

WELCOME TO TERM 1

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CHRIST'S COLLEGE
CANTERBURY

Each boy at his best.

Dear parents and caregivers

Welcome back to everyone within the Christ's College community to a year that promises again to be one strategically focused on 'Change and Continuity'.

With our ongoing general emphasis on the themes of Connection, Motivation, Philanthropy, and Sustainability, I am confident our boys will be challenged and supported as they take the opportunities that a College experience provides.

I trust the break has been rejuvenating for all while acknowledging that 'time off' is very different for different parts of our community. For some within the school, the break has been rather active, beginning with Sony Camp, and incorporating the National Athletic Championships, cricket festivals, and rowing camps. Other boys have taken the opportunity to be involved in community service and expeditions associated with Duke of Edinburgh Hillary Award accreditation or to play with the CSO, while I know of many staff who have travelled extensively. I took the opportunity to visit Australia and family and concluded with watching our cricket team in Canberra.

As we begin again, in a world where our education must focus as much on ethics, wellbeing, and community, as well as academic outcomes, I encourage all to contemplate, address, and embed our key virtues as the way we, as a community based on Christ, will engage together as we seek to bring out the best in ourselves this year and beyond.

Important information

The following links will take you to a range of useful information to help you organise your College year.

Start of year routine 2024

[Click here](#) to see activities at College from Friday 26 January– Sunday 11 February.

Key dates 2024

[Click here](#) to see key dates for 2024.

Key boarding dates 2024

[Click here](#) to see key boarding dates for 2024.

Year 9 Orientation and Mihi Whakatau

Thursday 22 February
3pm – Orientation
3.45–5pm – Mihi Whakatau followed by afternoon tea – [Register here](#).

Year 10 welcome back to Christ's College

Introduction to our Immerse & Inspire programme followed by drinks and canapés with the the Christ's College Parents' Association. Thursday 22 February, 6.30–8pm. [Register here](#).

Honesty, Learning, Respect, Spirituality, Justice, Compassion, and Stewardship are the keys to who we are and how we should be.

As a leader, my particular emphasis has always been on Honesty, Justice, Respect, and Compassion as we work together. A family discussion about your 'priorities of virtues' might help set you up for a successful year.

In 2024, College is launching the [Centre for Enterprise](#). This centre aims to encourage young entrepreneurs within our student community to create and innovate by providing seed funding – dare I suggest, venture capital – to approved projects throughout the year and link such endeavours to mentoring advice and support from across our wider school community. More details about this exciting new initiative can be found [here](#).

NCEA results

Bucking the national trend, our Year 12 students have lifted their Level 2 pass rates – an impressive overall effort that reflects favourably on everyone. While the full national results will not be available until April, our provisional figures point to a positive achievement outcome for College in 2023. Likewise, our Year 13s also have had great success in meeting their goals as well, whether it be apprenticeships or university, with continued high pass rates for their chosen qualification pathways. Despite the challenges for learning – both in New Zealand and globally – over the past few years, our results are admirable for all involved. The College website will be updated following the release of the full national NCEA figures by NZQA.

Child Protection Policy

Fundamental to schools is child protection and safety and, with this in mind, this year, as a normal part of our professional learning cycle, all College staff will undergo further training with the highly respected New Zealand-based organisation, Child Matters. This training is part of being employed at the school and provides confidence for parents that our staff are informed and proactive in recognising and reporting any signs of child mistreatment, both within and beyond the school. This training also reminds all staff of their own professional obligations in relation to their appropriate conduct and boundaries, both while in school and beyond, when engaging with children and reinforces policies College has had in place for a number of years. Throughout the year, students will again have sessions that match those of the staff so that our culture of safety and reporting is maintained as part of the College experience. Child Matters is a trusted advisor to the school on policy and practice as it relates to child protection. Further information about Child Matters can be found [here](#).

School roll

College begins 2024 in a strong position, with the demand for places growing annually. With 735 boys beginning the year – this will be our largest enrolment ever – all focused on 'being their best', we are excited by the ongoing support of our community.

What did the holidays bring for your son?

As a school focused on adolescent boys growing through the amazing years of 13–18, we often face, together with parents, some challenging topics. While in Australia, this [article](#) came up and I thought it would be a good way to start the year as we face the honesty of our boys' experience. I encourage every parent to read to the end, where resources related to this challenging parenting issue can be found. This matter might also prompt all members of our community to remind themselves of all the helpful resources available on [SchoolTV](#).

Important information continued...

Parent Education Evenings

Throughout the year, College hosts several Parent Education Evenings on a diverse range of topics. Upcoming events include:

Making use of the Parent Portal

Thursday 8 February, 6.30–7.15pm, Old Boys' Theatre. [Register here](#).

Parent Education Evening with Nigel Latta

Tuesday 27 February, 7–9pm. [Register here](#).

Diploma Information Evening for parents of Years 10–11 students

This evening is to provide information to parents about this relatively new curriculum programme. The evening will consist of a presentation from Deputy Principal – Teaching & Learning Nicole Billante. Monday 4 March, 7–8.30pm, Chapman Room. [Register here](#).

NCEA Information Evening for parents of Years 12–13 students

This evening is designed to inform parents new to NCEA about the qualification. Deputy Principal – Teaching & Learning Nicole Billante will explain the qualifications framework, assessment types, assessment practice, and other useful information regarding NCEA. Thursday 7 March, 7–8.30pm, Chapman Room. [Register here](#).

New parents welcome to Christ's College

Meet the teachers in the Assembly Hall, followed by a welcome from the Christ's College Parents' Association, with drinks and canapés. Wednesday 27 March, 5–8pm. [Register here](#).

Community Visits

Look out for our Community Visits in 2024. Dates and details will be published on the [Upcoming Events](#) page on the website. We will be holding events in North Canterbury, Waimakariri, and Southern Lakes. Whether you are a current, future or past parent, an Old Boy, or friend of College, we hope you will join us. Everyone's welcome.

Upper West update

Work on the multi-purpose sports centre has rapidly progressed in late 2023. This includes:

- the completion of the external envelope, meaning that the building is secure and closed in
- final services and decoration for the northern end of the building being largely complete
- the delivery of the sports floor and tiered seating, ready for installation
- the start of the external work, with paths and fence posts around the building.

The project is planned to be completed in Term 1, with handover in time for full use from Term 2. The Upper field refurbishment project is also now under way and availability will depend on the grass growth.

In memory of Bishop Richard Wallace



We acknowledge the passing of The Bishop of the Anglican Māori Diocese of Te Waipounamu, the Right Reverend Richard Rangi Wallace. Bishop Richard was a strong and supportive leader who regularly contributed to College life and often played a pivotal role in College celebrations and special events. He was a greatly valued member of our wider College community. Bishop Richard died in Wairoa on 6 January. He was 78.

Bishop Richard was the first Kai Tahu Pīhopa and the second Bishop of Te Waipounamu. As well as Kai Tahu, he had links

to Ngāi Tuahuriri, Kāti Wheke, Taumutu, Koukourata, Kāti Mahaki, Kāti Waewae, Kāti Irakehu, Kāti Tama, Kāti Raroa, and Kāti Maniapoto. In his leadership as Pīhopa o Te Waipounamu, Bishop Richard leaves a legacy of strengthened relationships between iwi and hāhi in many communities.

Boarding – 2024 dates

Year 9 boarders are due to arrive in their respective Houses at 10am on Sunday 28 January while Years 10–13 boarders are due back on Monday 29 January by 8pm.

Easter break

As Easter falls within Term 1 this year, the boarding Houses will close from Friday 29 March at 12pm (Good Friday) and reopen on Easter Tuesday 2 April at 3pm. All boys need to be back in the Houses by 8pm.

Important information continued...

Our [Calendar](#) is the best way to keep up with the myriad events and activities at College. You can scroll through to see what is going on, and add individual events to your own calendar.

Upcoming Events

We have a packed programme of parent and community events. The [Upcoming Events](#) page on our website lists all events where you need to register your intention to attend, with links to the booking site.

Combined Boarding Houses parents' drinks and canapés

Join us for a lovely evening and the opportunity to connect with parents from the boarding community.

[Register here.](#)

Boarding Facebook page

To connect with other parents of boarders and share and promote boarding House activities and events, [click here](#) to go to the Boarding Facebook page.

Absence Line

For daily absences or illness, please call our Absence Line on 03 364 8676, and leave your son's name and the reason for his absence.

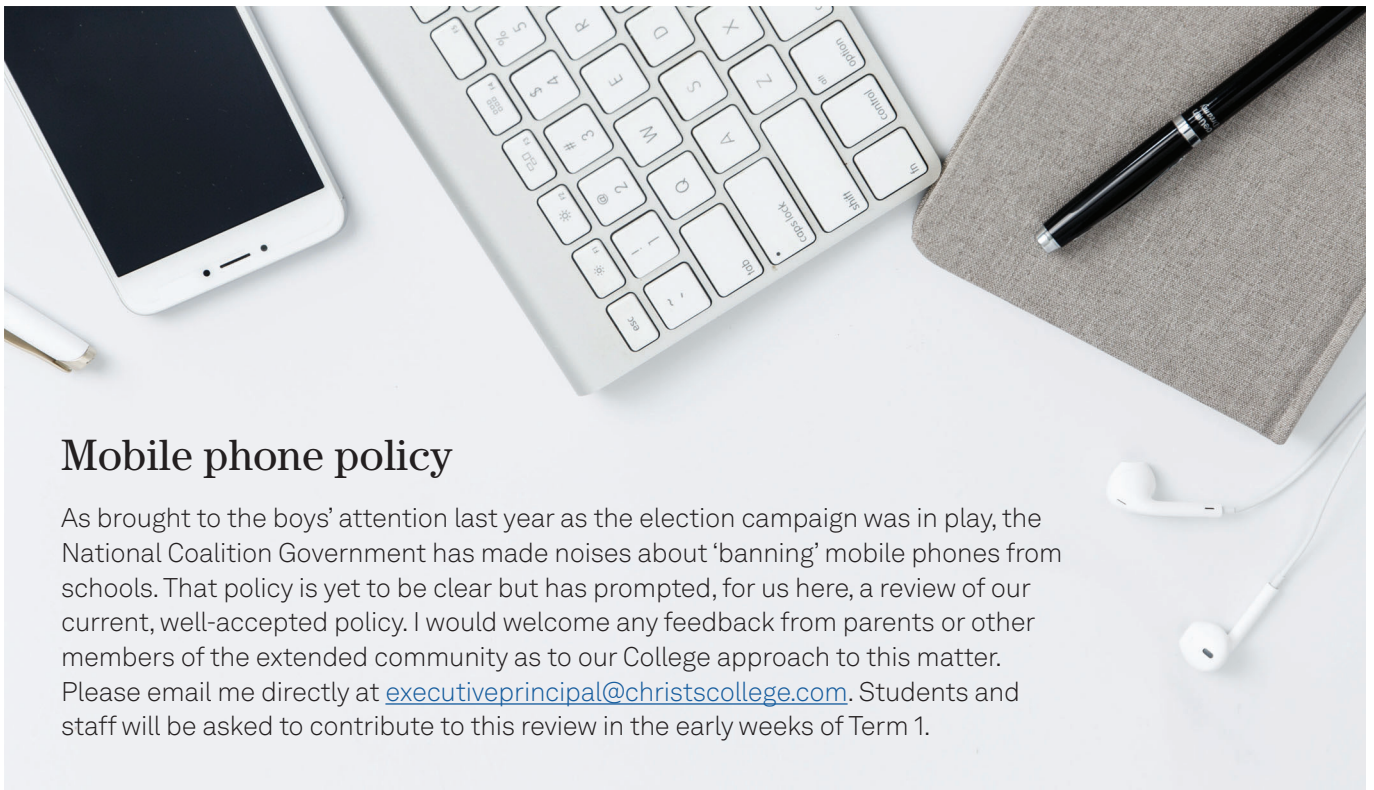
Stationery

Please [click here](#) to access the appropriate stationery list for your son's year level. (You can also access all other forms – for example, medical, Speech & Drama, Music etc.) Stationery orders for Years 10–13 are made through OfficeMax. [Click here.](#)

Reminder... 2023 College photographs now available

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

Create an account using the **access code x302cc23**, and follow the instructions on the site to order printed copies.



Mobile phone policy

As brought to the boys' attention last year as the election campaign was in play, the National Coalition Government has made noises about 'banning' mobile phones from schools. That policy is yet to be clear but has prompted, for us here, a review of our current, well-accepted policy. I would welcome any feedback from parents or other members of the extended community as to our College approach to this matter. Please email me directly at executiveprincipal@christcollege.com. Students and staff will be asked to contribute to this review in the early weeks of Term 1.

Make a good impression

We expect all boys to take care of their appearance and maintain high standards of personal care. Our uniform and grooming standards encourage self-respect and self-management and instil a sense of pride in being part of the College community. We appreciate your support in reinforcing these expectations.

It was obvious as boys walked across the stage at Prize-giving at the end of last year that current haircut 'trends' had begun to test our resolve as parents and school in this area. We want to begin the year well and highlight that unless boys have a couple of haircuts per term, a school-enforced absence may result. Housemasters are the first port of call regarding the standards outlined below, and we ask that parents and students act on their advice.

Uniform

All boys should have

- clean uniform
- belts (black) for their shorts and trousers
- black shoes (either lace-up or slip-on) – not boots
- shirts that fit around the neck
- short black and white socks.

New Uniform Shop hours

Monday 10am–4pm

Tuesday 10.30am–4pm

Wednesday 10am–4pm

The Uniform Shop can be contacted via telephone 03 364 8613 or email the Uniform Shop Manager at uniforms@christcollege.com.

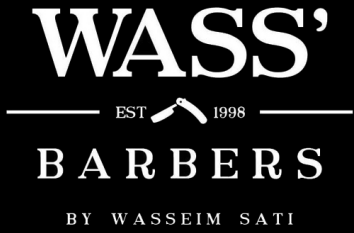


Hair

Boys must be clean-shaven at all times and should make sure their hair

- is kept neat, clean, and tidy
- is kept clear of the collar, off the ears, and off the eyebrows
- is not dyed or gelled, tied up or pinned
- is not shorter than a 'number 2'
- does not have lines or designs shaved into it, or sideburns that extend below the opening to the ear
- does not have long sections that can be fashioned into long fringes, dreadlocks, plaits, rats' tails, mohawks, top knots or mullets.

There may be some exceptions to the above for cultural or other reasons. Deputy Principal – Student Care Ben Vink will be final arbiter of any decisions relating to hair and personal appearance.



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Wass' Barbers will be at College on
Monday 29 January and
Tuesday 30 January
from 9am to ensure that boys have
a stylish cut for the new year.

Haircut – \$40



Staff changes

Sara Ball and Charlotte Ensor

Executive Assistant – Academic Management

Sara Ball leaves College after eight years, during which she has worked in the Digital Technology Department and spent almost five years as the Executive Assistant (EA) for Academic Management. We thank Sara for her commitment and contribution to College. Charlotte Ensor moves from the dual roles of receptionist and Future Gifts Manager to the position of EA – Academic Management. Charlotte has been a valued member of the Advancement Team for the past 18 months.

Gavin Love

Workshop Technician

We welcome back Gavin Love – after a very short retirement – as College's part-time Workshop Technician.

Chris Sellars and Ellen Cashion

Careers Advisor

Careers Advisor Chris Sellars will be on extended leave during Term 1. We welcome Ellen Cashion as the Acting Careers Advisor in his absence. Ellen joins College from Rangiora High School, where she has been Head of Careers and Future Pathways. Ellen brings extensive experience to the role, having also been Head of Pathways Education at Te Kura – The Correspondence School and Head of Careers and Transition at Papanui High School.

Nicholas Sutcliffe

Nicholas Sutcliffe has resigned from his roles as teacher and organist at Christ's College and is now pursuing opportunities elsewhere. We thank Nicholas for his contribution to the musical life of Christ's College.

Nicky Taylor and Sarah Matheson

Health Centre Nurses

Health Centre nurse Sarah Matheson will work every second week on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, with nurse Nicky Taylor working the alternate week.

A warm welcome to new staff

Amy Fisher

Chemistry, Biology, Mathematics teacher

With extensive experience in Science education in New Zealand and England, Amy Fisher joins College this year following teaching roles in Auckland. Committed to developing a range of activities to suit different learning styles, Amy integrates practical methods to complement theoretical work in developing students' wide-ranging Science skills. With a multi-skilled background, she will teach across three areas – Chemistry, Biology, and Mathematics – at College.

Kirstie Tucker

Biology teacher

Holding a Master of Teaching and Learning, a Bachelor of Science, and a Postgraduate Diploma in Microbiology, Kirstie Tucker brings a wealth of scientific knowledge to her new role as Biology teacher at College. Finding Science “fascinating”, Kirstie describes Biology as the “cornerstone of my enthusiasm”. She looks forward to sparking student interest in understanding the ‘why’ and ‘how’ behind a range of natural phenomena.

Andrew Glassenbury

Mathematics & Statistics teacher

Andrew Glassenbury joins College from Mount Albert Grammar School in Auckland, having been appointed as a teacher of Mathematics and Statistics. He holds a Master of Teaching and Learning and a Bachelor of Science, majoring in Economics and Statistics, from the University of Canterbury. During his time in Auckland, he has been the Teacher-in-Charge of Year 13 Statistics and taught senior Mathematics.

Robyn McEwen

Mathematics & Statistics teacher

Holder of a Bachelor of Engineering (Electrical and Electronic) Hons from the University of Canterbury, Robyn McEwen also has a Graduate Diploma of Teaching & Learning (Secondary). She joins us from Kaiapoi High School, where she has been teaching both Mathematics and Statistics for more than 10 years following an extensive career as an engineer in England.

Charlotte Prebble

Receptionist

With almost 20 years of administrative, marketing, and events roles, Charlotte Prebble now takes on the varied position of College receptionist. Having previously worked for the Electoral Commission, Southbase Construction, Harcourts Four Seasons, and Qantas, Charlotte is familiar with the demands of a busy and evolving environment.

Leonie Cottle

Domestic Staff – School House

Leonie Cottle joins College from Medbury School, having spent six years working in the kitchen or school boarding house. She is well-versed in boarding house life and dealing with the varied domestic needs of boys of all ages.

Michele Taylor

Finance – Accounts payable

Michele Taylor joins the Finance team as contract cover until July 2024. She brings a range of experience in accounting teams of varying sizes and extensive knowledge in payroll, and the preparation of financial statements.

We also look forward to welcoming a new music teacher during Term 1. Director of Music Robert Aburn will focus on NCEA Music and the Chapel Choir, with support from our itinerant music staff for the curriculum.



Community Business Directory

A reminder that this useful directory is available to our community. If you want to buy something or need someone’s services, remember to check out the College [Community Business Directory](#) and support those who support College.

If you would like to join the directory, please [click here](#).