

WELCOME TO TERM 4

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CHRIST'S COLLEGE
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Each boy at his best.

Dear parents and caregivers

I hope you've had the opportunity to spend some time together as a family over the holidays and get out in the lovely spring weather. College has enjoyed an incredible run of achievements in recent weeks and I want to thank everyone involved in contributing to our many and varied successes.

It seems to me one of the hallmarks of this year is the ability of our boys and staff to be flexible, adapting to ever changing circumstances.

This was no more so than with the wonderful production of *Evita* that we shared with Rangitiki Girls' School. Special thanks to Director of Drama David Chambers for his tireless enthusiasm and professionalism, together with Robyn Peers, Grant Bennett, Nick Sutcliffe, Nikki Bleyendaal, Philippa Dye and Devan Williams.

I would like to particularly congratulate Director of Sport Rob Clarke who, with his exceptional group of Masters in Charge, has steered our sports teams to high honours. This is despite the year's challenges and the complexity of dealing with multiple stakeholders.

For the first time, our Senior A basketball team won the Thomson Trophy in Canterbury, defeating St Andrew's College in the tense final. Not to be outdone, our 1st XI hockey side thwarted St Bede's in the Canterbury Schools Premiership final. This is the fourth time College has won the title in the past nine years, and we have been runner-up three times over the same period.

An important reminder

Picture perfect

On Wednesday 14 October, we will be taking a photo of the whole school - boys and staff. This is a special occasion and happens once every five years.

Every boy must be well groomed for this historic occasion. Please ensure boys **wear long pants (no shorts)** with their striped blazer, shoes are polished and their haircut complies with College standards. The latter point is particularly important given Covid has seen us be slightly more relaxed in this area this year. We would not want to exclude anyone from this photo over such a simple matter.

I was fortunate to see the 94th Quad Tournament at Nelson during the holidays where the 1st XV rugby team showed determination and resilience as did our 1st XI football finishing third in their highly competitive local competition, and the clay target shooting team finishing in 2nd place at the Canterbury School championships.

Over the holidays they have had the South Island / NZ school champs in Waihora and yesterday the North Island school champs in Hamilton which they have also done well in

In another aspect, our co-curricular programmes have also had success – College's Alpha debating team took out the Canterbury Schools' championship against St Margaret's College, and we had boys represent us in the National Teams Chess Championship finishing 11th.

The measure of success comes in different forms. The Tamai Project rugby team coached by Old Boys Max Goodwin and Ben Leggat, together with Year 13 Dominic Edmond, continues to grow in confidence and pride.

Congratulations to everyone involved in such outstanding achievements, which I know are the result of unerring commitment and hard work.

I would also like to acknowledge the ongoing dedication of International Student Manager Deanne Gath to the boys. She has once again organised an action packed programme for our international students during the holidays, including an amazing trip to Stewart Island.

As we face the final term of this extraordinary year, we will need all our energy, enthusiasm and goodwill to support each other.

Just a reminder that this term begins with an Assessment Week timetable. This is a different routine. Please [click here](#).

As always, please don't hesitate to be in touch with me as you wish.

Strategy 2025

Culture is at the heart of any organisation, and today our teaching and non teaching staff are involved in an organisational culture workshop. We have engaged an independent facilitator to look at the ways in which we can continue to evolve and shape the best workplace we can be. We are fortunate to have a group of highly dedicated and talented staff and we want to ensure College nurtures their continued growth and development.

We are in the throes of finalising Strategy 2025 but continue to welcome any further feedback to myself directly or via email strategy175@christscollege.com

The mental health of boys

As a member of the International Boys' Schools Coalition (ISBC), we are able to share the ISBC Parenting Boys Speaker Series.

On Wednesday 28 October, Natasha Devon, a well-known mental health advocate from the United Kingdom, will share her insights into the impact of our current times on the mental health of boys.

To register [click here](#)

Staff News

Peter Cooper, former Head of Geography and a previous Jacobs Housemaster, will be retiring at the end of this year. Peter has contributed to the fabric of College over very many years. I'm sure you join me in wishing him a healthy and happy retirement. We will, of course, celebrate Peter's many contributions at our end-of-year celebrations.

Leaving?

If your son does not plan to return to College in 2021, please let us know in writing or via email by the end of Week 1, Term 4. Later notice will incur fees for Term 1, 2021.

For more information, please contact Admissions Registrar Sarah Fechny registrar@christscollege.com

Summer Uniform (Terms 4 and 1)

All students are expected to wear summer uniform when they return to school. The summer uniform consists of dark charcoal walk shorts with a black belt and short black socks with two white stripes. When sleeves are rolled up, they must sit neatly above the elbow. Students must wear blazers to Chapel on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and to assembly. Suits are to be worn to Sunday Chapel and to prize-giving.



Key dates in Term 4

For a comprehensive list of all activities please visit Schoolbox.

Monday 12–Friday 16 October

Years 11–13 Assessment Focus Week

Wednesday 14 October

Whole school photo

Saturday 17 October

Years 12–13 College Ball

Sunday 18 October

Chapel Service – Choral Eucharist
(compulsory for Years 11–13)

Tuesday 20 October

Boarding Awards Night

Friday 23 October

Boarding Mothers Morning Tea
Christ's College Parents' Association Pink Lunch

Tuesday 27 October

Sedley Wells Music Competition

Sunday 1 November

Chapel Service – Choral Eucharist for All Saints Day,
the Chapel Choir sings Louis Vierne "Solemn Mass"

Tuesday 3 November

Year 7 Information Evening

Thursday 12 November

Greymouth Community Visit

Tuesday 17 November

Blenheim Community Visit

Wednesday 18 November

Nelson Community Visit

Thursday 19 November

Canterbury Teacher Only Day (TBC)

Sunday 29 November

Chapel Advent Service (compulsory for Years 9 & 10)

Friday 4 December

Thank you breakfast for Year 13 boarding parents
(Flower's, School, Richards)

End-of-year Routine

Friday 6 November

Last day for Year 13 students/examination briefing

Monday 9 November

Last day for Years 11 & 12 students/examination briefing

Monday 16 November–Wednesday 9 December

NZQA examinations

Thursday 3 December

Junior prize-giving, 3pm
Carols on the Quad, 6pm

Friday 4 December

Senior prize-giving, 6pm
Leavers' service, 7.30pm

Saturday 5 December

Leavers' Ball (parents and students), 7.30pm

The PINK lunch

Join us for what promises to be a truly inspirational event, with guest speaker Gemma McCaw.

One of New Zealand's most successful hockey players, Gemma is now passionate about helping others perform at their best. She is a proud patron of the Chalky Carr Trust, a New Zealand Olympic Ambassador, and a fantastic role model for aspiring athletes.

FRIDAY 23 OCTOBER, 12PM

Christ's College Dining Hall

TICKETS \$45*

Includes a donation to Chalky Carr Trust

*Bookings essential by 20 October

