 9 applications for 2013 close at 4pm on Friday 25 May.



PIERS DOVER

Piers Dover (Year 12 Rolleston) travelled to Ballarat, Australia during the holidays to compete as part of the New Zealand Foundation Youth Pipe Band at the 2012 Australian Pipe Band National Championships. It has been twenty years since a New Zealand youth band has had an entry at this event.

The band entered in the Juvenile section (under-18) as well as the Grade 3 section, earning Gold medals for both. They also won the Street March competition held on the first day of the championships.



Piers Dover with his medals, presented to him at Assembly this morning

GEORGE TUTTON

George Tutton (Flower's Year 13) was recently crowned the under-19 men's road cycling champion at the Canterbury 105km road championships. George, who has spent the recent holiday competing in several races as part of his Benchmark road cycling team, also finished in second place in the under-19 category of the Around Lake Brunner cycle race.



Bruce Wilson Photography

FLOWER'S MOTHERS' LUNCHEON

Thursday 5 April, The George Hotel

The Mothers of Flower's Luncheon was introduced to the Flower's House calendar two years ago.

The luncheon is an opportunity for past and present Mothers of Flower's House boys to get together over a relaxed lunch on the last day of Term 1, prior to parent interviews.

The 'lucky' plate was won by Sue Lawrence, mother of Head of House, Humphrey Lawrence.

Karen Adams, Flower's House Matron



From left, Kristin Macfarlane, Lucy Batchelor, Nicky Ecroyd, Kate Chapman, Kate Chamberlain, Rachel Redmond, Anna Fechney and Jo Cameron



Kate Chamberlain, Rachael Redmond, Anna Fechney, and Jo Cameron



Karen Adams and Liz Wigley

WHAT'S THE BUZZ?



Exploding onto the stage on 14 May is *Jesus Christ Superstar*. A huge company from Rangī Ruru Girls' School and Christ's College present this monumental rock opera.

During the recent holidays a large team of crew, cast and orchestra have been hard at work preparing for this high-energy season. From set to costumes, promotional work to lighting, orchestra and rehearsing, *Superstar* has been the focus of over 200 adults and students since the auditions at Waitangi weekend.

"It has been an incredible experience working on a show as monumental as *Superstar*," said Freddy Faull. "The music is brilliant, and my fellow cast members have so much talent. This has been a rare and memorable opportunity."

With hits like '*Superstar*' and '*I Don't Know How to Love Him*', the story retells the last seven days in the life of the man who changed the course of history. *Superstar* highlights the struggles between Judas, Jesus, and Mary Magdalene and explores the perennial battle for power within the Middle East.

"Our cast and orchestra are a revelation in their work and commitment," said David Chambers, Christ's College's Director of Drama. "It confirms my faith in the process of music theatre as a way to bring our community together".

With the arrival at Rangī Ruru of Robert Gilbert, *Superstar* marks the opportunity to bring together two of the best-known secondary school drama directors in Christchurch. In line with contemporary staging spectacular effects are planned to enhance the onstage action.

The music is well known, challenging and catchy. The show has remained popular since its controversial debut in the early seventies and currently just opened a brand new production on the New York stage.

"It's been a musical that I have always looked forward to staging," explained Robert Aburn, Christ's College's Director of Music. "It's one of the pieces of musical theatre which stands out as a masterpiece. The time is right to do *Superstar* now because we have the right mix of principals." The cast includes Freddy Faull as a questioning and vulnerable Jesus, Michael Hall as the troubled Judas and Zach Andrew's strong bass for Caiaphas the high priest.

Don't miss **Jesus Christ Superstar** at the Christ's College Auditorium, 14-19 May (except Wednesday 16 May). **Bookings are now open through the College Office, ph. (03) 366 8705**

RM Peers, Drama

THE COLLEGE CLOTHING SHOP

NEW TO THE UNIFORM SHOP

Grey vest available 14 May 2012

\$80



TERM TIME HOURS

Monday-Friday 10am-5pm
Saturday 9am-12noon

10 Gloucester St Christchurch
Phone 03 3648613

Email uniforms@christscollege.com

Shop Manager: Ann Shaw
Assistant: Ang Bosworth

ASSEMBLY NOTES

[Click here for Assembly Notes](#)

VIETNAM TRIP

Unfortunately, the tentatively planned trip to Vietnam and Cambodia will not take place in 2013. We hope to create this opportunity for boys at a later time. Many thanks to those who showed an interest.

Neil Nicholson, Geography

1st XV TRAINING SQUAD

Following a three day training camp during the holiday, the College 1st XV Squad travelled to Dunedin to participate in the pre-season ANZAC weekend Quadrangular tournament hosted by King's High School. Southland Boys' High School, King's High School, Roncalli College and Christ's College were the participating schools.

College met King's High School in the opening match of the tournament. College took a few minutes to adjust to the new combinations and patterns but by the end of the first quarter the players had settled and played some very positive and attacking rugby. Half-time score 29–0 in favour of College. The second half saw the coaching staff making a number of changes to allow the squad of 25 players to get game time. Again, it took the players time to settle into a rhythm. Full time score 37–05.

Points scorers:

D McKenzie (2), T Macfarlane, Sam Gilchrist and N Hutchinson
D McKenzie – 2 penalties and 3 conversions.

Man of the Match: T Proctor

On Day 2 Dunedin turned on another beautiful day making conditions perfect for open running rugby. College came up against a motivated Southland team who had some rather large forwards. The boys battled to find their rhythm and learnt quickly to attack two channels away from the set piece as Southland's bigger pack turned over a large amount of



ball in the first quarter. College dominated for the remaining part of the first half and put a number of phases together to lead 13–5 at halftime. Mid-way through the second half the coaching staff rang the changes yet again. The College side must be commended for their defence in the dying minutes of the game as they kept Southland scoreless in the second half, after a relentless number of attacks at the line.

Points scorers:

D McKenzie, and B Leggat.

D McKenzie – 2 penalties and 2 conversions.

Man of the match: J Northcote and D McKenzie

The matches revealed a great foundation on which to build, with a number of areas of work in order to help these players reach their full potential.

Arthur Wood, First XV Coach

1st XI HOCKEY SQUAD AUCKLAND TRIP 2012

In order to trial new members of the 1st XI hockey team and give them a real taste of the expectations of playing Rankin Cup hockey, 17 players headed to the North Shore in the last week of the holidays to play four of the top Auckland hockey schools.

The squad included nine players returning from the 2011 team plus the following eight new players: Nicholas Ganly, Brian and Eric Lee, Sirac Adams, James Kean, Nico Cronshaw, Sam Feutz and Michael Allison. When available, all had been attending several practices and fitness sessions throughout term one (and holidays), and were apprehensive of the challenge ahead. Two players from 2011 were unavailable as they were on the England cricket tour.

The first match on Tuesday 24 April was against last year's Rankin Cup winning side, King's College. Arriving at the school at 1.30pm the boys were amazed to see a new water turf and synthetic running track to rival QEII. We trained for an hour, toured the college and prepared for the 5.15pm match. From the outset King's dominated with several impressive strike forwards, all able to dribble at pace. One player in particular scored three goals in the first half from four shots on goal. At half time the coach, Penny Tattershaw reminded the new players that more running and closer marking was required. An improved second half meant the final score was



Half time at King's College

a convincing 4 nil loss. All now knew what standard of fitness, speed and tactical knowledge was required.

The second day of the trip was ANZAC Day, and began with a trip back across the Harbour Bridge to the famous Auckland Grammar School. AGS would have to be the most prestigious 'state school' in the country, and one of the largest at 2,500 pupils. The Grammar hockey XI manager had invited the College team to attend the ANZAC Day service in the huge and impressive Spanish-style Great Hall. This was followed by a morning tea in the large modern sports pavilion, overlooking

the main rugby and cricket ground. In 1990, the Grammar Old Boys helped fund the installation of a hockey turf at the school on the lower grounds. This facility has now been replaced by a water turf similar to that at King's College.

The local word was that Grammar were not quite the hockey force of three years ago, and that it would be a competitive match. Despite heavy legs and the prospect of another match four hours after the Grammar match, the team began promisingly, and had Grammar under pressure. Unfortunately the defence that had struggled against King's College in the first half, failed to clear the ball from the circle and Grammar led 1 nil. Despite the disappointment, the team rallied and replied with a well-taken goal from a penalty corner. Kip Mouldey's drag to the penalty spot found Luke Cracroft-Wilson's stick and the ball deflected high into the net. Then with literally half a second left in the first half, Kip Mouldey scored a brilliant goal from a solo run.

The second half showed a real improvement from Tuesday, and Grammar were making uncharacteristic mistakes under pressure. A penalty corner strike from Harry Fairgray went straight through the defence and hit the back boards. Fancy being 3-1 up against Grammar with 10 minutes to go. Unfortunately it was too good to last and Grammar not only closed the gap to one goal, but some ill discipline and panic saw them play the last five minutes against ten players, and force three penalty corners. A last brilliant save by Will Hurst kept the small winning margin. All were happy with the win, as to beat Grammar this early in the season was not an expectation. A good turnout of College hockey old boys watched the match, which was umpired at one end by past captain, Bradley Aburn.

The win certainly helped mentally, as the prospect of another match at 5.15pm against Westlake Boys' High School loomed. This match was played at the brand new 'blue turf' at Westlake Girls' High School. Again, the facilities were amazing. Not only was there a replica of the hockey surface that the Olympics will be played on (and the Blacksticks men's and women's teams were training on daily), but there were two artificial football pitches and a covered netball stadium under construction.

The match was played in good spirit, and the sides were very even. Westlake scored through a soft goal early in the second half, and College could not find the equalizer. Since this was a match that we always felt was going to be tough, the boys were relatively happy with the improvements being made to passing and running defensive screens. Westlake BHS 1st XI hockey manager, Mr Steve McCracken, did mention however that in the previous match they played, they lost comprehensively to a strong Hamilton BHS side. At the after match supper, Kip Mouldey was presented with a WBHS playing shirt as player of the day.

Thursday's match against St Kentigern College, followed a morning practice session at the impressive North Harbour Hockey Stadium, which boasts four international water turfs, and recently hosted the Champions Trophy. Despite being very fatigued, the team completed a good workout, and was positive

about the late afternoon match, this time across Auckland at the Auckland Hockey Stadium based at Lloyd Elmore Park.

The St Kentigern College ('St Kents') hockey XI were unfortunately relegated from the Rankin Cup in 2011, and had been training hard in a holiday camp at Tauranga, with the aim in 2012 of promotion for 2013. Although the first 10 minutes were very even, tired legs and inexperience meant occasional lapses in defence and St Kents were quick to pounce. After being two nil down at half time, the match again looked even before a couple of moments of desperation led to two late goals and a four nil drubbing. This was a very disappointing way to finish, although on reflection, 'St Kents' were probably the second best team we encountered.

The after match function was held in the huge, state of the art sports complex at 'St Kents'. The other schools had commented that 'St Kents' probably had the best sporting facilities in Auckland. The boys also noted the photo gallery of a huge number of recent famous sporting figures, several of whom are current All Blacks, but very few were at St Kents for more than one or two years.

The aim of the trip was to gain early season experience, trial several new players, and remind everyone how physically demanding competing in a tournament at this level is. The three losses were disappointing, but the benefits gained were huge. Coach Penny Tattershaw's last words at the airport on our return reminded the team that the next evening's match against Christchurch Boys' High School was to be regarded as a must win match, as though the loser would be relegated from the Rankin Cup. That advice must have 'struck a chord' as College dominated the Friday match, although only won 2-1.

Summary of a big 'week'

Friday 20 April	CC 1 lost to St. Andrew's College 2
Tuesday 24 April	CC 0 lost to King's College 4
Wednesday 25 April	CC 3 beat Auckland Grammar School 2 CC 0 lost to Westlake BHS 1
Thursday 26 April	CC 0 lost to St. Kentigern College 4
Friday 27 April	CC 2 beat Christchurch BHS 1

GJ Worner

Manager of the CC 1st XI Hockey



At the Auckland Grammar School turf

THE OA'S

There is very little of the open air left in the Open Airs, but in their time they were Christ's College expression of an innovation which began in Charlottenburg, Germany in 1904 and have their origin as part of an experiment to see whether fresh air and sunshine had any impact on chronically ill children. The results were favourable and so the low buildings with one side which could be opened out were adopted in England, Canada, the United States, Italy and the Netherlands.

From about 1907 onwards there was discussion about them in the North Island newspapers and in March 1918 the Rev'd EC Crosse suggested that building Open Air Classrooms would be a suitable solution to the additional classrooms which were needed at College, but his ideas were dismissed.

By 1920 at least two South Island schools had built them, Archerfield Boarding School for Girls in Dunedin and the Sumner Fresh Air School. In 1920 there was an Education Board's architect's conference in Wellington which listened to a paper by Mr CH Moore from Taranaki on Open Air Schools and in 1922 Collins and Harman provided plans for an Open Air Classroom at St Andrew's College that was copied by the Cashmere Sanatorium in 1926. Fendalton opened its well-known Open Air Classroom in 1924. There was much debate in Ellesmere in 1928 whether the Temuka style of classrooms with large open windows and two exit doors was preferable over the Fendalton style which had large doors that slid back and allowed the whole classroom to be opened directly onto the ground outside.

By the time Cecil Wood presented his ideas on the future layout of the College to the Board in March 1929, there had already been much community discussion about the value of these classrooms. A Christchurch branch of the international Open Air League had been founded in May 1925, and in 1926 they had widely distributed their booklet 'The Open Air Life'. A member of that group, Dr RB Phillips, who was also the Christchurch Medical Officer of Health, was appointed with AE Flower, the Headmaster, and EH Ridder – a clerk in the Bursar's Office, to a committee to work with Wood on the planned six classrooms and basement which finally cost £4,700 plus an additional £400 for the apsidal annex.

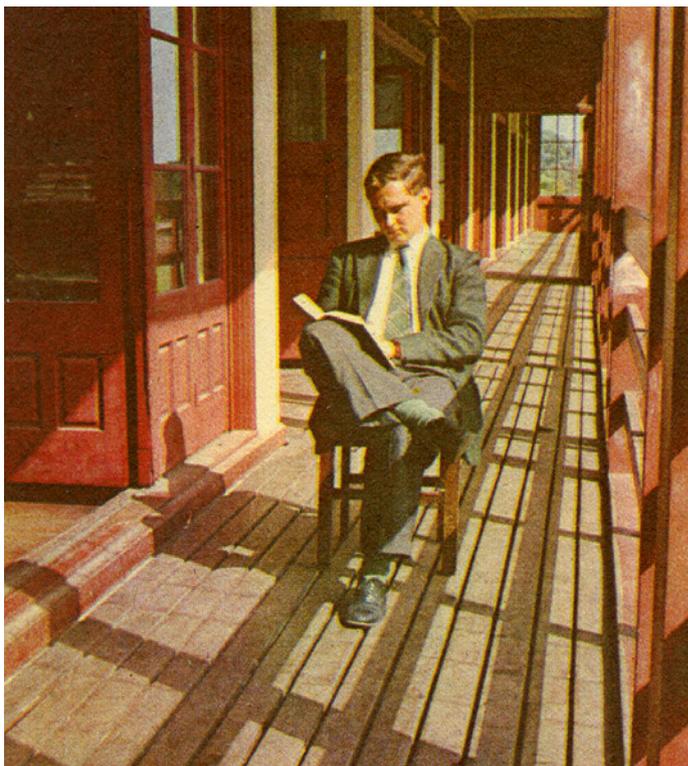
From photographs of the period it can be clearly seen that Wood based his designs on the Fendalton style, with doors that opened either directly onto the balcony or the path that ran alongside. There were no external staircases.

Twenty nine years after their construction the College roll was again increasing, and so the Board decided that an effective solution would be to add additional rooms to the east. Robert Munro, who had taken over Wood's architectural practice after he died, was given the task, and in April 1950 tenders were called. The cost of four classrooms, a basement which included a tuck shop, book exchange and store was £1,500 and the work was completed in September 1951.

The boys who were taught in these classrooms enjoyed them as they were a pleasant change from the other classrooms



The Open Air Classrooms in 1930



RWO Williams on the Open Air verandah, 1961

that formerly bordered the Upham Quad, which Wood had also designed. They were not as cold in the winter as it might have been expected, although rather noisy in summer when the doors were flung open.

It was the ever increasing College roll that resulted in their being re-modelled in 1967. Sir Miles Warren's plans enclosed the verandah which provided increased teaching space. The 2012 evacuation into relocatable classrooms is to enable additional strengthening work to be completed.

References:

- Christchurch City Libraries The open-air school, Cashmere Sanatorium, Christchurch Photo CD 13, IMG0042: A classroom at Fendalton Open-Air School, Clyde Road, Christchurch. Photo CD 7 IMG0025
- Christ's College Register. April 1929, April 1951
- Wells, R. & D. G. Hamilton 1991. *The Buildings of Christ's College Christchurch*. Mills- Keely, J. 2004. Cecil Wood's Open Air Classrooms for Christ's College. History Dept. University of Canterbury
- Papers Past: *Thames Star*, 10 August 1907; *Fielding Star*, 1 April 1920; *Ellesmere Guardian*, 17 February 1925; 13 July 1928; 29 July 1928; *Kai Tiaki*; *the Journal of the Nurses of New Zealand* 3 July 1925

BOARDING PROGRAMME

TERM TWO, 2012

ACTIVITIES

WEEK	DATE	ACTIVITY	TIME	LOCATION	SUPERVISING HOUSE
1 (May)	Sat 5	Ten Pin Bowling	7.00pm	Garden City Bowl	Jacobs House
	Sun 6	S15 Crusaders v Reds	4.00pm	Rugby League Park	Jacobs House
2	Sat 12	School Based Activity	7.00pm	Christ's College	Flower's House
	Sun 13	Quad Biking	9.00am	Hanmer Springs	Flower's House
3	Sat 19	S15 Crusaders v Blues	7.35pm	Rugby League Park	Richards House
	Sun 20	Go Karting	9.30am	Templeton Motordrome	Richards House
4	Sat 26	Movies	7.00pm	Hoyts @ Riccarton	School House
	Sun 27	Claybird Shooting	9.00am	North Canterbury Clay Target Association	School House
5 (June)	NO ACTIVITIES 2-3 JUNE – QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY				
6	Sat 9	Golf Driving Range	7.00pm	Ferrymead	Jacobs House
	Sun 10	Roxx Indoor Climbing	10.00am	The Roxx	Jacobs House
7	Sat 16	All Blacks v Ireland	7.35pm	Rugby League Park	Flower's House
	Sun 17	International Antarctic Centre	10.00am	Christchurch Airport	Flower's House
8	Sat 23	Quiz Evening	7.00pm	Richards House	Richards House
	Sun 24	Ski Trip (Weather permitting)	6.30am	Mt Hutt	Richards House

OPTIONS

OPTION	PROVIDER	DURATION	LOCATION	COST
Diploma in Agriculture	National Trade Academy	2 years - 2 hours per week during term time plus practical days in holidays	College & various venues	\$350 per year
Defensive Driving	AA Driver Training	4 sessions of 2 hours plus 1 hour practical	College	\$170
PADI Open Water Dive Training	Mr MR Hayes (qualified PADI Instructor)	Varies according to qualification	College & various venues	\$350
Cooking Classes	St Margaret's College	4 sessions of 2 hours	St Margaret's College	Free
Duke of Edinburgh's (Young New Zealanders Challenge) - This is compulsory for all Year 10 Boarders	Joshua Foundation & Christ's College	Depends on level	College & various locations	Minimal

These are extra-curricular courses and qualifications provided exclusively for boarders. Further information on each course is available from Mr Thatcher.