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CHRIST'S COLLEGE  
CANTERBURY

Each boy at his best.



## From the Executive Principal

**Over the past few months I have been sharing with the College community our strategic intent toward 2020. The latest iteration of this guiding plan can be found [here](#).**

When one considers strategy in schools, one of the most significant enablers is the quality of teaching that occurs in each and every classroom. Educational research suggests the most significant impact on student outcomes is the quality of teaching they receive. In a boys' school, this quality is enhanced when the relational skills of teachers are at their best.

It is exciting to announce that at the beginning of 2018 we will launch the Centre for Teaching Excellence & Research (CTER). The CTER is being established as a result of the major Curriculum Review which has been led by Assistant Principal – Academic Joe Eccleton over the past twelve months. During this time, Joe and his team have considered the what and why of teaching and learning at College. It is our belief that we can continuously improve student outcomes by enhancing the quality of our teaching. The CTER is tasked with the continuous improvement of teaching and learning at College through collaboration and leadership, action research, coaching and mentoring. It will support Joe to ensure a high standard of quality assurance is met throughout all learning areas.

The CTER will be composed of four Heads of Teaching and Learning, each of whom will have responsibility for the policy, practice and pedagogy of their particular learning areas. It provides wonderful leadership opportunities for some of our staff.

I am very excited with this new initiative as I believe it will make a significant difference in the learning lives of all College boys.

It was a great pleasure last week to be involved with strategic planning for our Christ's College Old Boys' Association. Under the leadership of CCOBA President Jeremy Johnson, the association has been engaging in a reflective process as it looks to serve the needs of its members and the boys of College in the years ahead. It was wonderful to see the enthusiasm and energy of the committee focused so purposefully on the future. I acknowledge and appreciate the work of all Old Boy committee members, who voluntarily commit so much of their time to the organisation, and also CCOBA Secretary Justine Nicholl, who works within and alongside the College community.

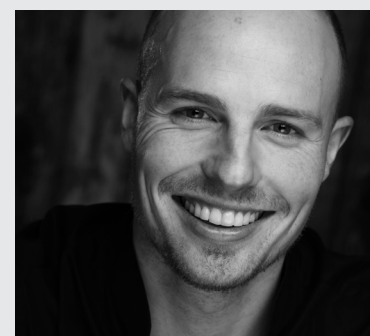
**Garth Wynne, Executive Principal**

### Interactive Newsletter

Click on the buttons and photos to read the full story.

### Seizing his chance – and making it

It is not a career choice for anyone who is not 100 per cent committed, but actor and singer – and Old Boy – Nic Kyle's passion for his craft...



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# From the Chaplain

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It was wonderful to, once again, begin Term 3 as a whole staff with a Chapel service. Chapel is clearly the heart of our school life, and that is repeatedly emphasised in different ways through the school's strategic planning.

Many of you will have seen the piece on Maori Television about College's new waiata, "Te Whakapono Ki Te Atua". [View here](#). Te Reo Maori has long been an integral part of Chapel and it is great to see this dimension of our school life continuing to grow and flourish.

I am delighted to welcome Mr Harry Meehan as our new organist in Chapel. His contribution is already meeting with enthusiastic appreciation.

In weekday Chapel services we continue to apply lessons from significant persons and events in history to our daily lives. In class, Year 9 is looking at the story of Moses, and thinking about ideas such as what sort of rules (commandments) might be appropriate in the 21st Century. In Year 10, we are looking at six great world religions, as well as thinking more deeply, philosophically. And in Year 11, we are working on the NCEA assessment around the history of the Reformation.

I look forward to seeing you at the upcoming Sunday Chapel services on 13 and 27 August, and 10 September. Each service is, as always, followed by refreshments in the Dining Hall.

Yours in Christ

**Bosco Peters, Chaplain**

## Centre for Ethics & Spirituality

We look forward to hosting The Very Rev. Professor Martyn Percy, Dean of Christ Church, Oxford, who will address the topical notion of "What it means to be an inclusive Church".

This event will be held in the **Chapman Room, Thursday 10 August, 7.30pm.**

All very welcome – there is no charge. I hope you will take this opportunity to come and listen to one of the leading writers on Christianity and contemporary culture.

[CLICK HERE TO BOOK](#)



# Curriculum News

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Kia ora koutou katoa

Key focuses for students this term will be their 2018 subject selections and the school examinations in Week 6.

Taking an active part in the subject selection process is vital to ensure a successful academic year in 2018. Our aim at College is for our boys to leave at the end of their five years of study as confident, lifelong learners. We want our boys to find their academic passions and pursue them with all their energy and with our support. While subject selection can sometimes be stressful, it is also an exciting time for the boys to begin thinking about their future pathways and what they would like to pursue once they leave College.

The Studies Guide, available online, should be the first point of reference in the subject selection process. It contains all the relevant information for courses that are being offered in 2018. Students are also strongly advised to seek the guidance of their current subject teachers, Heads of Departments, their Housemaster and Careers Advisor Chris Sellars.

On Tuesday 8 August, Chris and I will be running an NCEA/Subject Selection information evening. This presentation is mainly targeted for the families of Year 10 students, however, all students are welcome to attend.

## KEY DATES

**Tuesday 1 August** – Subject Selection portal will open. Students will receive an email with the link.

**Tuesday 8 August** – NCEA/Subject Selection information evening, 7pm, the Chapman Room.

**Monday 21 August** – Subject Selection portal will close.

School examinations will commence in Week 6. These exams are designed to assess student progress with respect to the external examinations held at the end of the year. Students must take time to revise and prepare for the school examinations, as these exams also provide teachers with a derived grade should it be necessary. View the schedule of examinations [here](#). View the examination timetable [here](#).

## Years 11–13 Parent / Student / Teacher interviews

Following the school examinations, we have decided to add into the College schedule an opportunity for Parent / Student / Teacher interviews. This is a time for students to reflect with staff and their parents on their individual subject progress and what they need to do to prepare for external examinations, which commence on Thursday 9 November. These interviews will be held in the Sir Miles Warren Building, taking place on:

**Thursday 21 September – from 4–7pm, for Dayboys**

**Friday 22 September – from 3.45–5.30pm, for Boarders**

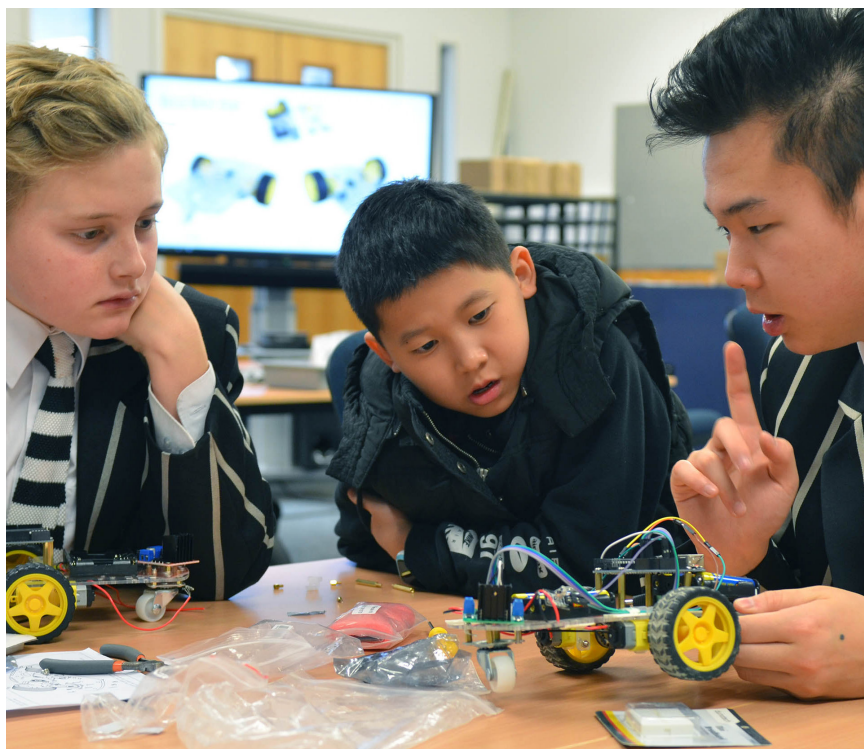
Although some staff will be unavailable on these dates due to other commitments, every opportunity will be made to facilitate these interviews, and the staff concerned will make alternative arrangements with the boys and their parents.

Whāia te iti kahurangi ki te tūohu koe me he maunga teitei

*Seek the treasure you value most dearly: if you bow your head, let it be to a lofty mountain*

**Joe Eccleton, Assistant Principal – Curriculum**

# Latest News & Events



## Robotics builds connections

A shared interest can go a long way in breaking down barriers, as the boys who took part in a recent intensive robotics workshop soon discovered.



## Way to go!

Year 12 students Sam King and Cody House were thrilled to represent New Zealand at the Oceania Athletics Area Championships, held in Suva, Fiji, from Wednesday 28 June...



## Words of wisdom and experience

Each year, the Emerging Leaders conference sees hundreds of Year 12 students from schools all over Canterbury converge on College...



## Soaking up art in Auckland

Three Year 13 Art History students joined six Rangī Ruru girls for a flying visit to Auckland on Friday 30 June...



## Teeing off in Las Vegas

Talented sportsman Zach May began playing golf at the age of five. After he showed some interest in the game his father took him to...



## Tools for peak performance

Underneath the gymnasium and looking out on the river and Williams Court, the newly-refurbished and extended Christ's College...

# Careers

## Scholarships website – Generosity New Zealand

A useful resource for viewing scholarships can be found on the scholarships database Generosity New Zealand, which is available in the school library. Students type in certain criteria and can find out about possible scholarships for which they might apply.

## UC Undergraduate Entrance Scholarships – \$2000-\$6000

| NCEA Level 2 |   | NCEA Level 3 |   | Cash        |
|--------------|---|--------------|---|-------------|
| Endorsement  | + | Endorsement  | = | Scholarship |
| Excellence   | + | Excellence   | = | \$6000      |
| Excellence   | + | Merit        | = | \$2000      |
| Merit        | + | Excellence   | = | \$2000      |

Other scholarships on offer include Dux scholarships for top academic achievers, UC Emerging Leaders' Scholarships, including Head Girl or Head Boy Awards, and many more. For more information, go to [www.canterbury.ac.nz/scholarships](http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/scholarships)

## University accommodation applications and CCRF

From Tuesday 1 August boys can complete their online applications and get email confirmation that their application has been received. They can then log on anytime to check their status. They can also request a Common Confidential Reference Form (CCRF) be completed by College. Housemasters will complete this form and forward it to the university's Accommodation Centre. Students can apply for accommodation at several universities and make their final decision in October. Applicants should know early in Term 4 if they have an offer or are on the waiting list.

## Electric Power Engineering Centre

The Electric Power Engineering Centre (EPECentre) is pleased to offer eight scholarships to Year 13 high school students who plan to study Electrical and Electronic Engineering at the University of Canterbury. These scholarships are worth up to \$15,000 over 4 years. Scholarship posters and more information are available online at <http://epecentre.ac.nz/students/scholarposters.shtml>. **Students must apply before Tuesday 15 August.**

## Careers Convention

The EPECentre is hosting its annual Careers Convention, focusing on Electrical Engineering, on Wednesday 2 August. At this event, recent Electrical Engineering graduates and senior engineers from the electricity industry will discuss career opportunities and pathways for young engineers. They welcome students who are considering an engineering career pathway to participate, as it will be an opportunity for them to meet current students and graduates, and to learn more about engineering. The convention will take place on **Wednesday 2 August, John Britten Foyer at the University of Canterbury, from 5pm**. For more information, go to <http://epecentre.ac.nz/events/careerscon.shtml> or on Facebook at [https://www.facebook.com/events/288538238281483/?active\\_tab=about](https://www.facebook.com/events/288538238281483/?active_tab=about)

## Studylink

Studylink is a service provided by the Ministry of Social Development, which administers student allowances and student loans, and assists students to get the financial support to which they are entitled. For more information, free phone 0800 889 900 or go to [studylink.govt.nz](http://studylink.govt.nz).

## Events since last issue

- University of Canterbury Open Day
- Ara, New Zealand Broadcasting School information evening
- Lincoln University Open Day

## Upcoming careers dates

- 1 Aug** – University accommodation, applications open
- 1 Aug** – University of Melbourne lunchtime visit, 1pm
- 3 Aug** – Victoria University course planning
- 8 Aug** – Ara, Nursing information session, Madra Street, Room N104, 5.30–7pm
- 9 Aug** – Otago Polytechnic information day for Engineering Technologies
- 15 Aug** – Applications due for most scholarships, including UC and University of Otago
- 15 Aug** – Queenstown Resort College (QRC) information evening, The George Hotel, 6.30pm
- 17 Aug** – Music Arts for a Day, Ara campus, Madras Street, 11am–3pm
- 17 Aug** – NASDA for a Day, Ara campus, Madras Street, 8.30am–4.30pm
- 20 Aug** – Massey University scholarship applications close
- 28 Aug** – Senior examinations
- 31 Aug** – University of Auckland applications close for Music Performance majors
- 31 Aug** – University of Otago applications close for Teacher Education
- 1 Sep** – Victoria University Open Day
- 1 Sep** – University of Otago applications close for Performance Music auditions
- 2 Sep** – University of Auckland and Auckland University of Technology (AUT), Open Days
- 7 Sep** – University of Otago course planning (all courses except Health Sciences First Year), 1pm
- 11 Sep** – Massey University course planning, 1pm
- 12 Sep** – Lincoln University course planning, 1pm
- 13 Sep** – UC course planning, 2.30pm
- 14 Sep** – University of Otago course planning (Health Sciences First Year), 1pm
- 15 Sep** – Common Confidential References to Halls of Residence due
- 15 Sep** – University of Otago applications close for Bachelors of Dental Technology, Oral Health, and Radiation Therapy
- 21 Sep** – Defence Force information evening, 419 Montreal Street, 6pm
- 30 Sep** – University of Otago Halls of Residence applications close
- 1 Oct** – Accommodation applications due
- 1 Oct** – University of Auckland applications close for Bachelor of Fine Arts
- 1 Oct** – Victoria University enrolments open for 2018
- 1 Oct** – UC applications to enrol open
- 11 Oct** – Ara Design Portfolio workshop, Ara campus, Madras Street, 10am–1pm
- Dec** – UC applications to enrol due

## UC Arts Careers Series

The College of Arts presents the Arts Careers Series. What can you do with an Arts degree from UC? Come and hear from employers and recent graduates on why studying the Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences is valuable and why employers value Arts graduates.

### The Press and the New Zealand Police

Thursday 3 August, C2 Lecture Theatre, 6–7.30pm

Register at: <https://goo.gl/AZPnxx>

### Vodafone and Creative Management agency

Thursday 10 August, C2 Lecture Theatre, 6–7.30pm.

Register at: <https://goo.gl/cKXVVo>

## NCEA and careers evening – Tuesday 8 August

Come and find out more about NCEA and subject choices for 2018.

Year 10 boys have had five careers lessons, with subject choices being one of them. Year 11 boys have seen Mr Sellars during General Studies and have been given a subject options booklet. Teachers of Year 12 specialist subjects which are new to the boys talked to students about their subjects on Friday 28 July. Year 12 boys will attend a similar subject options presentation on Friday 4 August.

## Your Education – student exchange

The next Your Education information meeting will take place at Upper Riccarton Library, Thursday 17 August, 6.30pm. Your Education also plans to launch an additional programme, called Educational Tours, available to China, Spain, France and California for two weeks during the July and September school holidays, including language tuition and sightseeing.

This is the link to the Facebook event page <https://www.facebook.com/events/106213013310425>

## Victoria University – Study@Vic Day – Friday 1 September

Thank you to parents and boys who have indicated when they will be travelling to the Victoria University Open Day on September 1. This will help Assistant Principal – Planning and Administration Robert Aburn with arranging the examination timetable.

## University course planning sessions

Liaison officers from the various universities come back to College this term. Course planning is not new to the boys, as most have already looked at the possible subjects they plan to take at university. It also allows them to plan widely so there is flexibility at the end of their first year of tertiary study. Prajesh from the University of Otago will emphasise that those doing Health Sciences First Year need to have a plan B if they are not accepted into medicine.

## Auto Super Shoppe Automotive Academy

The Auto Super Shoppe Automotive Academy is currently putting the first intake of students through the 12-week training programme. Graduation comes with a **Guaranteed Offer of Employment in the Automotive industry**. The Academy is lead by experts in the New Zealand automotive industry and is relevant to modern workshop requirements. Students learn on the latest equipment, preparing them for a career in the very best workshops in New Zealand. Finance and some partial scholarships are available to cover costs and they can assist with finding accommodation if necessary. For more information go to <http://www.autosupershoppes.co.nz/academy/>

Chris Sellars, Careers Advisor

## A reminder for parents ...

For medical or daily leave, please call our Attendance Line – 03 364 8676 – by 8.30am and leave a message with your son's name and the reason for his absence.

Please discuss extended leave or any other areas of concern with your son's Housemaster.

Robert Aburn, Assistant Principal – Planning and Administration

Cocktails  
on the Quad

FRIDAY 15 SEPTEMBER, CHRIST'S COLLEGE  
7.30pm - 11.30pm

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Be entertained by  
Danger Baby and more!

**\$80 per person**

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drinks and canapes all night!)

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# Boarding Matters

**After a long build-up in terms of planning and setting up, it was great to finally see the first group of Year 10 boys arrive in Jacobs House on Sunday 30 July, ready to trial our new Immerse & Inspire programme.**

Immerse & Inspire is about developing our junior students outside of the classroom in areas that will benefit them in their senior years and beyond. It will be a busy four weeks for the boys. They will be involved in a variety of activities focused on character, leadership and scholarship, including:

- Community service with the Christchurch City Mission
- Boyle River Outdoor Education Centre adventurous journey (as part of their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh award)
- Ministry of Awesome Lab5 social entrepreneurship week
- A study skills session with Patrick Sherratt from Innervate
- Wellbeing sessions with College counsellor John Quinn

The arrival of the first Immerse & Inspire group coincided with the newly-renovated Leadership Lounge on the top floor of Jacobs House being finished. This area is designed as a place where several of the Immerse & Inspire education sessions will take place, as well as being space where the boys can relax and interact in their downtime.



I will report on feedback about the first trial of Immerse & Inspire in the next issue.

## Boarding

In the recent school holidays, Christ's College hosted a Boarding Duty of Care course run by the Australian Boarding Schools' Association. The two-day course covered a range of areas, including student wellbeing, boarding curriculum, leave, discipline, social media and international students. We had ten College boarding staff complete the course, and it provided an ideal opportunity not only for individual professional development, but also for further reflection and discussion on the changes we have made in boarding this year and where we are heading in the future.



This term has seen all Year 12 boarders take over Prefect on Duty responsibilities in their respective Houses. At the end of last term, a group comprising the three Heads of House and their deputies, as well as two Year 12 boys from each House, got together to discuss what the purpose of the role was from their perspective. They then went back to their Houses to consult further with the rest of the Year 12 group. As a result of these discussions, we created a document outlining the expectations of being a House Prefect that will be used in all three Boarding Houses. One of the positives to come out of this process was that the boys saw the role as more than just a duty – they saw it as an opportunity to be a leader and to work in a positive manner with all year groups in their House.

Academic tuition during Prep time, from Monday to Thursday each week, is now available in the Boarding Houses. Tutors can cover most subject areas. There is an online booking system the boys can use, and we encourage them to book a time. It would also be useful if parents could discuss with their sons the value to be had in taking advantage of such tuition opportunities.

This term will be busy for our boarders, not only in the classroom, but also in terms of activities taking place around College. Some dates to note – and Housemasters will send more information in due course – are:

- Friday 8–Sunday 10 September – House Dinners and House Shoots will take place over this weekend, as well as House 7s on Saturday 9 September.
- Tuesday 19 September, 6pm, House Plays – All three boarding Houses will perform their plays on this evening, and we will be having a combined social function prior to House Plays in the Chapman Room, from 5pm, for all boarding parents

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

## Boarding Programme

The first weekend saw the boys head to the Super Rugby semi-final between the Crusaders and the Chiefs. I think the majority were pleased with the final result! And on Sunday they were off karting at Action Karts. The workshop was also open for boys to continue to work on class or personal projects. This term sees another full programme of activities.

**CLICK HERE TO VIEW THE BOARDING PROGRAMME FOR TERM 3**



## Events at College

**Click here to book**

### Thought Leader Michael Kimmel – Why gender equality is good for everyone – men included!

Wednesday 9 August, 7.30pm, OBT



Sociologist Michael Kimmel is one of the world's leading researchers and writers on men and masculinity. He is the executive director of the Center for the Study of Men and Masculinities at Stony Brook University, where he is also Distinguished University Professor of Sociology and Gender Studies.

He is the author of many books, including *Manhood in America*, *Angry White Men*, and the best seller *Guyland: The Perilous World*

*Where Boys Become Men*. An activist for gender equality for more than 30 years, he was recently called "the world's preeminent male feminist" by *The Guardian*.

Check out his TED talk [here](#)

# From the Archives: The Assembly Hall

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**“The Assembly Hall has come to stay. Already, its rectangular squatness has become a familiar sight to those whose dubious privilege it is to travel via Rolleston Avenue to or from work.” So began the editorial in the December 1967 issue of Christ’s College Register.**

heavyweight. A combined St Margaret’s College–Christ’s College Choral Concert had mixed reviews, unlike the much appreciated performance of Beethoven’s “Missa Solemnis in D Major (Opus 123)” by the Civic Orchestra and Royal Musical Society Choir.

Reading between the lines, it was the drama that stole the show. The farce *All for Mary*, produced by Don Hamilton and John Boardman, provided a suitable “hall-warming” and the audience responded with “sounds of laughter and signs of obvious enjoyment”.



*The set of All for Mary*

In order to build the Assembly Hall, the 1877 Chaplain’s House had to be demolished. It had been moved into position from the Rolleston Avenue frontage in late 1922 to facilitate the building of the Dining Hall.

Fifty years on, the Assembly Hall is little modified on the outside, apart from an attachment to the Old Boys’ Theatre. Inside, the deceptive steps that in 1967 had accounted for at least nine crash landings are still there, the language laboratories and music practice rooms have gone, and English is no longer taught downstairs. Honours Boards have been added to the foyer, the carpet has been updated, and icecreams are now sold in the intervals of drama productions. Hundreds, if not thousands, of boys have sat examinations there.

The opening of the Assembly Hall was a grand event. It was at Sports Weekend in October 1967 and there were 1,800 people present, including friends, boys, staff and benefactors. The plaque was unveiled, speeches followed and thanks were given. Then it was time to see just what a variety of uses the Assembly Hall could offer.

The gym display, with long and broad horses, parallel and horizontal bars, mats and human pyramids “left the less agile members of the audience green with envy”. Boxing bouts ranged from flyweight to



*The Caucasian Chalk Circle used the full apron stage for the first time.*

Three days later, husband and wife team Nigel and Val Creese brought Bertolt Brecht’s *The Caucasian Chalk Circle* to the stage, which was a joint production with St Margaret’s College. The reviewer in the Christ’s College Register was impressed with the performers, costume, makeup, set and scene changes, and lighting. Indeed, it all added up to “a most successful and delightful production and excellent entertainment”.

**Jane Teal, Archivist**

# INTERNATIONAL WEEK

**7-11 AUGUST, 2017**

International Week is a week of competition and communism, fat body suits and food.

Get involved – and experience one of the most diverse weeks of the school year.

View the event schedule [here](#)



**POLO USA TOUR FUNDRAISER**  
**THURSDAY 3 AUGUST, 6-8PM**  
**THE CHAPMAN ROOM**

Enjoy a cooking experience with Chef Richard Hingston as he shares with you his culinary expertise. Food tastings of venison, salmon, lamb and more!

*Richard was the winner of a silver and bronze award at the Culinary Olympics in Germany.*

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