

WELCOME TO TERM 1

FROM GARTH WYNNE EXECUTIVE PRINCIPAL



CHRIST'S COLLEGE
CANTERBURY

Each boy at his best.

Dear parents and caregivers

Welcome to 2022, and a special welcome to all our new students and staff and their families.

We begin the year with about 700 boys enrolled – very close to our current capacity of 75 boys in each dayboy House and 60 in each boarding House. I am delighted that so many boys have achieved another year of collectively solid academic outcomes in NCEA in 2021, across all year levels. Given the challenges that all of us have experienced, it is a great credit to the boys themselves, their teachers and the support of families, that we have maintained our academic standing.

During the summer break, staff and students have been involved in a variety of activities, which have been featured on the College Facebook page. Thank you to those staff and students for their commitment.

College and life at the Red setting

This first newsletter, in this exceptional year, is focused on life at 'Red' and what this means for College and our community.

Under the Government's Red Traffic Light setting, we have adapted how we operate, with the intention of making things as safe, simple and certain as possible. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we navigate this period. The health and safety of our boys and staff remain our highest priority. There is no doubt we will need to accept a higher degree of flexibility and spontaneous change in the future, so I ask you to be attentive to all communications from the school. As you would appreciate, communications from, and through, your Housemaster will be as important as the information directed from me. So, here we go...

Important information

The following links will take you to a range of useful information to help you organise your College year, and any updates under the Red setting.

Start of year routine 2022 (updated)

Click here to see [activities at College](#) from Wednesday 26 January–Monday 14 February.

Key dates 2022 (updated)

Click here to see [key dates for 2022](#).

Key boarding dates 2022 (updated)

Click here to see the [key boarding dates for 2022](#).

Purposeful punctuality

It is good to be punctual, as it shows respect and helps ensure that the school can run smoothly. With this in mind, please take a look at this year's [weekly routine under the Red setting](#).

Looking after each other

- It is extremely important that if your son is sick, he stays away from school and gets tested. If your son has cold, flu or Covid-19 symptoms, please ensure he stays at home.

Face-mask wearing

- All staff and boys will be required to wear masks in classes, in dayhouses and while moving around the campus. Boarders do not have to wear masks in their Houses as this is considered their home.
- The Government is now requiring that a face covering be an actual mask. That means no more scarves, bandannas, or T-shirts pulled up over the face.
- It is also recommended that masks be a medical-grade mask (for example, a Type IIR/Level 2 masks or above). These include the widely available 'blue' medical-grade masks that many New Zealanders are already wearing.

Physical distancing

- Beyond classroom groupings, physical distancing of one metre when indoors should be observed wherever practicable.

Vaccine Passes

- Sports Canterbury – along with other co-curricular organisations – requires that all boys participating in team and individual sporting competitions be fully vaccinated. Therefore, at the administration sessions on Tuesday 1 February, we will ask boys to show their Vaccine Pass. If they do not have a pass on their phone, they must provide – on that day – proof of vaccination. Collecting this information facilitates those circumstances when the school will be required to attest to student vaccination status.
- If your son is not vaccinated, we will record his vaccination status as NIL.

Parents/caregivers on-site

- Parents/caregivers who are on-site should be for essential purposes only and only attend if invited. Face masks must be worn at all times.
- We have chosen to approach the Red setting conservatively and, therefore, have chosen not to host parents at some previously advertised Upcoming Events. However, we will live-stream some events and put together alternative communications. We have updated our [Key Dates](#) and [Start of Year](#) routine for Term 1 only. Additional changes and communication will be undertaken as required. For further information, please see below.
- Parents/caregivers attendance at school sporting events and competitions will be allowed according to the rules of the relevant organisations.

Year 9 boys welcome

All Year 9 boys will be welcomed by Executive Principal Garth Wynne and our Chaplain, Rev. Cameron Pickering, on Monday 31 January. Unfortunately, we will be unable to host parents as planned. However, this event will be live-streamed and a link will be communicated.

Boarders

- Year 9 boys will arrive at 10am on Sunday 30 January, where they will be met at the door by their boarding Housemasters and their staff team. At this point, the parents will say goodbye to their sons. We appreciate this is not ideal, but we are guided by the Red setting and acknowledge your support.
- Years 10–13 boys are expected back by 8pm on Monday 31 January. Parents cannot enter the boarding Houses.

Dayboy lunches and canteen service

- No dayboy lunches will be available under the Red setting in the Dining Hall.
- Dayboys are encouraged to bring their own lunch.
- The canteen will be available with a limited offering and operate under the Red setting.

Assemblies

- Assemblies and student gatherings will proceed with respect to numbers and distancing protocols. Regular Thursday Assemblies will be virtual, and viewed by boys in their mentor groups.

Chapel

- Chapel services will be held by House during the week, with smaller numbers, and there will be no singing in Chapel.
- There will be no Sunday Chapel services under the Red setting.

Reminder... 2021 College photographs now available

[Click here](#) to access all House, sport, individual, cultural and end-of-year photographs.

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