

WELCOME TO TERM 2

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Each boy at his best.

Dear parents and caregivers

I trust the last few weeks have been refreshing for you and your son(s). We are fortunate we have a break at the change of seasons, in terms of the environment – it really does make for some beautiful days. I have had the good fortune to visit my home town, Brisbane, to attend my 40-year school reunion, combined with a small College community event. Both occasions highlighted the significance of the quality of relationships being the most important legacy of our school years. I found reminiscence powerful, both at a personal and professional level.

Unsurprisingly, College has had a number of student focused events during the term break. National secondary schools' water polo and sailing championships, a most successful hockey trip to Melbourne and pre-season camps in a variety of winter sports have kept many boys and staff busy, as have rehearsals for our major school production and other planning and preparation activities.

With winter sport commencing (games that often involve contact and higher degrees of spectator engagement), it is timely to remind parents and students of the expected [code of conduct](#) for sport here at College. I would ask all parents to read and discuss this code with their sons. The reputation of the school lies with each of us. The way we play the game is equally, if not more important, than the final result.

Strategy 2020

I mentioned in my Term 1 Newsletter that developing College's strategy and vision toward 2020 would be a key focus during the first part of this year. Since that time, the College Board and Executive have met and considered feedback from 2015–16, and laid down the signposts to 2020. In doing so, we have rearticulated our vision and virtues, considered the attributes of the College Graduate and established the strategic environment and priorities. All these elements are outlined [here](#). I ask any parents, if you so wish, to give me feedback on this broad document, as our final strategic plan and the projects associated with it will be developed in the coming months.

Final piece in our renovation and rejuvenation since 2011

The restoration of the historic Christ's College Dining Hall and Kitchen Tower was completed at the end of Term 1. The Dining Hall is one of the most voluminous buildings in Christchurch that remained standing during the earthquake of 2011. While the Dining Hall had very little damage, the Kitchen Tower sustained a moderate amount of damage and could not be used until repaired and restored.

This project marks the end of College's \$80m rebuild and rejuvenation programme, undertaken since 2011 (\$63m of this amount was provided through insurance). As part of this work, the kitchen has been extended and now has modern facilities and a much larger servery for use by the College community, especially our boarders. A variety of office and administrative capacity has also been added.



Farewell Mr Colin Sweetman



Mr Colin Sweetman concluded his long service as College Bursar and Board Secretary at the end of April. Throughout his time at Christ's College, Colin has managed the financial and Board portfolios, along with the non-teaching staff. He leaves College as a highly respected and admired colleague.

As the person charged with taking care of College finances, Colin has overseen many significant matters. Amongst these were the redefining of scholarships and trusts within the Amalgamated Fund to enable greater flexibility for College, and coordination and leadership of the post-2011 earthquake insurance claim. Colin was aptly honoured by his peers in 2014, with an ISNZ Honours Award for his service to School Administration and Earthquake Recovery.

Over 21 years, Colin has directed distribution, through budget and project avenues, of \$425m to the benefit of College and its community. The overt legacy of his management capacity in this area can be seen in each and every building that has been created and/or maintained. Equally as important, however, is the general financial health of the school. Colin's skill and attention to detail have created robust and effective systems and processes which reflect his prudence and professionalism.

Throughout his tenure, Colin has been an example of dedicated service, always putting the needs of others ahead of himself in pursuit of the institution's best interests. Although not directly dealing with students, Colin's passion for College has ensured the school provides opportunities for generations of boys to be "at their best". I know you would join with me in acknowledging and thanking Colin Sweetman for his many contributions to Christ's College and wish him all the best for his retirement.

Staff changes

Several staff changes have taken place in recent weeks. We farewelled Mrs Cia Winter (Technology), Ms Nicolette Adam (Languages – German) and Ms Jennifer Free (Languages) at the end of last term, and thank them for their positive contribution to College. In Term 2, we welcome back Ms Elaine Tang (Languages), following her Parental Leave.

Mr Kevin Harris

We are pleased to announce Kevin Harris has been appointed permanently to the position of HOD Design and Technology.

Miss Carey Prebble

Carey Prebble joins us as a Technology teacher. Carey, who has qualifications in industrial design, has gained valuable experience teaching technology to a wide range of age groups and abilities. She has a great passion for the subject, equipping students with the tools to innovate and explore the function and aesthetic properties of their designs through a range of modes and media. Carey's experience includes teaching at an elementary school in South Korea and at Rangiora High School.

Mr Tony O'Connor

Tony O'Connor will depart at the end of May for a period of Sabbatical Leave, following his appointment as a coach for New Zealand Rowing in their junior programme, leading up to the World Rowing Championships in Trakai, Lithuania, in August. This will see Tony involved at the highest level in a sport he is passionate about.

We are fortunate to have appointed Mr Andrew MacLennan to cover Tony's mathematics classes during this period. The Acting Housemaster for Condell's is yet to be determined.

Mr Nicholas Sutcliffe

Nic Sutcliffe resigned at the end of Term 1 and will be leaving us at the end of this term to take up a new position as Director of Music at Exeter Cathedral School in the United Kingdom. We acknowledge and thank Nic for his outstanding contribution to College since 2012. His work for and personal commitment to the Music Department will be greatly missed, as will his cheerful character in and around College and Flower's House.

Ms Amanda Glennie

We welcome Amanda Glennie to College as our new Attendance Officer. Attendance is a significant compliance element of school life and Amanda's appointment will take pressure away from individual Housemasters and staff members. To facilitate and support Amanda's transition, parents are reminded that for daily absences or illness they should call 03 364 8676 and leave their son's name and a reason for the absence. For extended absences, a boy's Housemaster should be contacted directly. With this new role and its singular focus on student attendance, practices may change. We will be in touch should this be the case.

Mr Steve Kelsen

With the departure of Mr Colin Sweetman, I am pleased to announce Steve Kelsen has been appointed Director of Finance and Operations (DFO) and Board Secretary. Steve has been a member of staff for four years and brings to this role a great deal of experience and energy.

Ms Jan Gugich

Jan Gugich has been appointed as Financial Controller and began in March. Jan is a Chartered Accountant and has been asked to support staff in modernising and updating our financial systems and processes.

Some Calendar events for Term 2:

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| 1 May | College ANZAC Commemoration Service |
| 2 May | Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews, Years 11–13 (Dayboys) |
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| 9 May | Parent Education: Professor Helen Chenery from Bond University
<i>Adolescents, digital technology and mental health: a prescription for the future?</i> |
| 16 May | 2018 Information Evening |
| 19 May | Grandparents' Day |
| 23 May | Thought Leader – Kaila Colbin |
| 1 June | College 1st XV vs CBHS 1st XV |
| 7 June | Parent Education Evening: "Our Boys" – Richard & Ruth Aston |
| 9 June | Rugby Gala Dinner |
| 13 June | Thought Leader – Matthew Johnstone |
| 14 June | Combined Concert with St Margaret's College |
| 27 June | <i>Singin' in the Rain</i> – Opening Night |
| 2–5 July | Quadrangular Tournament (Nelson) |
| 2 July | Diocesan Confirmation Service (Transitional Cathedral) |
| 4 July | Year 12 Leadership Day |

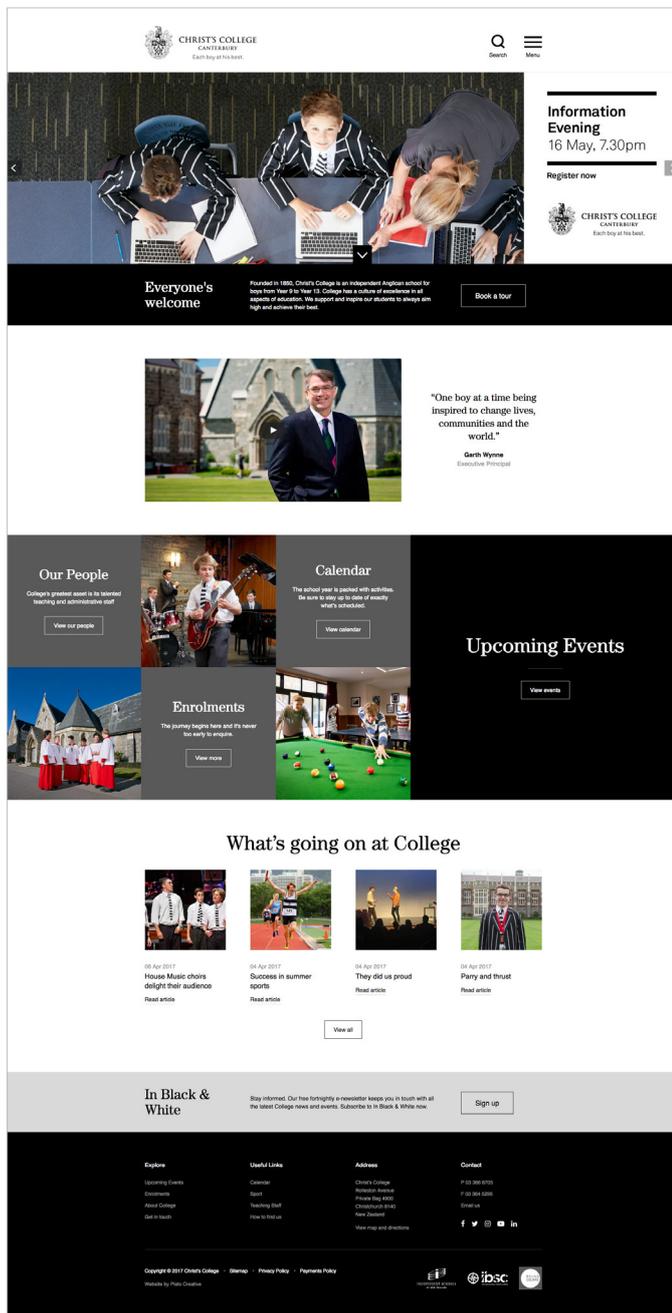
Website refresh

We are pleased to announce the refreshed College website is now live. Our web address has not changed, you will still find it at <http://www.christscollege.com>

The new look and feel of the website has been purposefully designed and developed with both our current school community in mind and with a view to prospective parents and students, making it easy for them to find essential information about enrolling at Christ's College.

Special attention has been paid to the [Our People](#) page. Here you will find it quick and easy to identify and contact teaching staff, navigate to other staff, and identify their different responsibilities. On the [Upcoming Events](#) page, located under College Life and on the homepage, you can register your interest in different events with a simple click of a button.

Planning for the term ahead has also been made easier, as we have increased the functionality and integration of the [College Calendar](#). You can now click on any Calendar event and link it directly to your calendar by clicking on "copy to my calendar". This window to all that goes on at College is continually updated and refined.



Chapel Services and the Centre for Ethics & Spirituality

The launch of the [Centre for Ethics & Spirituality](#), led by our school Chaplain, Rev. Bosco Peters, has been a great success. To date, many members of our own and the wider community have engaged in presentations and conversations designed to provoke thought and reflection. This term begins with a most interesting topic, when College Counsellor and Director of Wellbeing & Positive Education, Mr John Quinn, and Rev. Bosco Peters, co-present *The fullness of life – positive psychology and the teaching of Jesus*. I recommend this to you, as it will illuminate the relationship between our core Christian virtues and the new science of positive psychology.

Coming up at the Centre for Ethics & Spirituality:

Thursday 18 May, 7.30pm, The Chapman Room
The fullness of life – positive psychology and the teaching of Jesus

Thursday 8 June, 7.30pm, The Chapman Room
The imperative to care for the environment – a presentation by Sr Eleanor Capper

It has been very pleasing to see more parents at Sunday Chapel since our recent move to two compulsory attendances per term. I encourage all parents to support College by attending with their son(s) on these occasions. It shows a commitment to that which we consider a unique and fundamental element of a College education.

Dates for this term are:

- Sunday 7 May, 7.00pm
- Sunday 28 May, 7.00pm
- Sunday 11 June, 7.00pm
- Sunday 18 June, 7.00pm

Wellbeing and Positive Education “on air”

We appreciate parents are always trying to equip their children with tools to cope with the stresses and complexities of day-to-day life – and this interview is both enlightening and reassuring. College Counsellor and Director of Wellbeing & Positive Education, Mr John Quinn, was interviewed on Radio New Zealand last week, on the topic: “Under pressure: equipping teenagers to cope”. Please click [here](#) to listen.



Term 2 will, as usual, be a busy one for all here at College. I will be representing the school on an enrolment visit to China, along with International Student Manager Mrs Deanne Gath, and at the annual International Boys' School Coalition Conference in the United States, along with Mr Darrell Thatcher, Director of Boarding and the Centre for Character & Leadership.

My door is always open to each and every member of this community. Should you wish to speak to me about any matter, please do not hesitate to get in touch.



CHRIST'S COLLEGE CANTERBURY

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Strategy 2020

VISION

Christ's College will be a vibrant school community that educates boys to be men of virtuous character who make a positive contribution to society.

MISSION

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MOTTO

Bene tradita, bene servanda.

"Good traditions, well maintained."

VIRTUES

- Honesty** – includes truthfulness
 - Spirituality** – means an appreciation that in seeking a fullness of life we need to look beyond our material needs and wants
 - Learning** – means striving to become an independent, lifelong learner, and recognition of others' right to learn
 - Respect** – means respect of self integrity, humility and dignity, tidy appearance), for others (tolerance, forgiveness, generosity, kindness, fair play, good manners), and their property and for the school (reputation and property)
 - Compassion** – means generosity towards those less fortunate than ourselves
 - Stewardship** – means recognition of the good we have received from the past so that it may be preserved or enhanced
 - Justice** – means acceptance of people difference from ourselves, including those of different race and culture, and fairness in all our dealings with them
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STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENT

Innovation and excellence wrapped in tradition

STRATEGIC THEMES

Our People

Health & Wellbeing

The College will ensure that its practices place health and wellbeing at the forefront of our educational programme and culture as we acknowledge its centrality to performance in all elements of school life for both individuals and our community.

Personalisation

The College will enable the personalisation of its programme to the extent that each individual comes to know their current performance, their potential ability and the path toward the realisation of their best. This will be a collaborative process involving students, staff and parents and the best of modern technologies and pedagogy.

Our Programmes

The ideals of Round Square

The College will inculcate in its programmes the principles of the Round Square international collective of schools to build character and to better prepare students for the challenges of a globally orientated future.

- Internationalism
- Democracy
- Environmentalism
- Adventure
- Leadership
- Service

The College Experience

The College will ensure, through internal reflection, external audit and ongoing development that the school experience is unique and one of equity and excellence no matter which path through the pastoral, academic or co-curricular programme an individual may choose.

- Identity
- Quality
- Equity

STRATEGIC ENABLERS

- **Financial Freedom** - Enrolment | Development | Financial responsibility
- **Quality teaching & learning** - In every 'classroom'
- **Collaboration & Partnership** - Internal and external
- **Marketing & Communication** - Internal and external
- **Policies & Practices** - Internal and external
- **Infrastructure & ICT**

THE COLLEGE GRADUATE

These are the attributes of character which we believe will enable our College graduates to flourish.

Through the College experience, we will support our boys to develop:

- Confidence and humility
- Compassion and empathy
- Courage and resilience
- Enterprise and curiosity
- Self-awareness
- Global competence
- Interpersonal skills
- An ongoing commitment to personal excellence
- A disposition to serve others, the community and the environment
- A capacity to lead and to follow

DEFINITIONS

Confidence & Humility

Possessing an optimistic perspective and certainty of purpose, balanced by a modest sense of self importance.

Compassion & Empathy

The action of caring and concern for the sufferings of misfortunes of others and the ability to understand, share and respond to their feelings.

Courage & Resilience

Having the mental or moral strength to venture, persevere, withstand danger and confront fear or difficulty, combined with the ability and capacity to respond positively to setbacks.

Enterprise & Curiosity

A readiness or daring to engage in a project or undertaking that is especially difficult, complicated, or risky and a strong desire to understand and learn something new.

Self-awareness

A conscious knowledge of personal character, strengths, weaknesses, abilities, beliefs and emotions.

Global Competence

The knowledge, skills and dispositions necessary to navigate and engage with today's interconnected world.

Personal Excellence

The ongoing desire of the individual to develop and empower their character, gifts, talents and relationships to the fullest, achieving a harmony in how they think, feel, believe and behave.

Interpersonal Skills

The ability to communicate or interact positively and meaningfully with others and to present oneself with appropriate manners and regard.

A disposition to serve others, the community and the environment

A willingness to selflessly help and do work for the benefit of others and/or the environment.

A capacity to lead and to follow

The ability to influence and initiate by action or example, balanced by the understanding of when to be guided, to conform, to heed or to observe.