

In Black & White



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From the Headmaster

The matter of the young man suspended from school for the length of his hair, which went to the High Court, has caused plenty of interest over the last few days. There is apparent concern that this might lead to a tsunami of trivial challenges to school rules up and down the country. I don't think so.



In this case, the school appears to have framed their hair length rule in such a way that the young man was judged not to have broken it. The obvious example of a Sikh student with long hair contained within his turban should have alerted the school to the vulnerability of its position. All that appears to have happened here was that the school's expectations were not sufficiently well drafted. It is, however, disappointing that the parents thought this was an issue worthy of taking the school to task, when the intention of their rule was clear and reasonable. The real interest is about what makes an individual pursue such a relatively trivial matter - there are much more substantial questions to ask than what hairstyle is acceptable. We might have a few 'wardrobe warriors' who would, given the opportunity, express their crucial individuality by undermining uniform or grooming expectations, but our challenge is to encourage them to step up to a cause more substantial and more worthwhile. This week a number of our boys are going the other way in the hair department, in support of Canteen; well done to our humanitarian committee.

The PISA (Programme for International Assessment) 2012 global rankings have enjoyed a wide range of interpretations. In the next In Black & White I will review an interesting UK analysis which examines the outcomes against 'equity' in education i.e. how much investment in education is related to GDP, and whether there has been relative change since the last PISA study. More immediately, Independent Schools of New Zealand (ISNZ) has published statistics for our sector.[1]

When compared to all non-governmental sectors, the New Zealand private schools sector ranked: 2nd in the world in reading, 2nd in the world in science and 3rd in the world in mathematics. When compared to the world's state school sectors, the New Zealand private schools sector ranked: 1st in the world in reading and in science and 3rd in the world in mathematics. These are impressive outcomes. In the same publication, ISNZ notes the net value of the sector to the government. Whilst government subsidies to private schools amount to \$41.5m in 2014, GST revenue of fees will be approximately \$61m. Finally, the cost of educating the young people currently in independent education in the state system is estimated at about \$200m, a saving to the government (enough to pay for the Prime Minister's recently announced roading initiatives!).

Assembly Notes

[Click here](#) for Assembly notes

Published Again

The Mathematics Group has had a further success. An article has been accepted for publication in a mathematics journal aimed at high school teachers of mathematics. The piece is entitled 'Interwoven Linear Sequences', and it describes how various simple bivariate polynomials give rise to sequences with interesting properties.

Ross Shillito demonstrated both his programming and his mathematical skills in contributing to the article. It is pleasing that another relatively new member of the group has now been attributed as an author. Congratulations to Ross for this achievement.

Martin Griffiths, Head of Mathematics

[1] New Zealand Private Schools Leading the World. ISNZ June 2014

The point of collating all these statistics is summarised by the New Zealand Institute of Economic Research (NZIER) 2013: 'Our analysis indicates that the Government has an opportunity to improve the overall performance of school education and reduce its own expenditure on school education by raising the subsidy rate to independent schools above its present level'. As we move towards an election, this conclusion is timely.

In 2012, I held a very well attended parents' 'Evening with the Headmaster' about Drugs and Alcohol. Next term we have scheduled another, this time on the subject of 'Community Values' at which I will talk about social quality and personal responsibility, including bullying issues, positive and negative personality traits, home/school cooperation, digital media, etc. As before, I am arranging for a number of experts to be available to support informal discussion, from the fields of psychiatry, the law, the police, as well as our own senior pastoral staff. More details will follow, but the date is Friday 15 August. Please put in your diaries.

At the recent ISNZ conference, our Bursar Colin Sweetman received an award for service in guiding our enormous programme of building renovation after the earthquakes, on top of his usual administrative responsibilities. He joins our previous awardees, Chaplain Bosco Peters for his services to school chaplaincy, and Graeme Worner, an outstanding and universally respected schoolmaster. We are fortunate indeed to have colleagues of such professional and personal quality.



Bursar Colin Sweetman

Last Friday we were delighted to recognise Sir William Young with the award of our 2014 Leadership Medal. A full account of the presentation, and an interview with Sir Young, will appear in due course.

Last week, one of our competitive cyclists was involved in an accident with a van on his way to an event, clearly caused by the driver. Having broken the side window of the van with his head, a stronger endorsement for wearing a good quality cycle helmet, correctly fitted, would be hard to imagine. We have passed the shortest day, but I again encourage as many boys as possible to cycle to school; they should ensure they are clearly visible with reflective clothing, have effective lights - and a properly fitted helmet.

A short holiday approaches after a packed term. I wish you all a restful break.

Simon Leese, Headmaster

From the Chaplain



Ten of our students were confirmed at the diocesan confirmation service in the Transitional Cathedral on Latimer Square on Sunday 22 June. Thanks to the Rev. Canon Lawrence Kimberley and Mrs Elizabeth Kimberley for the wonderful way they provided leadership. Helen and I so appreciated being part of all this. Congratulations to the students

who were confirmed: George Fitzgerald, Angus McKenzie, Ben Fulton, Jeremy Penrose, Tom Gudopp, Anthony Goh, David Fechny, Michael Newton, Chris Cornell, and Oliver Tyro.

I am delighted to be able to announce that we raised \$19,487.20 for Lent Appeal this year. At Monday Chapel I handed half of this, \$9,743.60, to Mr Neil Porter. A group of students are going to All Saints School in Apia (Samoa) these holidays.

The funds we have raised will be used for paint and other material by the group to improve the school. We look forward to "before" and "after" photos and stories from this very worthwhile venture. The other half of the Lent Appeal amount will be donated locally to the Champion Centre.

Congratulations to Etienne Wain who received A+ for the Church History paper he completed with Otago University.

I remind you that for parent interview evenings I tend, as I teach about half the school, not to make specific appointments - so do come up and say "hi" to me as you see me wandering around.

And have a great holiday when they come.

Bosco Peters, Chaplain



Students attending a special diocesan confirmation service at the Transitional Cathedral on Latimer Square.

Calendar Events

Week 9		
Wed 2 July	12.00pm	Quadrangular tournament minor final
	1.30pm	Quadrangular tournament major final
	8.30pm	1st XV return from Wanganui
Thu 3 July	12.45pm	Interhouse senior basketball (Gym)
	12.45pm	Head Shave for CanTeen (Assembly Hall)
	5.00pm	CSDC interschool debating senior round
	5.00pm	Years 11, 12 & 13 parents/staff interviews
Fri 4 July	4:00pm	Years 9-13 boarder parents/staff interviews
	5.30pm	The Parents' Association Mid-Winter drinks (Dining Hall)
Sat 5 July		National MUN Assembly (Wellington)
		SISS cycling championships (Ruapuna)
		SISS swimming championships (Dunedin)
Sun 6 July		SISS cycling championships (Ruapuna)
		National MUN Assembly (Wellington)
Term ends after sport. Boys must meet their sporting commitments		
Holidays		
Mon 7 July		National MUN Assembly (Wellington)
Tue 8 July		National MUN Assembly (Wellington)
	12.30pm	International service group leaves for All Saints Primary School (Apia, Samoa)
Wed 16 July	6.20pm	International service group returns from Samoa

Christ's College versus Rangi Ruru Debate 2014

Want to escape the winter blues? In need of some light-hearted entertainment? Then come join the Debate Club at 6.15pm Wednesday night upstairs in the Mana Wahine building at Rangi Ruru when three senior Christ's College debaters will take on the best of Rangi Ruru in a clash of rhetoric. The moot for the evening, which our team is affirming, is: "This house would support a hostile takeover of Australia." The winner of the debate will be decided via crowd voting, so CHRIST'S COLLEGE NEEDS YOU.

For any comments or queries please contact us
inblackandwhite@christscollege.com

The Black & White Ball

Friday 12 September

Marquee on the Quad
 Organise your table of 10 now!

Careers



Year 10 Careers Unit

Over the last five weeks, the Year 10 classes have had a programme that has shown them the process involved in making future choices. Topics covered have included: 'Who am I?', 'What sort of person am I?', work values, jobs by interest, a career investigation using www.careers.govt.nz/jobs, and what employers are looking for. They have also

completed a questionnaire indicating their interest in topics that will be offered in the Year 11 curriculum. This might help them with their subject choices for 2015.

Free Japanese - holiday programme

CPIT are offering a free two day programme in the holidays for students interested in studying Japanese at CPIT. 'Totally Saiko' will introduce students to the language and culture through fun activities and sessions. Interested students should talk to Mr Everingham.

XLerate - Pasifika students - holiday programme

The University of Canterbury on behalf of the Ministry of Education and the Pasifika Advisory Board is offering a free holiday programme called XLerate to all Pasifika students sitting NCEA in Christchurch. The programme includes: academic tutoring from paid professionals, transport to and from the university from certain locations, meals provided each day, learning incentives, workshops. Contact Riki Welsh, Pacific Development Team, UC, ph 3642987 ext 4074

Nelson Marlborough Institute of Technology - Aviation

Certificate in Aeronautical Maintenance Engineering - 2 years full time or 4 years part-time. This course will provide you with skills and knowledge to become a qualified aircraft engineer - private, rotary, commercial, or further MIT training. Certificate in Aeronautical Maintenance Fundamentals - 15 weeks full time. This programme combines practical and theory to give initial understanding of aeronautical engineering principles and practices. Also a pre-trade training programme for the Royal New Zealand Air Force technical trades.

Lincoln University - BSRM degree (Bachelor Sport & Recreational Management)

A feature of this degree is that it has a specific focus on the management of the sport and recreation sector. Lincoln also has strong links to the sport and recreation sector and has working relationships with relevant organisations. There is a practical component to the degree allowing students to work with industry organisations. As far as specific jobs are concerned, employment is found in a range of public sector organisations, such as local government (city and district councils, where they work as sport and recreational managers and planners), and regional sports organisations (eg. Sport

Canterbury). Given that the BSRM is a management degree, graduates are readily able to find employment in generic management positions.

Canterbury Health Laboratories Intern Programme

Canterbury Health Laboratories is now accepting applications from Year 13 students for a 'gap' year experience, working in their laboratories on a paid contract for a 12 month period commencing 2 February 2015. Full details are on their website www.chl.co.nz/intern. Check out the flyer at www.chl.co.nz/images/stories/brochure.pdf

University of Melbourne Information session

Monday 4 August, 7.00pm-8.30pm, The George Hotel, Parkview Room, 50 Park Terrace. Programme: 7.00- 8.00pm: Presentation on undergraduate and graduate courses, prerequisites, admissions, scholarships and housing information for NZ and international students. 8.00pm-8.30pm: Question and answer session, opportunity to speak one-on-one with staff. This event is free, places will be limited. Please register on line at: www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/newzealand

Victoria University of Wellington - Information Evening

Thursday 3 July, from 6.00pm, Chateau on the Park, cnr Deans Avenue and Kilmarnock Street, Riccarton. 6.00-6.20pm Light refreshments served. 6.20-7.10pm Information about study at Victoria & accommodation. From 7.10pm Information about the degrees offered at Victoria.

Chris Sellars

Careers events since the last In Black & White:

Southern Institute of Technology (SIT) Open Evening
CPIT Open Day
Massey University, Aviation evening
Massey University liaison visit, Year 12
Telford Agricultural College liaison visit
University of Otago Information Evening
NZ Broadcasting School, CPIT - information evening

Upcoming Careers Dates:

Term 2

03 July..... Victoria University Information Evening
04 July..... PWC Scholarship applications close

Term 3

10 July..... UC (University of Canterbury Open Day)
10am - 5.00pm
16 July..... Lincoln University Open Day
17 July..... NZ Broadcasting School, CPIT, 7.00pm
1 Aug..... University Accommodation Applications open
4 Aug..... University of Melbourne, visit to
Christ's College, period 2, 10.00am

Curriculum News



We have been undertaking our more detailed planning for term 3, and there are several important events coming up that are worthy of note.

From a strictly academic perspective the big event of the term is the trial examinations in week 5 (18-22 August). These examinations offer a great snapshot of academic performance some two thirds of the way through the year and as such are also a valuable source of data should any boy need to apply for a derived grade for external examinations at the end of the year. I have provided some notes for clarification at the end of this column for anyone not sure how derived grades work. The examinations are however more important than that. The biggest revision mistake that students generally make is to revise the things that they know already. It must be the study equivalent of 'comfort food' as it makes us feel better to study material and be able to say "I know that". When you think about it, it is pretty obvious that revision time actually needs to be spent on those things we don't know, and each examination paper is a wonderful catalogue of those things that the student didn't know on the day. As such it is the best study guide you can have.

Towards the end of the term we have Mr John Parsons from Nelson running a series of workshops on cyber safety. With the move to a laptop environment, and the general ease with which we are all able to access the digital world, it is important to be aware that we all have what has come to be termed a 'digital footprint'. Mrs Pauline Henderson, our specialist eLearning advisor, has been doing work with staff and boys to help them to better understand the significance of their own

online presence. John Parsons will be running workshops for all Year 9 and 10 boys, for staff, and also for parents. The parent session will be held on the evening of Thursday 4 September. We'll provide more details nearer to the time.

The subject of derived grades is often not well understood. Derived grades are provided should an examination candidate be unable to sit an examination because of some personal circumstance that has arisen immediately prior to or during the examination. They are not available for internal standards. Personal circumstances that have occurred well prior to the examination do not create eligibility. For example, injury sustained from an accident in May cannot be used as cause for application as it is too far removed in time from the actual examinations.

The school cannot simply invent a grade to provide to NZQA. We are required to have actual assessment evidence (gathered using standards based assessment) on which to base the grade. If teachers have no such assessment evidence, then we cannot provide a derived grade at all.

The consequence of this is that every practice assessment that a student sits during the year potentially has significance as it may provide that evidence so essential for a derived grade. For this reason boys cannot afford to treat any practice assessment lightly.

Here is a link to the relevant information on the NZQA website.

<http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/providers-partners/assessment-and-moderation/managing-national-assessment-in-schools/derived-grade/information-for-candidates/>

Robin Sutton, Senior Master Academic

TUES 29 JULY
7.00 FOR 7.30PM
FORMAL DRESS

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Sir William Young

Sir William Young was today presented with the Christ's College Leadership Medal at a special assembly at the school. Each year the medal is presented to one outstanding leader in academic, commercial or professional life among the College alumni. Sir William, who attended College in Condell's House from 1965 to 1969, was accompanied at the presentation by Lady Susan.

"Today Sir William as a judge of the Supreme Court, sits on the highest court in Aotearoa New Zealand," the Headmaster told those present. "He sits at the pinnacle of our legal system, the integrity and resilience of which defines our quality of life in this country. Without a robust, fair and relevant legal base, no civilised country can function, and at the very heart is the intelligence, professionalism and leadership of the country's most senior judges. The College has also benefitted from the wisdom and integrity of this most distinguished Old Boy as a Fellow, or Board member of the College, from 1995 to 2013."

After College Sir William gained a degree in law from the University of Canterbury and his doctorate at the University of Cambridge. He worked at the firm of RA Young Hunter and Co in Christchurch, before becoming a barrister in 1988. He was made a Queen's Counsel in 1991. In 1997 he was appointed a High Court Judge in Christchurch, and a Court of Appeal Judge when the Supreme Court was created in 2004, and was its president from January 2006. In July of 2010 Sir William was appointed a Judge of the Supreme Court, bringing the court complement to its maximum of six, of whom five sit to hear substantive appeals.

Sir William's sons Nicholas (11968) and Thomas (13053) were also Condell's men.



Headmaster Simon Leese presenting the Christ's College Leadership Medal to Sir William Young.



Sir William Young addressing the assembly.

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Christ's College by exploring our
wide range of social media



International Service Trip Samoa

Twelve College boys will travel with Neil and Debra Porter to Apia in Samoa next month to undertake a community service project at All Saints Primary School. All Saints is the only Anglican primary school in Samoa and was opened by the All Saints Church parish community in 2013.

The school, which occupies the site of a former state school in Lefifi, Apia, is in need of urgent maintenance. One classroom block has been refurbished but the others need considerable work. The school currently accommodates children in Years 1 to 4 and is expanding out to Year 8 in 2015 so more space is required.

"In late 2013, I challenged the Year 12 group to consider giving up one of their July holidays to go and make things better for a group of people they had never met," Mr Porter says.

"An initial group responded and that has worked its way down to the final group of 12. They have worked over the summer to pay their airfares – parents were not allowed to contribute

– and have been fundraising for the past six months to pay for accommodation and food while they are in Apia. The group has completed fundraising barbecues, ice-cream sales, a Year 9 dance, entertainment book sales and The Press advertising feature in order to raise these funds."

Half of the money raised from the annual Lenten Appeal has been donated to this cause and was presented to Mr Porter at Chapel on Monday morning. These funds will pay for the materials needed to complete the painting and building upgrade project the group is undertaking. There will also be time spent with the children in class and out on the games fields.

"We know the students will experience personal growth and develop a wider world view. Immersing themselves in a different culture will create challenges that they might not otherwise face in New Zealand and will also help them grow as people. The fact they have had to work hard to get there is all part of the learning as well."



Neil Porter, Angus McKenzie, Stanley Pont, Tobias Robertshawe, Nic van Florenstein Mulder, Archie Cameron, Angus Ashcroft, Ben Fulton, Michael Allison, Tim Bullen, Taylor Budge, Frazer Densem and James Idiens.

Our drama LADS

Junior boys are learning to act and dance and sing as they create THE LADS SHOW - our junior drama production for 2014! Staff members, Robyn Peers, Nikki Bleyendaal and Lisa Banks, are challenging boys to push beyond their comfort zones as they prepare three performances for the junior show.

Projects like THE LADS SHOW lay the triple threat foundation for our senior signature shows like *Les Mis*, *Amadeus*, *Rent*, *Romeo and Juliet*, *Jesus Christ Superstar*, to name a few.

Every successful senior production has been founded upon the skills our boys have learned through their Year 9 and 10 shows. Our nationally acclaimed CATS production was successful because the senior boys of 2014 built on their under-15 performance training and experiences.

This year the LADS are working three extracts - an hilarious melodrama in Hellfire Hall, part of Lord of the Flies, and a couple of musical medleys around Oliver and Grease.

THE LADS SHOW is on in the OBT at 7.30pm, opening Thursday 31 July. (That's at the end of Week 2 next term). Reserve your LADS \$10 seat at the College reception (inside the main gates), from the beginning of Term 3!

David Chambers, Director of Drama



Finlay Adam and Jeremy Lidstone



George Lacey Metcalfe, George Coull, Raiyen Azlan, Paddy Coates, Sam Mackay, Finlay Adam and Jeremy Lidstone

Library Matters



My favourite app this week is the Read&Write App for Chrome.

It can boost reading and writing confidence and offers support for Google Docs/web to students - in particular those with learning difficulties, dyslexia or ESOL.

To find it make sure you are using the Chrome browser, go to the App Store

and then search for the app!

Read&Write offers a range of powerful support tools to help students gain confidence with reading and writing.

- Hear words, passages, or whole documents read aloud with easy-to-follow dual color highlighting
- See the meaning of words explained with text and picture dictionaries
- Hear text translated into other languages
- Predicts the next word as you type
- Highlight interesting or relevant text and collect it for use in other documents

I like it because it reads a boy's writing back to them. This means they can hear for themselves errors and whether their work makes grammatical sense. It reads one sentence at a



time, highlighting it so a student can hear and see it at the same time - hopefully they can then work out whether they have any run-on sentences. The boys in my English classes have been trialing it and it certainly helps them to discover all the commas they have missed! I have included a video below to help explain how it works. It is a little basic in terms of the sentences it shows but offers a good overview.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LDGGe9H8vIA>

Enjoy your break!

Lisa Trundley-Banks, Teacher/Librarian

Interhouse Sport





Christ's College Parents' Association

Mid-Winter Drinks

FRIDAY 4 JULY, 5.30PM, \$35 PER PERSON

ONLINE PAYMENTS <http://christcollege.com/mid-winter-drinks>

Enjoy mid-winter cheer in our Dining Hall on the final day of term.

There will be mulled wine, hot ham and the wonderful
company of other College parents and staff.



To pay online go to www.christcollege.com/mid-winter-drinks or return your completed order form to: Mid Winter Drinks, Christ's College, Private Bag 4900, Christchurch 8140 or fax to (03) 364 5295

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METHOD OF PAYMENT:

☐ I enclose a cheque payable to Christ's College Parents' Association

Please charge my credit card: ☐ VISA ☐ MASTERCARD Total: \$.....

Name on card: Signature:.....

Card No: Expiry date: ____ / ____

Or Debit my Son's Account (Son's Name):