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CHRIST'S COLLEGE
CANTERBURY

Each boy at his best.



From the Executive Principal

The last ten days have certainly been active in and around College. This is largely as a result of many of our boys participating in the various events held during Arts Week and others away competing in their chosen sport at Winter Tournament Week.

These events highlight the wide diversity of talent and interests among College boys. I had the good fortune to be able to witness cooking contests with artistic flair, as well as national school sports finals that highlighted the most exquisite skills, teamwork and sportsmanship. It really has been a period of great celebration of College life.

In the week before Arts Week and Winter Tournament, senior examination week focused on different, more academic outcomes. But, in many ways, these activities all influence and feed each other – such is the way of growing young men. The dispositions learned inside the classroom in preparation for examinations – such as confidence, perseverance and hard work – can equally be applied outside the classroom in co-curricular activities, and the opposite also applies. We can also see in the balance of these activities, our aspiration for a breadth of opportunity in the College experience.

I recently had the pleasure of co-hosting a short conference for Deputy and Assistant Principals of boys' schools in New Zealand. We were privileged to have a number of speakers attend, including All Blacks Manager Darren Shand. As the conference focused on creating cultures for excellence, Darren's insights were apposite for us here at College. Darren talked about developing the self within the team context as a process of being aware of areas to strengthen that then become strengths, and areas of strength that then become expertise. I believe the school's general conversation regarding a strengths-focused approach is well supported by Darren's observations and reflected in the performance of our boys in recent times.

Another speaker was Alex Chiet, Talent Development Manager for Sport New Zealand. Alex's message highlighted

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All on at tournament

Held in the first week of September, Winter Tournament Week saw over 100 College students compete in a...



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the importance of parents and schools avoiding specialisation in sport for as long as possible. Statistics overwhelmingly show that in the vast majority of cases early specialisation does not lead to later representation and elite performance and, indeed, impacts drop-out rates of talented young people from engaging in sport.

My take on this for College is that our eclectic programme that encourages boys to explore and develop aspects of their emerging character through participation in a wide variety of activities is the right way to go. Each boy at his best is a boy who is engaged, curious and explores by doing.

Garth Wynne, Executive Principal

From the Chaplain

New Bishop – new Warden

It is wonderful that the new Anglican Bishop, and hence Warden of Christ's College, will be The Ven. Dr Peter Carrell. Peter is an Old Boy, the father of an Old Boy, and a current and very active member of our Board. Peter is a friend of mine. I have long been enthusiastic about his great online presence – an essential part of 21st century ministry. Our congratulations to Peter, and our prayers for him, his wife Teresa, and the communities he will oversee – the diocese, including our school.

Year 11 student Ederick He and I were privileged to be part of the Electoral College that nominated Peter to the General Synod Te Hīnota Whānui (the governing body of the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia). That is the process in our Church. In the time between the meeting of the Electoral College and the announcement by the Archbishop, the information is confidential. I thank our community for respecting my holding that information until the announcement was made.

Archivist Jane Teal reminds us Peter will be the sixth Bishop (five Anglican and one Roman Catholic) College has produced.

Synod

Last weekend, Ederick and I were at our diocesan synod. This is the governance of our Church in Canterbury and the West Coast. You will have seen in the news that about a tenth of our diocese is disaffiliating. A lot of the meeting focused on how we can allow this to progress in the most compassionate and understanding way possible.

To keep the issue simple, while our Church has retained the understanding of marriage unchanged, priests may now bless a committed same-sex couple if the particular priest's conscience allows. The approach has many similarities to the Anglican approach to divorce and remarriage. The doctrine of the Church continues to hold that marriage is for life whilst allowing individual priests, if the particular priest's conscience allows, to marry a divorcee without disciplinary consequences.

The majority (whatever their personal position) see allowing the possibility of blessing as providing for different perspectives (as is the case with so many differences within Anglicanism) to live together within the same Church. Some have decided in conscience that they cannot remain in a Church that allows this.

Chapel

Next time you are at Chapel, do look at the windows on the outside. From the money raised last year by the Annual Appeal, the windows are now all covered by new proper protective glass.

Yours in Christ

Bosco Peters, Chaplain



Why our teachers sweat the small stuff

We are often told not to “sweat the small stuff”. In the classroom, however, we know attention to detail can often be critical to success, particularly in high performing environments such as assessments.

Without question, big picture thinking and a strategic focus is important when developing purpose, direction and values. But, this needs to be followed up with a relentless drive to ensure strategy is followed by action.

If you were to look at some of the most successful organisations in the world, you would find much of their success can be attributed to a focus on doing the simple stuff well. I recently had the opportunity to listen to All Blacks Manager Darren Shand talk about what made the All Blacks one of the most successful sports teams in the world. He pointed out that the key to their success was doing the ordinary things extraordinarily well.

He spoke of a determination to investigate every opportunity to continually improve, an obsession for continuous improvement. This obsession led to scrum coach Mike Cron visiting a ballet school to learn new techniques in lineout lifting, Sam Whitlock studying the body language of South African lineout ace Victor Matfield, and some of the forwards learning Afrikaans in order to decipher opposition moves. Sir Alex Ferguson, former coach of Manchester United, was also a stickler for detail. He would demand the grass at Old Trafford be cut to a particular height to ensure his players could make the most of their speed. Bill Gates, founder of Microsoft, was notorious for his outbursts at anyone who overlooked details, as he understood that if Microsoft were to be world leaders in innovation and creativity, they had to be obsessive about detail. Organisations such as the Marine Corps or the SAS realise sweating the small stuff literally saves lives and, as a result, you will find a fanatical insistence on details to be part of their culture. During the 1980s, New York's crime statistics plummeted with the introduction of the “broken windows policy”. This was the police policy of targeting small crime, such as broken windows, to prevent the high end crimes.

When our students enter the classroom we expect that there is attention to detail – arriving on time, with the correct uniform, holding doors open for others and greeting the teacher. These expectations set the tone for the class and help enhance the learning environment for all students. When teachers provide feedback on work, students not only need to focus on what they did well, but they also need to take the time to seek out every opportunity to improve their work and look for the opportunities for incremental improvement. It is often the small detail that can be the difference between Merit and Excellence.

By paying attention to the small things we are able to continually look for areas of personal and collective improvement. If we sweat the small stuff, we will be further along in our aim to achieve our mission of *Each boy at his best*.

Joe Eccleton, Assistant Principal – Curriculum



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Latest News & Events



Arts Week 2018

With live acts welcoming staff and students to school each morning, early in the week it was, literally, singin' in the rain – but an enjoyable way to start the day.



Sharing secrets of success

Back for his Forty Years On reunion, Old Boy James Kerr also made time to share some of the insights he has learned while working with some of the world's...



Feel the music

For Year 12 student Max Toth the appeal of learning to play the organ is in the richness of its sound and its complexity.



In perfect harmony

After winning a special award for an outstanding performance by a first time Big Sing Choir at the Canterbury regional competition in June, "Amanda" the St Margaret's College–Christ's College senior...



Cardrona here we come

College goes into the South Island Ski Championships in a strong position after impressive results in the Canterbury championships.



Ko te Kura Karaiti, E ara! E ara!

Strong and confident, voices and actions reverberating around Williams Court, all boys in each House stepped forward to express their pride, strength and unity, and lay down their challenge to...

Careers

Trades and apprenticeships

School leavers who engage in apprenticeships and trades training are making good choices that will set them up for a lucrative and rewarding future. The robots are coming, but skilled trades and human services roles are likely to be secure, as these are hardest to automate. There are already 145,000 New Zealanders in formal on-the-job training, but only 4% of school leavers begin on-the-job tertiary education straight out of school. University educated New Zealanders are coming to understand the value of trades training. Last year, 55% of new industry trainees and apprentices already had a tertiary qualification, and 24% had degrees.

What can you do with your Arts Degree from UC?

At UC Arts careers evenings, you will find out why so many employers value Arts graduates and how studying Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences is a good career move. They explore different themes on different evenings, but at the same time and in the same venue.

Thursday 13 September – Visual Arts and Galleries

Tuesday 18 September – Entrepreneurship

Monday 24 September – Government, Police and NGOs

Undercroft 101, University of Canterbury, 6–7.30pm

Pacific International Hotel Management School

For students interested in a career in hospitality, tourism or hotel management, the Pacific International Hotel Management School (PIHMS), New Plymouth, has opened up 20 extra places for its upcoming career week, from Tuesday 9–Friday 12 October. Career week provides students with the opportunity to experience PIHMS, its culture, lifestyle, education and training. For more information, go to <http://www.pihms.ac.nz/career-week.html>

Automotive industry

For students looking for a career in the automotive industry, Auto Super Shoppes have 87 premium workshops, from Whangarei to Invercargill, that offer places to apprentice technicians who have graduated from its 12-week training academy in Albany, Auckland. For more information, go to <https://www.autosupershoppes.co.nz/academy/>

Ara – STEM Study Support

At Ara's STEM Study Support sessions students get free expert mentoring to help them with mathematics and physics, as well as opportunities to use CAD, electro-technology, laser cutting devices and other tools for projects that show how mathematics and physics apply to real-world situations. All sessions are held at Ara, from 4–6pm.

Thursday 13 September – Programming success, using arduinos

Thursday 20 September – Cutting design of mechanisms, laser cutting

Thursday 27 September – Making sense of the world, environmental monitoring

For more information and to register, go to <http://www.ara.ac.nz/explore-ara/experience-ara/2018-offerings/stem-study-support-sessions>

MAINZ open night – Wednesday 19 September

See MAINZ at work, with students recording a live band and music production demonstrations. This is an opportunity for teachers, students and their families to find out about Audio Engineering, Live Sound and DJ programmes available at MAINZ in 2019. MAINZ, Wednesday 19 September, 191 High Street (next to C1 cafe), 7–9pm.

Upcoming careers dates

11 Sep – Ara, Social Work information evening, Madras Street, 4–6pm

11 Sep – Ara, Woolston Campus, Trades pathways, 6–7.30pm

12 Sep – Universities of Auckland, Canterbury and Otago course planning, 2.30pm

14 Sep – UC Science Summer Camp applications close

15 Sep – University of Otago, closing date for applications for Bachelors of Dental Technology and Oral Health Technology

18 Sep – University of Otago course planning, 1.05pm

19 Sep – MAINZ open night, 7–9pm

20 Sep – Defence Forces information evening, 6–7pm

30 Sep – Otago Residential College applications due

31 Sep – Ara, closing date for Bachelor of Social Work

1 Oct – ICHM, Adelaide, career week

3 Oct – Ara, Bachelor of Nursing closing date

9–12 Oct – Pacific International Hotel Management School, New Plymouth, career week

12 Oct – ICHM, closing date for NZ Scholarship 2019

30 Oct – Ara, NZ Certificate in Animal Management and NZ Certificate in Animal Technology closing date

10 Dec – University of Otago first year applications closing date

Study@Vic

The Victoria University Open Day and, for me, the careers advisors' information session was an ideal way to find out about the wide range of subjects and courses available at Victoria. Among them:

Bachelor of Engineering, with Honours – BE(Hons) – in Electronic & Computer Systems Engineering (ECEN), Software Engineering (SWEN), and Cyber Security Engineering (CYBR), which is one of the fastest growing areas in IT.

Renewable Energy

Bachelor of Science (BSc), major in Environmental Studies – for students interested in contributing to policy and decision making, and working with social, environmental and economic factors to make renewable energy recommendations.

BE(Hons) ECEN – for students passionate about designing and building the next generation of renewable energy solutions.

Popular Music Studies

Bachelor of Arts (BA), minor in Popular Music Studies – an interdisciplinary minor taught by the New Zealand School of Music and the School of English, Film, Theatre, and Media Studies.

Data Science

A new major in BSc, BA and Bachelor of Commerce (BCom) degree programmes. There is high demand for people who can manage and find hidden insights within data, and such information is crucial to the smooth operation of businesses, government departments and institutions. Data Science combines statistics, computing and mathematics.

Actuarial Science

Victoria is the only New Zealand university to offer Actuarial Science as a major. It is a discipline that applies mathematical and statistical methods to assess risk in insurance, finance and other industries and professions. Actuaries are professionals in this field, qualified through intense education and experience.

For more information, go to <https://www.victoria.ac.nz/study>

The transition to tertiary study

There are various online resources available to support students transitioning to tertiary education. Things to consider include ...

- deciding what you want to do – www.careers.govt.nz
- learning about the cost of study and finding out about the assistance available – www.studylink.govt.nz
- checking if you can go fees-free – www.feesfree.govt.nz
- signing up for a RealMe verified identity – www.realme.govt.nz

The RealMe homepage features a video explaining the two different RealMe options to prove your identity.

Blackbullion* financial education

Blackbullion* offers digital financial education designed to help students make better financial decisions now and for the future. Have a look at its Money-Ready for Uni pages for advice on how to prepare for the financial reality of university life. For more information, go to <https://www.blackbullion.com/get-ready-for-uni/>

The future of work

In coming months, I will look at ideas about the future of work – based on the vision of futurist Thomas Frey, among others – and some of the jobs young people today might be doing tomorrow, including ...

Productivity Officer

Driving efficiencies will be vital at individual, departmental and organisational levels. Productivity officers will be important in companies of all sizes, working with data and offering recommendations on how to improve productivity.

Excess Capacity Broker

In a push for productivity, organisations may want to monetise idle assets, such as renting out space or machinery, says author and futurist Julie Austin. An excess capacity broker might analyse an organisation and identify assets that could be used, then find organisations willing to pay to use them.

Drone Manager and Drone Dispatcher

Over the next 10–20 years, drones will lose their novelty and become ubiquitous. Experts will need to set and enforce standards for acquiring and maintaining fleets of drones. Drones are already used to take photos and videos, but they will also be used in law enforcement, defence, urban design and planning, city security monitoring, and agricultural monitoring.

Chris Sellars, Careers Advisor

MEET OUR TEAM

Learning Counts

Numeracy – the ability to understand and apply mathematics in a wide range of contexts – is, along with literacy, an essential skill that goes beyond the classroom and touches every aspect of life.

It is vital, but many struggle with numeracy – which is why College appointed numeracy support teacher Shelly Jackson earlier this year.

Shelly has joined the team in the Learning Centre, running individual and small group sessions with a dual focus on improving number sense and general numeracy, as well as targeted support of curriculum mathematics.

“Some students come with known learning needs, others come after talking to their mathematics teacher, Housemaster or parents. Some have gaps in foundation level mathematical knowledge and understandings,

while others need support with specific aspects of the curriculum or particular assessments.”

The Learning Centre provides a supportive learning environment away from busy classrooms, and the opportunity for an individually responsive and highly differentiated learning programme. Each student's strengths and needs are identified and used to plan for learning. “A key aim is always to build student self-esteem and self-efficacy as mathematics learners. The boys' confidence in their own ability is critical to their engagement and success.”

Shelly could be a poster girl for the value of lifelong learning. She started her professional life as a graphic designer running her own business, before heading overseas and working for many years in London financial institutions. There she gained expertise in information and instructional design. On her return to New Zealand she continued to specialise in designing adult e-learning programmes.

Taking time out to raise her family gave Shelly the opportunity to reassess, she went on to complete a Graduate Diploma of Teaching and Learning at the University of Canterbury.



Teaching most recently at Wairakei School, she led the senior learning team and school digital technologies, developing a particular interest in numeracy and mathematical competencies. She is currently working towards a Master of Education.

Shelly has settled in well at College. “I feel fortunate to have joined such an amazing team. Everyone is invested in the boys' progress and genuinely wants them to achieve at their best. It's very special to be able to provide such a high level of individual care for the boys, to have the time, space and resources to do the work we do – and to see the benefits, to see the boys learn to love learning and come to see themselves as able students.”

Boarding Matters

Last weekend was a big one on the boarding social calendar, with House Dinners and House Shoots taking place.

Flower's House had their dinner at the Christchurch Club on Friday night and their House Shoot at the Methven Clay Target Club. Richards House had their dinner at Sixty6 on Peterborough on Saturday night and their House Shoot at Waihora Clay Target Club at Motukarara. While School House had their dinner at Chateau on the Park on Friday night and their House Shoot was hosted by Michael and Tania Stronach at their property at Omihi. These events, along with House Sports on Saturday afternoon, were well supported and another great opportunity for parents to catch up with each other.

As Term 3 comes to a close, it is timely to invite Head of Boarding Kurtis Weeks to write his final Head of Boarding report.

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

Head of Boarding Report

The year is flying by like there is no tomorrow. For the Year 13 cohort, five years of living together at College is rapidly coming to an end and, while it is an exciting time to be heading on to the next stage of our lives, it is good to reflect on the opportunities boarding has given us in terms of life skills moving forward. During this term, Year 12 students have taken over some of the leadership roles in the Houses, now completing morning and night duties within each House. Many of them have also applied to become prefects, so doing duties at this time is a perfect way to shape them into the leaders of next year.

It has been a very busy term, with House Plays and many House sports. The three boarding Houses have been very strong this year, competing in all activities. This includes Flower's House taking out the basketball competition, and an all-boarding volleyball final, where School House defeated Richards House. House Plays were completed to a high standard by all three boarding Houses, with School House coming third in the competition. Boarders have also been members of some of the top sports teams at College. Boys from all three boarding Houses have been heavily involved in the 1st XV rugby team, while the 1st XI hockey team, which came second in the recent Rankin Cup tournament, also features a number of boarders. We are all very proud of their achievements.

This term, co-curricular Boarding Programme activities for Years 12–13 students have started, with boys involved in such things as a barista course at Ara, the PADI dive course, Site Safety passport and forklift license. These are great opportunities, providing skills and qualifications that will help when applying for university or holidays jobs.

Kurtis Weeks, Head of Boarding

Boarding Programme

With House Dinners and House Shoots taking place, there were no Boarding Programme activities last weekend. The previous weekend – Saturday 1–Sunday 2 September – the boys went to see *Mile 22* at the movies on Saturday night and, on Sunday, Paintball at McLeans Island proved very popular. This coming weekend, the boys will watch the All Black vs South Africa test match on the big screen in the OBT on Saturday evening, and on Sunday 16 September take a trip to Birdling's Flat and Little River.

[CLICK TO VIEW THE BOARDING PROGRAMME FOR TERM 3](#)



From the Archives: The Creese Contribution

Drama was already an important part of College life, with the productions of John Boardman, Don Hamilton and Tony Hart regularly taking the stage, when Headmaster Nigel Creese and his wife Val arrived in 1963.

They quickly became involved and, in 1964, the Headmaster initiated the enduring link with St Margaret's College drama.

While he was Headmaster, Nigel Creese produced or co-produced with Val and others:

- 1964 – *Murder in the Cathedral* by TS Eliot
- 1965 – *Our Town* by Thornton Wilder
- 1966 – *The Importance of being Earnest* by Oscar Wilde
- 1966 – *Noye's Fludde*, a Chester miracle play, in which he appeared as The Voice of God
- 1967 – *The Caucasian Chalk Circle* by Bertolt Brecht
- 1968 – *Charley's Aunt* by Brandon Thomas
- 1969 – *Romeo and Juliet* by William Shakespeare
- 1970 – *Hamlet* by William Shakespeare

Val was busy behind the scenes as well – developing the wardrobe and working with the makeup team.

It was most appropriate that, in 1970, the Creese's last year, the Tothill Cup for Interhouse Drama was introduced. The Cup was named for Thomas Webb Compton Tothill (2357), in whose footsteps so many actors and producers have trod.

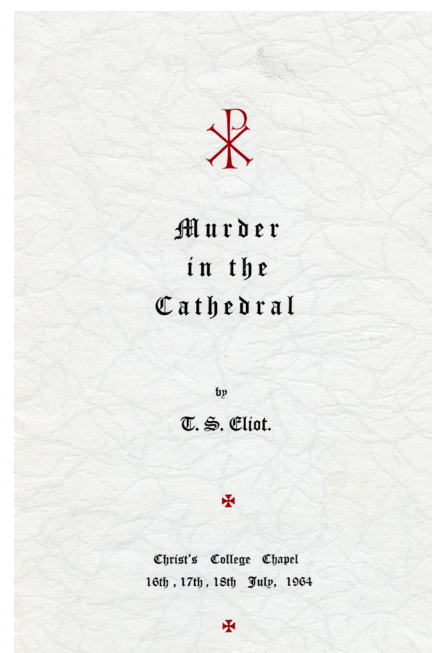
Jane Teal, Archivist



R Field-Dodgson rehearses the cast and orchestra of Noye's Fludde. J Boardman on left as leader of the orchestra.



Romeo and Juliet. Produced by NAH Creese and AD Hart. AD Hart Collection.



Murder in the Cathedral. Produced by NAH Creese.



Nigel Creese, bottom centre, rehearsing The Caucasian Chalk Circle. This play was performed at the opening of the Assembly Hall. AD Hart Collection.



*School House 1935. David Tripp, 3rd row from the front, 6th from the left. Mowbray Tripp, back row, 5th from the right.
Source: Christ's College Archives*

Call for applications for Old Boy scholarship

The David and Hugh Mowbray Howard Tripp Travelling Scholarship honours the memory of two brothers and Old Boys who lost their lives in the Second World War. Their sacrifice and the scholarship founded in their name now gives other Old Boys the opportunity to further their education abroad.

The scholarship may be up to \$10,000 and is open to Old Boys who are undergraduates or recent graduates of any university or theological college in New Zealand. It is available for students who propose to take a degree at Oxford, Cambridge, or the University of London; or any university in Australia or Canada; or any overseas university which is recognised for the quality of its post-graduate courses; or for someone who intends to train in England at a naval college, army school or airforce training centre.

David Mowbray Howard Tripp (4288) went sheep farming after leaving College. He served in Egypt, Greece, Crete, India and Italy, before he died of wounds sustained at the Battle of Cassino, Italy, on 6 March 1944, aged 25.

Hugh Mowbray Howard Tripp (4460), known as Mowbray, was studying for an agricultural degree at Trinity Hall, Cambridge, when war broke out. He was killed in action in Tunisia on 5 January 1943, aged 22.

In bestowing this award, the Tripp family remind beneficiaries to use it well and remember those who have gone before. "To you who take up this torch of life, their mother gives this message: Go forth, as they did, with faith and courage, and use this opportunity in their honour, and in service for your fellow men."

All applications must be with Director of Finance and Operations and Board Secretary Steve Kelsen – email skelsen@christscollege.com – before the closing date of 30 September.

Cocktails on the Quad



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Cocktails on the Quad is a great way to catch up with old friends and meet new people. Whether you're a current, past or future family, or simply a friend, we'd love to see you there.

Interested? Grab some friends and join the party...

Tickets – \$80 each, includes a cocktail on arrival and drinks and nibbles throughout the night.