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From the Executive Principal

#### **Camps and Service Week**

This week, boys in Years 9 and 10 have left College to take part in a variety of educational experiences outside of the classroom. These programmes look to develop the character of our boys in environments and activities that anticipate cooperation, collaboration and service.

Our Year 9 students are taking part in a camping experience and activities based in and around Christchurch and Banks Peninsula, while Year 10 students are focusing on community service.

During the Immerse & Inspire programme all Year 10 students completed the requirements for the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Hillary Award adventurous journey. This reflects the fact that they are all automatically enrolled for the Duke of Edinburgh's Hillary Award, which provides young people with a framework for personal discovery and growth. I hope many boys will take the initiative to complete the next levels of the Duke of Edinburgh's Hillary Award while at College, as such engagement can be very rewarding. As part of our strategic plan, our membership of Round Square requires a greater expectation of community service from the boys. This year, it is wonderful to see further collaboration with the Lyttelton Port Company, Orana Park Wildlife Trust, Hohepa Homes and the Christchurch City Mission. We have been fortunate to add opportunities working with the Christchurch City Council graffiti removal team, the Linwood Community Garden, the Summit Road Society, Ōhinetahi and several others.

All this activity has been coordinated by MiC Outdoor Education Graeme Christey and Assistant Principal – Community Engagement and Special Projects Neil Porter, and involves all academic staff, with some tramping and camping out overnight and others accompanying boys in service-based activities. Such programmes could not exist without the goodwill and full engagement of staff, and I would like to thank them and acknowledge their contribution on behalf of the boys and College.

#### Interactive Newsletter

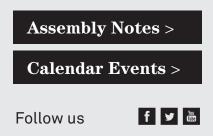
Click on the buttons and photos to read the full story.

#### Much to enjoy

A cracking production of Shakespeare's romantic comedy Much Ado About Nothing proved a wonderfully funny and entertaining evening...



#### Click to view



#### **NZQA** Examinations

I have been watching boys come and go out of College's Assembly Hall since NZQA examinations commenced and it has been most pleasing to see how seriously they are taking these external examinations. There is no doubt that external examinations, as culminating assessments, still have a very strong part to play in the school experience. Our boys have been complimented for their behaviour and attitude by NZQA examination supervisors and by our Assistant Principal – Curriculum Joe Eccleton. I anticipate the results from our 2018 senior cohort will contribute to what I am confident will be another excellent academic outcome for College.

#### **MMG Survey**

Towards the end of Term 3, parents and students from Years 10, 12 and 13 were asked to participate in our annual process for feedback and review. This research is conducted by MMG Education, a leader in educational research and benchmarking, and College is measured against like schools across Australia, New Zealand and Southeast Asia. To avoid "survey fatigue", this survey is not taken by all year groups every year, but it is used as an exit survey for Year 13 boys and families. The information gained from trends observed and feedback received has significant impact on both annual and strategic planning.

A detailed analysis of the results of this survey, comparing results from year-to-year, is undertaken by the College Executive. The findings and feedback are presented first to the Board and then shared, as appropriate. My thanks to all parents and boys who took part this year, your input is valuable and much appreciated, and will make a tangible difference to our programmes and the College experience. One of the most significant responses contained in this survey is the answer to questions related to reasons for choosing College and overall levels of satisfaction. It is most affirming to see that among parents and boys alike, Christ's College has either met or exceeded their expectations in a number of key categories, as can be seen <u>here</u>.

#### End-of-year celebrations

I look forward to seeing many of you at our upcoming College events, which celebrate the best of our traditions and so much of the success we have experienced in 2018.

Garth Wynne, Executive Principal

#### Key dates for your diary

#### Thursday 29 November

3pm	Junior Prize-giving
4-6pm	Day House functions and Prize-givings
4.15pm	Flower's House Prize-giving
4.30pm	School House Prize-giving
6pm	Carols on the Quad
7pm	Richards House function followed by Prize-giving
7pm	School House Leavers' Supper

#### Friday 30 November

7.30am	Flower's House Leavers' Breakfast
5.30pm	Senior Prize-giving
7pm	Leavers' Chapel Service
7.30pm	Function for Leavers, their parents and staff



#### **Annual Golf Tournament** Sunday 9 December

The weather was against us! Please join us for our rescheduled golf tournament - Sunday 9 December at the beautiful Shirley Course, Christchurch Golf Club.

The tournament is open to everyone – Old Boys, past and current parents, grandparents, staff, friends and colleagues. Register and we will put you in a four, or get a four together for an enjoyable afternoon out. Both Stableford and Ambrose options are available, catering to all levels of golf.

Complete your registration on arrival and enjoy a BBQ lunch at 12pm; a multi tee start will begin from 1pm. Prize-giving will take place in the clubhouse following the tournament. Finger food will be served.

\$75 per player or \$260 per team of four.

The OAY Johnstone Salver is open to Old Boys who wish to play Stableford.

If you would like to donate a prize or sponsor a hole, please contact Peter Davidson on 364 6867 or <u>pdavidson@christscollege.com</u>.

If you have any questions please contact Justine on 364 6862 or <u>ccoba@ccoba.com</u>.

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER

## From the Chaplain

#### Merton Home Communion Set

At the opening of the new church in Merivale, where the communities of St Mary's and St Matthew's have come together as All Souls, I was presented with the home communion set of The Rev. Charles John Merton (71) (1858–1863) for our safekeeping. Charles was ordained a priest and was vicar of Woolston and Merivale in the Diocese of Christchurch, and Kaitaia and Helensville in the Diocese of Auckland. He was the great uncle of renowned theologian Thomas Merton.

As you may be aware, the 50th anniversary of Thomas Merton's death is being commemorated by the Centre for Ethics & Spirituality and the Christchurch Chapter of the International Thomas Merton Society at a special event on Monday 10 December. For more information, click <u>here</u>.



#### **Rev Chris Williams**

Congratulations to The Rev. Chris Williams who was ordained to the priesthood on Sunday 18 November. Chris has had a lengthy association with Christ's College and will be remembered by many. He retired from College at the end of 2015 after having held many important roles, including teaching Religious Education and being the Chapel Steward. We pray God's blessing on many years of fruitful ministry.

#### Dr Nick Laing

Congratulations to Old Boy Dr Nick Laing, who has been awarded the 2018 Tripp Travelling Scholarship. Through the Lenten Appeal in 2016, College helped fund the construction of the St Philip Hospital in Uganda, where Nick worked as a volunteer doctor. He is now studying Public Health at Magdalene College, Cambridge.

I wish you all God's blessing for this Christmas season and 2019.

Yours in Christ Bosco Peters, Chaplain

#### **Chapel Services**

Advent Carol Service Sunday 25 November, 7pm

**Carols on the Quad** Everyone's welcome – Thursday 29 November, 6pm

#### Leavers' Service

For leavers and their families, Friday 30 November, 7pm



### **Carols on the Quad**

Thursday 29 November 6.00pm at Christ's College

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

#### Everyone's welcome



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## Latest News & Events



#### A flair for gymnastics

Year 10 student and keen gymnast Kennedy Payne has been selected to represent New Zealand at next year's Valeri Liukin Invitational men's gymnastics competition, to be held in Texas, USA...



#### A poignant centenary

In 1918, at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month the guns fell silent, honouring the armistice...



### On a mission to make a difference

Old Boy Dr Nicolas (Nick) Laing has been awarded the 2018 Tripp Travelling Scholarship and will use it to help fund his study...



#### Magic Lessons

There was magic in the air in the Chapman Room, with a large audience of Year 7 students from schools all over Christchurch and Canterbury...



#### **Effective orators**

The ability to present a cogent and persuasive argument, be cool and collected in front of an audience and win over the crowd are key skills in public speaking...



### Managing our carbon footprint

College's carbon footprint has long been on the mind of HoD Biology Graeme Swanson and Director of Finance and Operations Steve Kelsen...

## Careers

#### Upcoming careers dates

5 Dec –	UC Bound

- **10 Dec** UC applications to enrol for 2019 due
- **10 Dec** University of Otago first year applications closing date

#### 2019

15 Feb -	UC Orientation Day

18 Feb - UC first semester lectures begin

1 Mar – UCAT (University Clinical Aptitude Test) will replace UMAT

#### Victoria University – Career View

I would recommend any student and parent, regardless of the future university of choice, look at these publications, which cover a range of career options, skills acquired, related jobs and graduate profiles. To have a look, go to <u>https://www.victoria.ac.nz/careers/resources/careerpublications/career-view</u>

#### UC Bound – Terea tō waka

UC Bound events are the perfect opportunity to meet other future UC students. These fun, interactive and collaborative events, give you the opportunity to explore the campus, start making new friends, and pick up some tips and ideas about studying at tertiary level. Organised by UC Liaison, the Christchurch UC Bound event will be held on Wednesday 5 December. To register, go to <a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.nz/e/uc-bound-terea-to-waka-canterbury-tickets-51172977754">https://www.eventbrite.co.nz/e/uc-bound-terea-to-waka-canterbury-tickets-51172977754</a>

#### StudyLink

Students are encouraged to apply by 16 December. They don't need to have their NCEA results, or to have locked down all their study plans. Applying now will allow enough time for all the steps in the application process to be completed before courses start. For more information, go to <a href="https://www.studylink.govt.nz/about-studylink/news/2018/you-cant-miss-it.html">https://www.studylink.govt.nz/about-studylink/news/2018/you-cant-miss-it.html</a>

#### **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. The service is free to students who are enrolled in tertiary study for 2019, or who have a letter of confirmation from any New Zealand tertiary education provider. Students can register and start applying for jobs by going to <u>www.sjs.co.nz</u>

#### University of Otago Scholarships

There are a limited number of entrance scholarships still available for future students at the University of Otago, with a closing date of Wednesday 5 December. While applications for the New Frontiers scholarship, which is an award for students who do not have another Otago entrance scholarship and who attain an Excellence endorsement at NCEA Level 2 or Level 3, close on Monday 4 March 2019. Applicants must tick the box in their eVision portal to initiate their application. For more information, go to <u>https://www.otago.ac.nz/future-students/cost/</u> <u>scholarships/available-scholarships/index.html</u>

#### Angus McKenzie on studying in America

Old Boy Angus McKenzie graduated from the University of Kentucky last May and is currently pursuing his graduate degree at Cornell University, an Ivy League in upstate New York. Having gone to both a public university and an Ivy League, at both undergraduate and graduate level, he has a lot of advice for anyone interested in the process and the benefits of studying in the USA.

Angus will be back in Christchurch in December, and has very kindly offered to run an information session on tertiary study in the USA, which will be held on Sunday 16 December, The Miles Warren Building ground floor, 5pm. Please register your interest at <u>csellars@christscollege.com</u>

#### New York University Abu Dhabi

NYUAD was established as a partnership between NYU and the Emirate of Abu Dhabi, founded on a shared belief in the value of a liberal arts education. Students from all over the world study at NYUAD and can choose from a wide range of undergraduate and graduate programmes across the arts and humanities, science, engineering, and the social sciences. NYUAD is looking for capable, confident students who possess intellectual curiosity, are adventurous and entrepreneurial, get involved in their community, have a commitment to improving the world, and show global leadership potential. For more information, go to <u>https://nyuad.nyu. edu/en/</u>

#### The future of work

Some ideas to get you thinking about the future of work. Much of this information is based on the speculation and ideas of futurist Thomas Frey.

#### End-of-life Coach

With many baby boomers set to approach the end of their lives in the next 10–20 years, there is likely to be a greater emphasis on helping people plan how to spend their last days. An end-of-life coach will help individuals and families transform the process of dying into a meaningful experience. "In the next few years, there will be a massive shift toward people wanting to add more life to their days, instead of days to their life". Coaches will help people explore their values and medical options so they can create the kind of end they want.

#### Wholeness Mentor

With greater emphasis on mindfulness and growing awareness of "time poverty", a wholeness mentor would help people develop strategies to integrate their professional and personal lives, introduce them to activities and hobbies that match their personal preferences and provide them with fulfilment of physical needs, a social network and spiritual happiness.

#### Virtual Habitat Designer

Researchers predict that tens of millions of people will spend hours each day working and learning in virtual reality environments. VHDs will design these worlds, creating environments for meetings, galleries for artists to display their work, and even reconstructing world heritage sites in cyberspace to reduce tourism impacts by reducing physical numbers.

#### In Black & White – Careers

In the Careers section of *In Black & White*, I look to publish what I feel is relevant to boys at College and their parents. I am aware not all boys read it, so I hope parents will use the information provided as a springboard for investigation, discussion and inspiration, to help their sons as they consider their future. I feel the future of work will continue to be an interesting topic for all. Any feedback regarding the Careers section is most welcome.

#### Chris Sellars, Careers Advisor

## **Boarding Matters**

### As this will be the last Boarding Matters for the year, it is a chance to reflect on the year that was and to look ahead to 2019.

Boarding at College is a constant work in progress, always focusing on the best outcomes for the boys. Reading back through previous Boarding Matters articles, I am reminded of positive events that have taken place and the progress we have made this year, including

- another busy year of Boarding Programme activities, which has included the introduction of short courses for senior students
- the introduction of prep in the library for all Year 9 students, with support from prep tutors. The prep tutors are also available to help students at other year levels
- the increased student voice, which allows the boys to feel like they are being listened to and improves the boarding experience. This has included the introduction of a student Dining Hall committee
- further alignment of the "common experience" in terms of expectations and opportunities across all boarding Houses

The recent MMG survey, completed by boys in Years 10, 12 and 13 and their parents, provided some useful feedback and confirmed boarding continues to head in the right direction. It is also nice to report boarding numbers have increased for 2019, with the 32 new Year 9 boarders set to start at the beginning of next year part of a boarding cohort of over 160 boarders.

#### In 2019, some areas of focus will include:

- the introduction of an electronic leave system in all three Houses, which Richards House has trialled this year. House staff are now training and boarding parents will be told how the new system operates before the start of the new school year
- further development of the weekend Boarding Programme to include two service days a term. College will be responsible for the care and development of an area of the Red Zone and boarders will work on this project on the Sunday of Weeks 4 and 7 of each term. Boarders will make a significant contribution to this project, which fits nicely into the College graduate attribute of a disposition to serve
- further development of the work initiated by Director of Wellbeing & Positive Education John Quinn and College Counsellor Wiremu Gray on creating a culture in each boarding House and identifying the attributes of being a "Boarding House Man"
- implementing across all boarding Houses the ideas trialled in School House this year during mentor time, which looks at students developing their personal goals, as well as building relationships across all year groups. These relationships will be further enhanced with House activities and competitions planned to take place across and within the boarding Houses.

#### **Character & Leadership**

All Year 10 students have now completed our Immerse & Inspire residential programme, and it is now firmly locked in as part of a College education. Feedback provided by students and parents alike continues to be positive, and is invaluable moving forward. The health and wellbeing programmes for Years 9–11 and the MANifesto programme for Years 12–13 continue to evolve. A full outline of the content and delivery of these programmes will be communicated at the beginning of 2019.

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

#### **Boarding Programme**

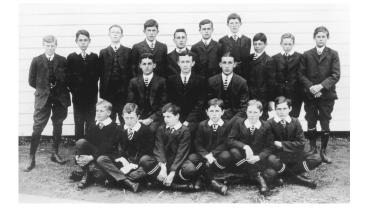
The Boarding Programme ends this weekend, with a visit to Hoyts EntX to watch *Robin Hood* on Saturday 24 November and Zorb games on Upper on Sunday 25 November. Last week, Year 9 and 10 boarders had dinner at St Margaret's College, followed by a highly entertaining and competitive quiz evening.

#### CLICK TO VIEW THE BOARDING PROGRAMME FOR TERM 4

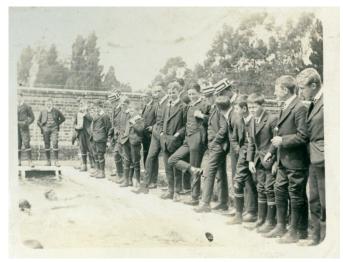
### From the Archives: Socks

When I heard black socks with white bands will be part of the College uniform next year, I thought I have seen this all before ...

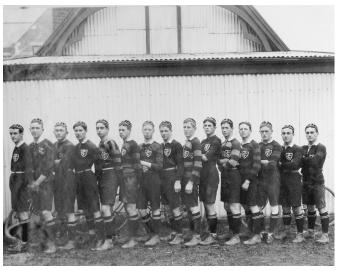
The School House fags wore them in 1911:



The Beadle Album records they were worn watching swimming races in the baths:



The 1st XV wore them when they played Otago Boys' High School in 1914:



The Snow Shield team wore them in 1929:



... and now everyone will wear them, beginning with Year 9 in 2019.

Jane Teal, Archivist

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