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CHRIST'S COLLEGE
CANTERBURY

Each boy at his best.



From the Executive Principal

Over the past three weeks I have been hosting breakfasts for parents of Year 13 students. These have been well attended and have allowed me to express my sincere thanks for their support over the course of their son's College journey.

For some, the occasion marked the end of an era, with their youngest boy finishing in 2017. The parent commitment to College is significant in so many ways and is reflected in the many levels of engagement that parents enjoy over the years. Reflecting College's understanding of this support, we are hoping to keep past parents involved by re-creating the Friends of College. The Friends will be a simple way for past parents to remain engaged with College activity through receiving their own copy of *College* magazine and special invites to significant College events. Former parents can often fall out of the loop of such contact, as the Old Boy becomes the focus of communication from the school. We hope the Friends of College becomes an avenue where friendships and engagement with College can be maintained. If you are a former parent who would like to join the Friends, please register [here](#).

The Christ's College Parents' Association has again had a busy year and I take this opportunity to encourage current and prospective parents to be involved in 2018. I would like to thank the committee and, in particular, CCPA President Mrs Sue Wilson-Adam. An active and visible parents' association strengthens the bonds between home and school, and we truly appreciate their input and support.

The MANifesto Programme

In an exciting development, next year College will introduce a new programme aimed at Year 12 and 13 students and focused on matters of masculinity in the modern world. This is a flow-on from our new health and wellbeing initiatives, and the programme will be delivered by the Director of The Centre for Character & Leadership Mr Darrell Thatcher and School Counsellor and Director of Wellbeing & Positive Education Mr John

Interactive Newsletter

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

Brian Le Vaillant, aka BDL, closes innings on teaching

After a 44-year career at Christ's College, one of the school's best known figures received a rousing and memorable ...



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Quinn. Content for the programme will come from our understanding of the challenges young men face, especially as they transition through adolescence to adulthood, and will reflect contemporary themes and experiences.

Be a listening ear or source of advice

In an initiative devised by our Old Boys' Association in conjunction with Careers Advisor Mr Chris Sellars, we have invited our Old Boys to volunteer to share their experience and expertise with our students. We are currently building a list of people who want to take part, either by speaking

to a small group of boys or supporting on a one-to-one basis. The more opportunities the boys have to talk to people with "real world" experience, the more it will help them make informed decisions about their study or career prospects. We welcome anyone from our College community to participate. If you would like to be part of this project, please register your interest [here](#).

We appreciate your time is precious and will make every effort to ensure these interactions are meaningful.

Garth Wynne, Executive Principal

From the Chaplain



Chapel opening remembered

The Chapel was the second building of the school opened on our current site. We remembered its 150th anniversary at Congregational Practice recently, in the presence of Old Boys attending their 65 and 75 (and other) Years On reunions.

Reformation 500th anniversary

For the last two terms we have been reflecting on history from the time of Jesus up to the Reformation. We have applied the lessons learned to our own lives, keeping in mind the aphorism that those who do not learn from history are doomed to repeat it. This has been our preparation for the 500th anniversary of the start of the Reformation.

To celebrate the actual anniversary of Martin Luther's publication of the 95 Theses, we learned and have enjoyed singing one of Luther's best known hymns: "A Mighty

Fortress Is Our God" (German: "Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott"). Martin Luther was a prolific hymnodist, and this hymn has achieved enduring popularity across all denominations.

As is our tradition, at the end of the Chapel service, the students farewelled Mr Brian Le Vaillant after 44 years of amazing service to Christ's College. This was also the final service for Seniors before going on leave to prepare for external examinations. We wish Mr and Mrs Le Vaillant a wonderful, well-deserved retirement, and the Seniors all the best in their examinations.

There have been several final events for the year for Seniors in Chapel – and, for some, their final times to do this at College. The last Congregational Practice and final Sunday evening service included some of the boys' favourite hymns.

At this point, I want to make special mention of Year 13 students Kevin Guttmann and Jeremy Lidstone, who, as our Chapel Prefects, have done remarkable work this year. Thank you for your fine contribution to the life of the school.

Chapel Services

Advent Carol Service
Sunday 26 November, 7pm.

Carols on the Quad
Thursday 30 November, 6pm.

All welcome. I look forward to seeing you there.

Yours in Christ
Bosco Peters, Chaplain

Latest News & Events



A perfect win

All is not as it seems at Madam Murphy's orphanage, perfection comes at a cost, and the chilling secret behind the forbidding facade is slowly revealed...



Musicians tune in to Sedley Wells Music Competition

Technical proficiency is one thing, but the judge of the Sedley Wells' Music Competition was looking for "the goose bump effect"...



Shooting for the top

He is arguably one of the most talented young basketball players in the country and now, to end an excellent season, Year 13 student...



College shines at Zonta Sports Awards

College has taken top honours in two of the six categories of the prestigious and fiercely contested 27th annual Zonta Sports Awards...



Principles, ethics and being drug free in sport

"If someone says 'take this pill, it will make you faster and stronger' – what will you do?"...



Ain't no music like it

The rhythm and richness, spontaneity and sass of jazz brought the central city to life at the annual Big Band Festival, which took place over Labour Weekend...

Careers

UC – two conjoint degrees in 2018

The University of Canterbury is offering, subject to approval, two new conjoint degrees in 2018:

- Conjoint Bachelor of Product Design and Commerce (4 years)
- Conjoint Bachelor of Product Design and Science (4 years)

For more information and to enrol for a conjoint degree go to www.canterbury.ac.nz/future-students/apply-and-enrol/what-is-myuc

UC – new Data Science major

The new Data Science major in the Bachelor of Science is a good option if students want to combine mathematics with technology innovation to enhance employability. Data scientist is one of the newest professions to emerge out of the increasing demand to make practical use of “big data”. Required subjects include mathematics (calculus), mathematics (statistics) and computer programming.

Ara Student Exhibitions

Ara has a number of end-of-year exhibitions coming up and these provide a great opportunity to see some of the work produced by Ara students. For more information, contact liaison@ara.ac.nz

Exit – Bachelor of Architectural Studies

The final exhibition of projects by the graduating class of Bachelor of Architectural Studies students, featuring the very best drawing and models, and demonstrating the technical and design capabilities of these students.

Friday 3–Monday 13 November

Ripe – Bachelor of Design

Where art and design students – including visual communication, photography, applied visual art and motion design – present their work, ranging from drawing, prints and sculptures, through posters, publications, films and animations.

Tuesday 21 November–Friday 1 December, Rakaia Centre Atrium.

Pitch Fashion Show

Pitch presents work by all students in Ara fashion programmes, professionally staged and with all the glamour of the runway.

Saturday 25 November, 8.30–10.30pm, Whareora, Ara City Campus.

This is a ticketed event and tickets sell fast. Get yours [here!](#)

Visualise – Diploma in Interior Design

Celebrates the talent and dedication of interior design students.

Wednesday 22 –Tuesday 28 November, Kahukura, Ara City Campus.

iDraught

An exhibition of work by Diploma of Architectural Studies students, showcasing conceptual drawings, technical diagrams and architectural models.

Friday 24 November–Thursday 7 December, Kahukura, Ara City Campus.

Student loans and allowances – StudyLink

Studylink is a service of 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. Find out more online at www.studylink.govt.nz.

Upcoming careers dates

4 Dec – University of Otago, course planning

10 Dec – University of Canterbury, applications to enrol due

10 Dec – University of Otago, applications for first semester start for new students due

Student Job Search

Student Job Search (SJS) is an online service that helps students gain work experience and extra money while studying at tertiary level. This service is free to students who are enrolled in tertiary study for 2018, or who have a letter of confirmation from any NZ tertiary education provider. Students can register and start applying for jobs by going to www.sjs.co.nz.

University of Otago course planning

OU liaison officer Prajesh Chhanabhai will be in Christchurch for one-on-one course planning, from Monday 4–Friday 9 December, 9am–4pm, at the Chairman's Suite, Addington Events Centre.

This is an ideal opportunity for anyone who missed out when Prajesh visited College recently, or for those who need further clarification about their course choices, or those who just want to have a chat about next year. Parents are also welcome to make an appointment.

Book by phone 04 460 9805, or email margaret.tobin@otago.ac.nz

Colab – AUT (Auckland University of Technology)

Colab is the “collaboratory” of design and creative technologies at AUT. The links below will give you an idea about how Colab works.

Colab – Associate Professor Charles Walker

Colab is a catalyst for innovation and entrepreneurship – working with architects, designers, engineers, computer scientists, business people and entrepreneurs – looking for ways to help New Zealanders work in the new global digital economy.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dzc4vb4ettw>

Colab – Stefan Marks

Teaches programming, physical computing and virtual environments.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bXjq9BVK4n8>

AUT Motion Capture Lab – Javier Estevez

New facility for research, development and teaching using the latest technologies in motion capture.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yXpgYxAkLA0>

Colab AUT

Information about careers in creative technologies.

http://www.aut.ac.nz/_data/assets/pdf_file/0003/596181/Creative-Technologies-A4-21-10-15.pdf

Chris Sellars, Careers Advisor

Boarding Matters

In the previous issue I discussed the Boarding Awards Dinner, held on Thursday 19 October. I have reproduced here part of the speech I made that evening about how boarding at College continues to evolve:

It has been a busy year but, on reflection, I believe a rewarding year – and I want to say thank you to the boarding staff and boys for their support.

Change is never easy as it can put people out of their comfort zone. It can also seem like it is creating more work and upsetting what was the previous routine. In 400BC Greek philosopher Socrates said: “The secret of change is to focus all of your energy, not on fighting the old, but on building on the new”.

Nearly 2500 years later, as Christ’s College places an emphasis on positive education, this could be translated as: “Those with fixed mindsets will struggle with change, while those with growth mindsets will flourish under change”.

I believe the boarding staff this year have displayed a growth mindset in the way they have approached and supported the initiatives that have been brought in.

A goal in boarding at Christ’s College is to have all boys happy and adhering to House routines, as well as fulfilling their potential by making the most of the opportunities that are on offer. This then sees the boys developing into good young men who are making responsible choices. That is our challenge, that is our goal, and that is why change is taking place.

To those boys leaving I hope you are able to come back to College in the future and see boarding thriving, not just in terms of numbers, but also in terms of the opportunities the boarders are being provided with to help them, in their turn, develop into good young men ... And, who knows, maybe one or two of you will come back to a function like this and be able to pass on your own words of wisdom.

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

Boarding Programme

The Boarding Programme continued to keep the boys busy in the first three weeks of Term 4. Activities included watching the Canterbury rugby team beat Tasman in the Mitre 10 Cup Final, testing their skills riding Segways and, taking advantage of the recent mild weather, having fun surfing at Sumner.

Year 11 boarders enjoyed an action-packed Team Challenge Day at The Groyne on Sunday 29 October. The day consisted of teams from each House completing five challenges that combined both mental and physical skills. Richards House were declared winners and received the Scott MacDonald Trophy, which is awarded in memory of Scott who was a House tutor at College from 2002–2010 and was always a keen supporter of Team Challenge Day. School House came second and Flower’s House third. The day provided valuable lessons for the boys about success through teamwork and coping under pressure.



Head of Boarding report

The Year 13 boarders' time at College is quickly coming to an end – we have reached the final weeks of being a boarder and are getting ready to leave our College home. It is an eventful time of year in terms of functions to celebrate the boarding community as a whole, as well as within each House. We have had our annual Boarding Awards Dinner to acknowledge those who have stood out as positive contributing House members. At this event, guest speaker Angus Jenkins talked about the life lessons he learned during his time as a boarder and how we, as men, need to keep building on our support of one another, especially in the case of our tight boarding community. I am also looking forward to the upcoming House prize-givings and suppers, as it will be a chance to reflect on the successes of another year in boarding.

Boarders have been leading the way in recent interhouse competitions, with School House winning the clay bird shoot, Flower's House winning the Year 11 tug of war, and Richards House winning the Senior tug of war.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as Head of Boarding, having the opportunity to take on a leadership role and helping contribute to the growth of boarding at Christ's College. I wish Kurtis Weeks well as he takes over as Head of Boarding, and want to congratulate him and the other six boarders who have been named as School Prefects for 2018.

Ben Murray
Head of Boarding

MEET OUR TEAM

A global perspective

She signed on because it looked like an interesting option, but her year as an international student in Japan proved to be a game changer for Deanne Gath. "Japan intrigued and fascinated me. I had a very positive experience, it really opened up my world, sending me on a whole different trajectory in terms of what I wanted to do with my life."

Out was training to become an accountant, in was a Japanese language degree, then the opportunity to live and work in Japan under the auspices of the JET (Japan Exchange and Teaching) Programme. "We [Deanne and her husband Amon] lived in Tottori prefecture in the west, about three hours out of Osaka, 10 minutes from the sea and 30 minutes to ski fields. It was fantastic. I was in my early 20s when we moved to Japan and we stayed for seven years. My first two children were born there. Japan became part of who I am and I still think of it as home."

Deanne taught while in Japan, first in high school and then at tertiary level. "I found I enjoyed being around young people and learned it was what I loved and wanted to do."

The needs of their growing family eventually brought them home, but Deanne's passion for education never waned and now, as International Student Manager at College, she has found her ideal career niche. "Schools and education are really important to me – especially the interface between education and business. I want to make a difference, have an impact on young people, particularly international students. I can really relate to what they're going through, having been one myself."

Deanne's primary responsibility is to look after College's international students. She liaises with education agents, the boys' local guardians and their families, helping them through the enrolment process, and working with Housemasters and other staff to monitor their wellbeing and progress at school. At the same time, she also focuses



on developing and maintaining key markets in Asia and Europe, and is always on the lookout for ways to promote partnerships and opportunities that have potential to be of benefit for all College students.

"I admire our international students. It takes courage to leave home and establish a life elsewhere. It's a big wide world and connecting with people from different cultures is good for everyone," Deanne says. "We have a responsibility to prepare all our students for real life, help them develop cultural awareness and global competency, teach them to reach out, be curious, value, learn from and form friendships with all sorts of people. They will then have the capacity to live, study, work and play alongside anyone anywhere – and that's amazing."

Catherine Hurley, College writer

From the Archives: 1st XI 1878

Cricket had been Christ's College's official summer sport since 1859. It was not until 1878, however, that College made their first tour to Timaru, Oamaru, Palmerston and Dunedin.

Preparation for the tour can be traced through the cricket score books housed in the College Archives. Various combinations of internal teams can be seen: Houses vs Houses, forms vs forms, letters of the alphabet teams, boys whose homes were in Selwyn County vs the rest, named captains vs other named captains, Canterbury vs the world, odd vs even, College vs nondescripts and those who came before 1876 vs the rest.

Throughout the year a group of about twenty boys gradually begin to evolve into a team variously called "School", or "Twelve", or "Eleven", or "Boys". Immediately prior to going on tour, a College XI played the 2nd XI of the Midland Canterbury Cricket Club (MCCC) and an XI of the United Canterbury Cricket Club (UCCC).

By using a combination of Richard Malone Hamilton's retrospective account of the tour and newspaper reports, it is clear it was the tour the boys enjoyed – and this first tour paved the way for all College sport trips to come.

After leaving by the early train on 13 December, the team played their first game in Timaru that afternoon. Hamilton described the Timaru Cricket Club's ground as poor and bumpy. Hamilton and Hewlings were the only bowlers and between them they disposed of the Timaru team for a total of 73 runs in two innings. Christ's College only required one innings to accumulate the 91 required, with Cotterill (20) Harman (12) and Hewlings(15) making the greatest number of runs.

The ground at Oamaru, the next stop on the tour, was not very good either and the *North Otago Times* reported that, despite its newness, there was "a certain deadness about it". Once again, Hamilton and Hewlings were the stand out players against the Oamaru Cricket Club, with both bat and ball and "the alacrity and judgement displayed by both of these young players could not be exceeded, and had the same dashing tactics been displayed earlier in the game we think that victory would have crowned their efforts".

In the match against Palmerston, College was beaten in the first innings by five runs. Then it was on to Dunedin. The first game against Otago University resulted in a draw. Hamilton considered this the game of the tour. When College went in to bowl in their second innings the university team was so sure of their win that they began to dress and go away, leaving the first batsmen to find the 18 runs needed. Hamilton and Beswick were the best of the bowlers, while

Barton was the highest scoring batsman in both innings.

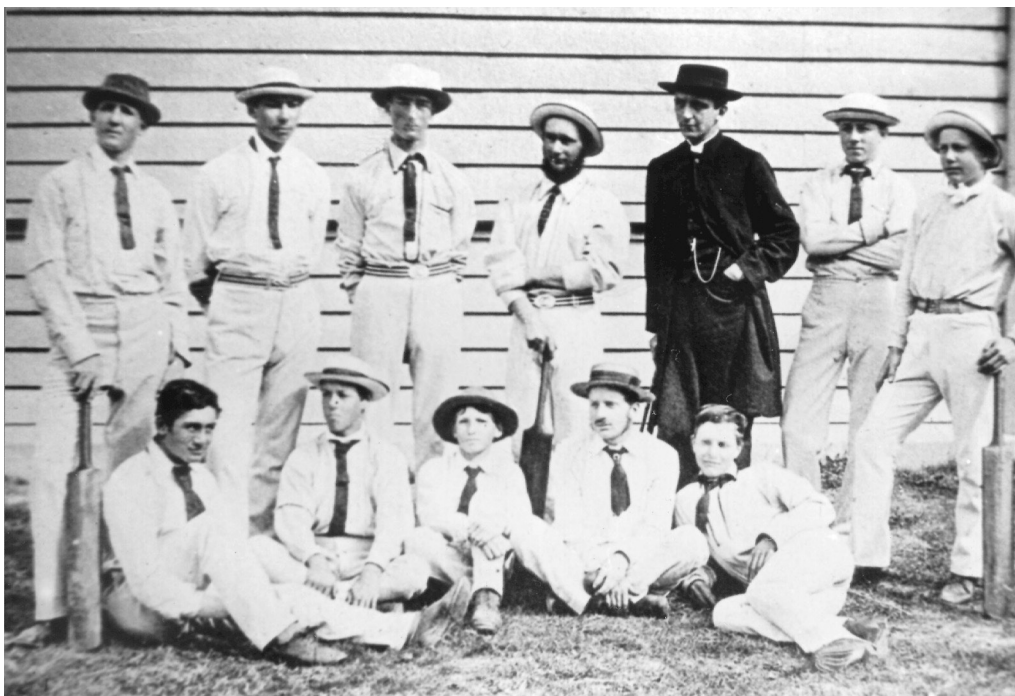
The next day proved to be just as exciting against the Carisbrook Club. There was one run in it, and that one run meant victory for Christ's College. This time it was the combination of Hamilton and Barton who brought the game to a close. After bowling a maiden from the north end, College's captain Beswick sent Hamilton to the south end and was successful in getting the Carisbrook player to hit one to the slips, where it fell into the hands of Barton.

Hamilton concludes his account with the following: "Thus ended a memorable match, and an ever memorable trip that is talked about to this day down in Dunedin, and which added considerably to the College reputation".

Jane Teal, Archivist

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1st XI Cricket Team 1878

Back row L–R

Richard Dacre Harman, Harry Joseph Beswick (captain), Robert Luke Higgins, Godfrey Charles Barton, Rev. Francis Augustus Hare (coach), John Charles Nattle Grigg, Charles Aylmer Rattray

Front Row L–R

Hugh Frederick Hewlings, William John Cotterill, Thomas De Renzy Harman, Richard Malone Hamilton, Reginald Chetham Strode

Note: TD Harman who appears in this photograph was in the 1st XI, however he did not go on tour. George Arthur Smith toured.



Carols on the Quad

Thursday 30 November
6.00pm at Christ's College

We will be collecting for
the Christian World Service
Christmas Appeal.



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Parent Education Evening

Thursday 23 November, 7.30pm, OBT

Internationally renowned speaker, Dr Nicholas Kardaras is coming to New Zealand to speak exclusively to parents about his latest book "Glow Kids: How Screen Addiction is Hijacking Our Kids - And How to Break the Trance".

Dr Kardaras is a licensed psychotherapist, author, consultant and lecturer in philosophy, mental health and all forms of addiction - substance, behavioural and digital.

As author of Glow Kids, Dr Kardaras will present how technology - more specifically, age-inappropriate screen technology, has profoundly affected the brains of an entire generation. Brain imaging research is showing that stimulating glowing screens are as dopaminergic (dopamine activating) to the brain's pleasure centre as sex. And a growing mountain of clinical research correlates screen tech with disorders like ADHD, addiction, anxiety, depression, increased aggression, and even psychosis.

We are fortunate to have secured Dr Nicholas Kardaras to speak at a one-off presentation where he will dive into the sociological, psychological, cultural, and economic factors involved in the global tech epidemic and explore the effect technology is having on our kids.

BOOK NOW!



YOBs Young Old Boys

Christ's College Old Boys' Association is holding its inaugural Young Old Boys' event. This includes all year groups who were at College in 2007. Please join us in The Miles Warren Building for drinks and nibbles to kick off Show Weekend.

Tickets are \$30

Pass the invitation on to others in your year group and encourage them to attend.

[PURCHASE YOUR TICKET HERE](#)