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CHRIST'S COLLEGE
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Each boy at his best.



From the Executive Principal

I have had a most interesting couple of weeks. On Tuesday 23 May, I – along with St Margaret's College Executive Principal Mrs Gillian Simpson – hosted a wonderful community event in Auckland for over 100 alumni and friends of our schools.

The event really emphasised the significance of our New Zealand connections far and wide and our aligned purpose in educating young people to embrace opportunity.

The next morning, I took part in a Principal's Retreat at King's College with the New Zealand Anglican Schools' Association. This was a fulfilling and reflective time, emphasising our core gospel-inspired virtues and how we lead and manage our Anglican schools. In the afternoon, Board Chair Dr Ian Town, Director of Development Mr Ric Fletcher and I visited St Cuthbert's College to have a look at their impressive, recently completed Centennial Centre for Wellbeing. This was a wonderful opportunity for us to see an excellent facility operating within the school context as we continue to formulate plans for our own sporting excellence, health and wellbeing centre. That evening, a distinguished group of Old Boys and friends of the school gathered at

a development dinner, where we received thoughtful and considered advice.

On Wednesday 24 May, I flew out to Chengdu, the capital of southwestern China's Sichuan province, to meet our International Student Manager Ms Deanne Gath. Our visit focused on a range of outcomes aligned with our increased strategic focus on internationalism, both with regard to student recruitment and, as importantly, opportunities for cultural immersion for our students. We were particularly fortunate to be hosted by Old Boy and New Zealand's first Consul-General to Chengdu Alistair Crozier, who established the New Zealand Consulate General in this remarkably modern and evolving Chinese city.

I returned in time for the annual Christ's College-Christchurch Boys' High School rugby fixture, which saw our 1st XV bring the Jock Hobbs Memorial Trophy back to College. It was interesting to me that significant in

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A stellar achievement

Year 9 student Justin Hodges first took up the violin at the age of four; it was a good fit. When he was 12, Justin attained the ATCL (Associate Trinity College London) Diploma with Distinction...



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our victory was halfback Shun Miyake, one of our international students. Shun has come to College from our partner school Konan Boys' High School in Kobe, Japan, to improve his English language skills, develop his rugby and immerse himself in the College experience. Shun has a truly global perspective and, at a time when the world is seemingly overwhelmed by daily events and attitudes that would have us accentuate our differences, my travels and observations over the past few weeks impel me to ask our wider College community to celebrate diversity and to embrace all that is best in our globalised world. Diversity in all its interpretations gives communities strength – and that is the current and future direction of our great school.

Garth Wynne, Executive Principal

Rugby Gala Auction

Friday 9 June, 2017

Support Rugby at Christ's College through our online auction!

We have a great line up of items on offer – including an artwork from College Head of Art Darryn George, skis, homewares, sporting memorabilia, and wines from event sponsor Giesen Wines – to name a few.

To register via SMS

1. Text: **ccrugby** followed by your first and last name to 3840
(example: *ccrugby John Smith*)

2. Follow the registration link you are sent from GalaBid to login and place bids

To register online

1. Go to galabid.com/ccrugby

2. Click on the "register" button

3. Enter your details and click "submit"

4. You will then receive a text with the link to the auction catalogue and a passcode. Use the passcode to login OR click the link in the text to be automatically logged in on the browser on your smartphone. You are now ready to bid.

The auction is already underway so get in quick!



From the Chaplain

In Chapel

It was wonderful to have so many grandparents present at school on Friday 19 May, with a significant part of Grandparents' Day being a special Chapel service. We have also held a service for the Freemasons, celebrating 300 years since the organisation was founded in England. Father Penemeina (Ben) Tapelu, from Samoa, spoke to Chapel about the value of the work done by the groups Mr and Mrs Porter have taken to Samoa and how much the community appreciates their help. Father Ben also donated a Samoan-language Bible to College, and we assured him we would read from it in Chapel.



Grandparents' Day, Friday 19 May 2017.



Neil Porter, Father Ben and Bosco Peters

Anglican Schools' Conference 2017

Year 13 students Jeremy Lidstone and Vincent Kenworthy and I attended the recent Anglican Schools' Conference, which was held in Auckland from Wednesday 24 to Friday 26 May. As well as other opportunities, it was wonderful to have stimulating input from the Director of Education for the Diocese of Liverpool, England, Father Richard Peers, who oversees the 119 Anglican schools in his diocese (church region). There were bishops, principals, chaplains, and young people from Anglican schools in New Zealand and the South Pacific. As well as taking part in conference events, the young people had their own sessions, from which they creatively presented hopes and ideas to the larger gathering – and in the presentations Jeremy and Vincent did College proud.

Synod

I am pleased to announce Year 12 student Wills Wynn Thomas will join current school lay representative Vincent Kenworthy at synod this year. Vincent has a vote in the House of Laity (I vote in the House of Clergy); Wills has speaking rights and will take over Vincent's voting right next year. Most days lately, synod has been in the news. Usually, votes are done by voice, but anyone can call for a vote by Houses. There are three Houses: Bishops, Clergy and Laity. For a motion to pass when voting in Houses, it has to pass in all three Houses.

In the Classroom

In Year 9, we are continuing from the Bronze Age in the Fertile Crescent. We began with Abraham and Sarah, and are now up to Joseph. The stories and insights make strong connections with our lives today.

Year 10 continues to learn about different world religions, as well as philosophy of religion, especially epistemology (the theory and nature of knowledge, justification, and the rationality of belief – or, how do we know things, and how do we know that we know things).

Year 11 has been looking into different ways to make ethical decisions in increasingly complex debates. We will soon begin working our way through 2,000 years of Christian (hence, Western) history. These are gifts for the students, providing frameworks that they may only appreciate years from now, when they are travelling or find themselves faced with a complex moral decision.

Centre for Ethics & Spirituality

It was great to have such an interesting discussion around *The fullness of life – Positive psychology and the teaching of Jesus* after the presentation, by Director of Wellbeing and Positive Education John Quinn and me, at the last Centre for Ethics & Spirituality event.



As I write this (on Friday 2 June), President Donald Trump has just pulled the United States out of the Paris Climate Agreement, and that is a significant conversation I am having with students. The next Centre for Ethics & Spirituality event directly connects with this discussion:

Laudato Si – The imperative to care for the environment

Presenter: Sr Eleanor Capper

Thursday 8 June, Chapman Room, 7.30pm

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Bosco Peters, Chaplain

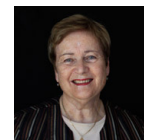
Centre for Ethics and Spirituality

**THURSDAY 8 JUNE, 7.30PM,
THE CHAPMAN ROOM**

Laudato Si – The imperative to care for the environment

Presented by Sr Eleanor Capper

Laudato Si presents a Christian response and challenge in relation to ecology, climate change and care for the environment. Pope Francis subtitles this document "On Care for our Common Home". It is a worldwide wake up call to help humanity understand the destruction that we are rendering to the environment.



Sr Eleanor has wide experience, from being a principal to currently resourcing Education for Parish Leadership and Service in the Catholic Diocese of Christchurch. Her presentation on this important topic has been received with acclaim throughout our region.

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Latest News & Events



Focus on the game

It has been a long time coming, but the College 1st XV has finally done it – beating Christchurch Boys' High School in the schools' annual and highly competitive rugby fixture. The tight 16–15 score made victory all the sweeter...



Working stage magic

With just three weeks to opening night, cast and crew alike are all systems go conjuring the glitz and glamour of Hollywood to brighten a dull mid-winter...



Up for debating

Year 13 student Henry Seaton and Year 12 students Fawzan Sugarwala and Wills Wynn Thomas represented Canterbury at the Russell McVeagh New Zealand Schools' Debating Championship...



College rockers on a quest

Many successful Kiwi musicians have launched their careers at Smokefree RockQuest and, aiming to bring their big break a little closer...



New thinking about mathematics

Level Up is an online mathematics challenge for Year 9 and 10 students, designed to develop their problem solving, creative...



Phat jazz sounds

The Cavell Leitch New Zealand International Jazz and Blues Festival brings some of the world's best jazz and blues artists to Christchurch...

Careers

AUT visits College

Year 12 students attended this presentation from AUT relationship manager Pablo Fernandez, who gave an overview of the courses available at AUT, focusing on business, communication, creative technologies, design, engineering and health science. AUT is a progressive university with an excellent range of courses, I encourage interested parents and boys to have a look at its prospectus.

Massey University Wellington – student experience days

Communication: Friday 23 June – Register: r.j.kershaw@massey.ac.nz
Creative: Friday 30 June – Register: b.weepu@massey.ac.nz

WORKSHOP OPTIONS

Communication includes Public Relations, Journalism, Media Studies, Expressive Arts, Linguistics, Marketing and Management.

Creative includes Commercial Music, Creative Media Production, Fashion, Fine Arts, Maori Visual Arts, Industrial Design, Photography, Spatial Design, Textiles, Visual Communication and Design.

FLIGHT CONTRIBUTION FOR SOUTH ISLAND BASED STUDENTS

South Island based secondary school students have the chance to receive a \$150 contribution towards their flights to attend one of these days. To be eligible, students are required to include a few sentences about why they want to attend. Reimbursed flights are limited and recipients of these flights will be notified two weeks prior to the event. If you are booking flights, please ensure you arrive prior to 8.30am and depart any time from 4pm. We will arrange airport transfers. Reimbursement will be made after the event and will require: 1) the invoice showing flight information, and 2) a bank deposit slip or screen dump of bank account details.

University of Canterbury (UC) information evening – Wednesday 7 June

Doors open 6.15pm, presentations start at 6.30pm, Central Theatre Lecture Block, University of Canterbury. For more information, go to www.canterbury.ac.nz/liaison

Ara – master classes for Years 11–13

These free classes give students a taste of what is on offer at Ara.

Wednesday 7, Thursday 8 and Friday 9 June – Broadcasting, Metro News evening

Friday 9 June – Architecture, Restructure Portfolio workshop

Monday 12 and Tuesday 13 June – Cookery

Monday 12 and Tuesday 13 June – Hospitality

Thursday 15 June – Music Arts for a day

Thursday 22 June – Applied Science

Thursday 29 June – NASDA for a day

Please inform Mr Sellars if you are registering for any classes. Metro News evenings are an opportunity to experience exciting aspects of journalism and television production from the broadcasting control room. [Click here](#) to register.

Ara Open Day

This will be held on Thursday 15 June, from 2–5pm. Check out more than 150 programme options, find out start dates, attend subject-specific information sessions, talk to tutors about programme content and career opportunities, find out about student services. Open Day is held at both the city and Woolston campuses. For more information, go to www.ara.ac.nz/openday

Events since last issue

- UC Science careers evening
- Horizons Unlimited - gap year experience
- Design & Arts Open Day
- AUT information session for Year 12

Upcoming careers dates

- 7 June** – University of Canterbury information evening
- 13 June** – University of Auckland parents' information evening, Addington Raceway
- 15 June** – Ara Open Day
- 15 June** – Ara, New Zealand Broadcasting School information session
- 23 June** – Massey University, student experience day – Communication
- 26 June** – Ara, New Zealand Broadcasting School information session
- 29 June** – BCITO Big Construction Tour
- 30 June** – Massey University, student experience day – Creative
- 13 July** – University of Canterbury Open Day (school holidays)
- 13 July** – Ara, New Zealand Broadcasting School information session
- 1 Aug** – University accommodation, applications open
- 1 Aug** – University of Melbourne, information evening, Novotel, Christchurch
- 15 Aug** – Applications due for most scholarships
- 1 Sep** – Victoria University Open Day
- 2 Sep** – University of Auckland and Auckland University of Technology (AUT), Open Days
- 13 Sep** – UC Course planning, 2.30pm
- 1 Oct** – University accommodation, applications due
- 1 Oct** – University of Canterbury applications to enrol open
- Dec** – University of Canterbury applications to enrol due

UC School of Product Design e-newsletter

UC are creating a weekly newsletter with exciting, informative articles from industry, innovators and entrepreneurs. It is a great way to find out what is happening in New Zealand and around the world. www.paper.li/f-1493087358

College House – University of Canterbury

If any boys are interested in applying for College House accommodation they should contact Assistant to the Principal Gillian Smith – ap@collegehouse.org.nz – to arrange to have a look around. It is a great home away from home, with wonderful traditions and social support, and lots of academic assistance to ensure success. Our students have often continued staying on in College House as a Residential Assistant. Brochures are available from the careers room.

Bishop Julius Hall – University of Canterbury

Bishop Julius Hall is a less formal residence than College House. Students often choose BJH as it has a “living and learning” safe-but-fun lifestyle. It provides stability and removes the burdens of everyday living. BJH has excellent study facilities and support services, with senior students on hand to help and guide new residents. For more information, go to www.bishopjulius.ac.nz

BCITO Big Construction Tour – Thursday 29 June

This tour takes interested students around a number of construction sites and facilities, showcasing why building and construction is a great industry to work in and career opportunities available. According to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE), the building and construction industry offers very good career prospects. If you would like your son/s to attend this day, please contact Mr Sellars and he will organise registration.

Year 13 Maori student scholarships

The REACH Otago Scholarship provides the opportunity for Year 13 Maori students to spend three days at the University of Otago Dunedin campus. They will experience university life, living in and visiting residential colleges, attending lectures, meeting current Otago students and learning about the various degree and study options available at Otago. Applications close Thursday 15 June. For more information and to apply, go to

PwC Scholarship Programme 2017

The PwC Scholarship Programme seeks bright, talented, curious, hardworking students, who have great problem solving skills and the ability to think outside the box. Applicants should also be interested in areas of study in alignment with PwC business areas, which include assurance, deals, consulting, tax (corporate and private business) and legal. Applications open Monday 12 June and close Friday 28 July 2017. For more information, contact Mr Christey or Mr Sellars, or go to choose.pwc.co.nz/school-scholarships/

Victoria University – Study@Vic Day – Friday 1 September

The Study@Vic Open Day is a very good opportunity for boys and parents to see the university in action, attend lectures, visit the various residential halls and colleges, and talk to staff. It is a good chance to see if Wellington is a “good fit”. We do not go as an official school group, but I will be in Wellington and at the main campus attending the careers advisors’ seminar. If you are unable to get there, Victoria University encourages parents and interested students to make appointments and take a private tour at another time. If you are interested, there will be cheap flights available if you book soon.

University of Auckland and AUT open days – Saturday 2 September

You could make it a weekend up north, because the following day the University of Auckland and AUT hold their open days. The two universities are across the road from each other and both offer very good courses. AUT is one of the fastest growing universities in the country and I have copies of its prospectus, if anyone is interested. If your son does intend to go to the University of Auckland next year, he should go online and go through the “Application to Enrol” process. This does not mean he has made a commitment to go there, it simply signals an intention.

Chris Sellars, Careers Advisor

MEET OUR TEAM

Playing to his strengths



Careers Advisor and Boarding Housemaster Chris Sellars lives what he teaches, having built a fulfilling career based on his strengths and interests, his values, and a high degree of self-awareness. “It is always good to reflect on the choices

you make, to have flexibility to change when necessary, to surround yourself with good people ... and to have some laughs, have fun.”

At some stage, every College boy will find himself in Chris’s office discussing life beyond school. As far as Chris is concerned, these conversations should start sooner rather than later. He says boys and/or their parents are welcome to request a meeting with him at any time; he values the synthesis of ideas that emerge from discussions between boys, parents, teachers and peers.

Thinking about careers starts in the classroom, in Years 9 and 10, because decisions made in junior years can have repercussions down the line for subject choices and future learning pathways.

Chris believes his role is not so much to advise on specific careers, but to introduce different ideas and help boys get to a place where they can be confident they are making the right choice. “I’m teaching them a process and it’s the process that’s important because, of course, they’re going to change their ideas. But if they have a strong sense of self and take a good balance of subjects across the curriculum, they can keep their options open and be trusted to make good decisions.”

In the careers office students can access information from tertiary providers and find out about other pathways, such as trades and apprenticeships, or gap year programmes. Chris likes to brainstorm, takes copious notes and also keeps parents in touch. “It’s important to me to keep a good record of each meeting, so that when a boy returns for a follow-up, we can look back and see what’s already been discussed.”

While some boys only meet Chris as careers advisor, others come to know him on a more personal level. As Housemaster of Richards House since 1998, Chris has been responsible for and mentored hundreds of boys who have called College home.

Chris says he aims to create a happy environment in the House. He acknowledges there can be challenges, but expects all boys to be supportive of and respect House staff and each other. “If there’s an issue, one of the strengths you need is to be able to forgive and forget pretty quickly, to get people back on track.”

The other key member of team Sellars is Chris’s wife Louisa. Together they have shared a lifetime of adventures. Their residence is attached to Richards House and, as with Chris’s careers role, the door is always open. “Lou’s the best. I like it that people know we’re there. Teaching’s been good to us and I feel we’ve been able to make a difference. It’s both a lifestyle and a wonderful career.”

Catherine Hurley, College writer

Events at College

Parent Education Evening – Richard Aston & Ruth Kerr

Wednesday 7 June, 7.30pm, OBT



Richard and Ruth are the authors of *Our Boys* - a go-to manual for raising strong, happy sons from boyhood to manhood. Our Year 9 parents were gifted a copy of this book when they joined the College community earlier this year.

Our Boys is a positive, practical, down-to-earth guide that outlines what makes boys tick, describes their development from babyhood to childhood to manhood, and is full of great ideas and suggestions. It details in an enlightening way how boys grow physically, emotionally and developmentally.

Richard is the CEO of Big Buddy, Chairman of Consumer NZ and an independent marriage celebrant. Ruth is the Media Coordinator at Big Buddy and a freelance journalist. They have been married for 30 years and have several children and grandchildren.

Ruth Kerr and Richard Aston have been working with boys for 13 years, matching fatherless boys with male mentors and running a highly successful programme called Big Buddy that helps boys grow and develop into fine young men. They look forward to sharing the wisdom they have gained from working with hundreds of Big Buddy boys and men, as well as from parenting their own children and grandchildren.

Thought Leader Matthew Johnstone – Tough and Up

Tuesday 13 June, 7.30pm OBT



Matthew's talk *Tough and Up* will look at adversity and how we bounce back. Matthew is a College Old Boy and he will also be working with Health classes on mindfulness and presenting at Assembly.

Matthew Johnstone had 15 years + as a creative in advertising where he

worked in Sydney, San Francisco and New York. He worked for some of the world's best agencies and won many industry awards. In 2005 he published *I Had a Black Dog* an illustrated book on what it is to suffer depression and what can be learnt from it. This book has been a best seller and is now published in 20+ countries. In 2008, with his wife Ainsley, he published the sequel *Living With a Black Dog*, a guide to those who care for people living with depression. This also was a bestseller and made the top 10 best selling books in the UK in February 2009. In October 2009 Matthew, along with his co-author James Kerr, published *Alphabet of the Human Heart: The A to Zen of Life*. It is a book about balance. This book went to number 3 in the UK in March 2011.

His new book, *Quiet the Mind*, is an illustrated guide on how to meditate which came out in March 2012 and went to number 1 in the UK book sales. Matthew also works as the Creative Director of the Black Dog Institute developing various creative, educational programmes on understanding mental health, mood disorders, mindfulness and resilience for schools and the workplace. He also delivers talks to community groups, schools, corporations, health resorts, sporting groups and the farming community. He has talked extensively all over Australia and the UK. When he's not working for the institute he is an author, illustrator and father of two.

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Cocktails
on the Quad

Friday 15 September
Christ's College, 7.30pm

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Everyone's welcome...gather
your friends and come along

Boarding Matters

Last week I attended the New Zealand Boarding Schools' Association conference, held in Auckland from Tuesday 30 May – Friday 2 June, along with boarding staff Andrew Levenger, Karen Adams and Kevin Harris.

This presented a great opportunity to network with staff from boarding schools around New Zealand and compare notes in terms of what schools are doing and what they find challenging. There were also some thought-provoking speakers, including:

- Leadership coach Jan Robertson, who spoke about engaging the mindset of coaching leadership and the need to keep striving for more powerful, transformative leadership.
- Children's Commissioner Judge Andrew Becroft, who gave a powerful talk on the backgrounds of some of our most vulnerable children and the issues facing young people today.
- Dr Jenny Poskitt from Massey University, who talked about what adolescents need from adults in an educational setting, which can be summarised by three Ls – they need adults to like, listen and learn (with them).
- Worldwide leader in bullying prevention Robert Pereira, from the Effectiveness Training Institute of Australia, gave an innovative and practical presentation on dealing with the problem of bullying in schools.
- Comedian and mental health campaigner Mike King gave a very thought-provoking talk on mental health, in which he reminded us that children want to be loved and to know someone cares, and they want to be valued and know they matter – and that what comes out of their mouth is heard.
- Finally, New Zealand Rugby high performance manager Don Tricker spoke about his role with the NZ Rugby Union and what has been put in place in terms of business structure and what is being done to ensure players reach their potential. A great quote from Don was "culture eats strategy for breakfast".

An overall theme, touched on by the plenary speakers, was about understanding the issues teenagers now face, the issues they will likely face in the future, and the challenges these issues can create.

In terms of boarding at Christ's College, there was certainly plenty of useful information we could take out of the conference and utilise as we move forward.

Darrell Thatcher, Director of Boarding and The Centre for Character & Leadership

Boarding Programme

The Boarding Programme took a break over Queen's Birthday weekend as most of the boys took the opportunity to head home. They had a lot of fun, however, the previous weekend, with a trip to Supa Karts Indoor Raceway for some go karting action. The Year 12 sessions have finished and it is now the Year 11 students turn to attend St Margaret's for cooking lessons, with the resulting produce being donated to Ronald McDonald House, the City Mission and Daffodil House on a rotational basis.



[CLICK HERE TO VIEW THE BOARDING PROGRAMME FOR TERM 2](#)

Head of Boarding report

The boarders have had a busy start to the term as interhouse competitions begin to kick in, and it has been great to see the boarding Houses achieve success. In House Music, at the end of Term 1, all three boarding Houses gave outstanding performances compared to recent years, with Richards House coming second overall. And it was a boarding quinella in the Haka competition early this term, with Richards House coming first and Flower's House taking second place. Both the House Music and House Haka competitions are great opportunities for seniors to lead their House in a positive fashion and, from a leadership perspective, it is awesome to be a part of these events. The gym and weights room are now open for all boarders on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, which is great and gives

the boys the opportunity to either catch up on a strength and conditioning session or play a bit of basketball in the gym. We have also introduced afternoon tea in the Dining Hall on Monday and Wednesday, where the boys are provided with spreads, biscuits, muesli bars and a glass of chocolate milk before they head out for sports training. Both initiatives have been well received by the boys. Finally, congratulations to the boarders involved in last week's 1st XV rugby win over CBHS. It was great to see a strong representation of boarders in the team, with 13 of the 23-strong squad coming from either Flower's, Richards or School House.

Ben Murray, Head of Boarding

From the Archives: The Christ's College Rifles

The Webb Scrapbook is exactly what its name suggests, a miscellany of items collected by ER Webb while he was Bursar of Christ's College, from 1916–1940. One of the items is an 1882 programme for the Christ's College Rifles Band Fund.

The Christ's College Rifles, formed in late 1882, was one of many volunteer units in the Christchurch area at this time. Originally it was intended that the members would be Old Boys, however, by the beginning of 1883 it had been decided membership would be extended beyond Old Boys, but such members would be elected by ballot.

The College Rifles were formally gazetted on 17 January 1883 and initially consisted of a captain, two lieutenants, a colour sergeant, four sergeants, four corporals, a bugler and privates.

On 14 August 1882, the fledgling unit managed to convince the Cathedral Choir to contribute to their concert in aid of the Band Fund. They obliged by singing two humorous glees, "Humpty Dumpty" and "Jack and Jill", as well as two part songs, "The Dawn of Day" and "O Who Will o'er the Downs so Free?". Mrs von Haast and Mrs Wilding played a piano duet, while Mrs Leonard Harper sang "The Beggar Maid". Two glees for male voices, a Mozart Quartet and two songs by Q Woodward completed the programme.



As numbers increased, it was decided the Rifles needed their own orderly room. To raise funds, according to the Lyttelton Times of 1 August 1884, they put on two performances of "Goldsmith's ever welcome comedy" *She Stoops to Conquer* in the Oddfellows Hall.



Members of the Christ's College Rifles. CH Weston (1557) in the centre. Others in the photograph are unnamed.

The Christ's College Rifles, and all other volunteer units, were abolished by the Defence Act of 1909, and its members were incorporated into the newly established Territorial Force. An index of all those who were members of the Christ's College Rifles is available in the Christ's College Archives.



Certificate of life membership for Edward Parkerson (40), at College 1855–1862. He joined the Christ's College Rifles in January 1881. He was 36 years 6 months old and 5' 9" (175cm) tall.

Jane Teal, Archivist