

WELCOME TO TERM 2



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CHRIST'S COLLEGE
CANTERBURY

Each boy at his best.

Dear parents and caregivers

With a tinge of sadness this is my last term newsletter as Executive Principal of Christ's College.

While it will be a busy term, it will also be a very special one for me. I have had a wonderful holiday in Spain celebrating my 40th wedding anniversary with Annie, so it is a period of significant milestones.

Upper West

The lights go on in Upper West from Tuesday, with classes and games under way. Our first game – featuring College Senior A playing Cashmere High School – will launch the basketball season in the Upper West Hickman Gymnasium on Tuesday 7 May at 7.30pm.

Code of Conduct

I want to remind those involved in children's sport of their responsibilities regarding the boys who participate, and the coaches, officials, and adults who guide them. Occasionally, we hear of inappropriate behaviour from the sidelines that negatively impacts on staff and students. You can find [here](#) the College Code of Conduct for co-curricular activities, which is particularly relevant for sport.

Mobile Phone Policy

A reminder to all boys and families that effective from Term 2, our new Mobile Phone Policy will be enforced. Parents will no longer be able to contact their sons on their mobile phones during the school day. If it is an urgent matter, parents can contact the school office. The new policy can be found [here](#). Our more punitive response guiding mobile phone

Important dates

**175 Years Celebratory
Weekend & CCOBA Reunion
14–16 February 2025**

Join us for this extraordinary milestone as the community of Christ's College unites to celebrate its 175th anniversary in our magnificent new Upper West and our treasured, much-loved Dining Hall. [Book here.](#)

**Years 10–11 Diploma parent/
teacher/student meetings**

A reminder that with Years 10–11 Diploma parent/teacher/student meetings taking place on the first day back (Monday 6 May), there are no classes. Boarding Houses will be open from 3pm, with boarders due back in their Houses by 8pm.

Key dates for 2024

Please read our [Key dates](#) and [Key boarding dates](#) to find all the information about College events and activities until the end of the year.

confiscation – as outlined in the policy – will be implemented. Simply put, the policy has applied our ‘out of sight, out of mind’ philosophy, including morning break and lunch, addressing the most significant concerns expressed through previous feedback.

College photographs

Everyone should have received their College photographs, with the boys being responsible for bringing their photos home at the end of Term 1.

Double parking – Gloucester Street

Parents are reminded NOT to double park when picking up or dropping off boys in Gloucester Street. It is important to adhere to appropriate parking practices to ensure the safety of our boys following recent reports of several near misses.

First day and Anzac Day school uniforms

A reminder to the boys to wear their stripes on Tuesday 7 May, and their suits on Wednesday 8 May as we join together to commemorate Anzac Day with a special service remembering our fallen Old Boys. The service, which will be held on The Quad, will be led by The Rev'd Canon Cameron Pickering. Old Boy Major Michael Lawry, Commanding Officer – 3 Field and Emergency Response Squadron, 2nd Engineer Regiment RNZE, New Zealand Army, will deliver the address.

CCPA House Music Festival

Due to demand in recent years, every family will have the option of securing two seats for the 2024 Christ's College Parents' Association House Music Festival on Thursday 13 June in the Christchurch Town Hall. However, each family **MUST register** [here](#) to secure those seats. If there are any spare tickets, priority will be given to Year 13 families. Families can also register to join the waitlist for any extra tickets. All tickets will be emailed to families nearer to the festival date.

Combined Boarding Houses parents' drinks and canapés

In tandem with the House Music Festival on Thursday 13 June, parents of boarders are invited to attend the Combined Boarding Houses parents' drinks and canapés at 5pm in the Dining Hall prior to the event. Please book [here](#) for the Combined Boarding Houses parents' drinks and canapés.

Winter uniform

The formal suit is worn on Mondays and Fridays in Terms 2–3 and for Sunday Chapel services. The blazer is worn on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays in Terms 2–3, with long trousers. No shorts are to be worn during Terms 2–3. Boys can also wear the black College jersey or black College vest under their blazer.

Hair and presentation

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.



Breakfast with Matt Chisholm
Alcohol, crippling self-doubt, and coming out the other side

Thursday 9 May, 7–9am, The Northern Club

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OLD COLLEGIANS' ASSOCIATION

Co-curricular events wrap

Despite it being the holiday break, our boys – supported by staff – have been involved in a range of co-curricular activities around New Zealand.

In sailing, College has won the Silver Fleet section at the 2024 New Zealand Secondary Schools Teams Racing Nationals off New Plymouth, finishing well ahead of its rivals with 22 total wins. The College team includes Will Owen, Sam Nicholl, Will Leech, Nico Blundell, Will Matheson, George Gorman, Jack Farquhar, and Saxon Foggo.

Meanwhile, team member Will Leech will race against the best young sailors in the world after being named in the 2024 NZL Sailing Foundation youth team to compete at the Youth Sailing World Championships on Lake Garda in Italy. The Year 11 student is competing in the boys' 29er event in July. Earlier, Will and a crew member won the Yachting New Zealand Youth Championships in the 29er class at Murrays Bay, Auckland. The pair won half of the 12 fleet races to finish 15 points ahead of their rivals.

In swimming, Luke Manderson has won gold and a national age group title for 15-year-old boys in the 50m freestyle at the 2024 National Age Group Swimming Championships at the Hawke's Bay Regional Aquatics Centre in Hastings. Ryland Wheeler has won silver medals in the 50m, 100m, and 200m breaststroke in the same age group. All College swimmers – including Harry Reekie, Mun Chi Jager, and Justin Wang – have impressed, with several in finals and setting personal-best times

In rowing, Year 12 students Jonty Gray (coxswain), Will Richards, George Wilson, and George Young have lined up for the U18 South Island eight and four to face their North Island rivals at Lake Karāpiro.

Meanwhile, Old Boys Charles Beale and Sam Barnett have been named in the New Zealand Universities rowing eight to race against Australian Universities in Brisbane in July.

In hockey, the 1st XI has had a successful preseason tournament in Timaru, finishing unbeaten following a 2–0 win over the Otago Boys' High School 1st XI, a 4–1 win over the St Bede's College 1st XI, a 6–1 win over the Timaru Boys' High School 2nd XI, and a 1–0 win over the Christchurch Boys' High School 1st XI.

In football, Year 11 College student Henry Murfitt has been voted 'players' player' by his U16 New Zealand teammates following an international match against Australia in Sydney. Not only has Henry showcased his exceptional skills, he has also demonstrated exemplary sportsmanship and conduct, making us proud as a school community.

In mountain-biking, College students Mikhail Huggins, James Saunders, and Jackson Douglas have won the Ashburton Six-hour Mountain Bike Race schools section. Producing consistent lap times throughout the Years 9–13 relay competition has paid off for the College trio and it has been impressive to see their dedication and teamwork.

In adventure racing, College students have featured at the South Island Secondary Schools Adventure Race Championships in the open boys' team events, with Kiki Anglem and David Wayne finishing 2nd in the 12-hour race and Gabe Murphy 5th in the three-hour race.

In drama, the *Anything Goes* cast has been busy with rehearsals for performances in the second week of Term 2 (Wednesday 15 May–Saturday 18 May). A great deal of work is also going on behind the scenes for the senior production with Rangī Ruru Girls' School, with sets being built and work under way on sound and lighting.



CHRIST'S COLLEGE & RANGI RURU GIRLS' SCHOOL

15-18 MAY
CHRIST'S COLLEGE AUDITORIUM

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MUSIC AND LYRICS BY COLE PORTER

Original Book by PG. Wodehouse & Guy Bolton and Howard Lindsay & Russel Crouse
New Book by Timothy Crouse & John Weidman
"Anything Goes" is presented by permission of DRG™ Theatrical on behalf of Time-Winmark LLC, A Concord Theatricals Company

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Rangi Ruru
Girls' School

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Christ's College Japan Rugby Tour 2024

College rugby has wrapped up its tour of Japan. Along with parents and supporters, the 110-plus touring party has visited Nara, Hiroshima, Gotsu, Beppu, Osaka, Kyoto, and Tokyo. Alongside the opportunity to play rugby in Japan, the boys have experienced a wealth of local culture and made the most of every chance to reflect the College mission of *Each boy at his best* – both on and off the field. For all the boys, it has been a special journey of sport, culture, leadership, and treasured memories.



International travel

Several College students have headed overseas to make the most of Round Square conference opportunities and a school exchange. Year 12 students Benson Geng-Wang and Jeffrey Jiang and Year 13 students Seann Zhao and Raziel Zhao – along with teacher Craig Walker – have been in Shenzhen, China for a Round Square conference focusing on leadership under the theme 'Utmost Tactical Pioneer: Build Your Utopia'. Meanwhile, Year 12 students Frank O'Gara and Euan McVicar are in Nashville in the United States for the annual Montgomery Bell Academy exchange.

Teaching Boys English conference

Christ's College is hosting the inaugural Teaching Boys English conference this week, attracting 106 educators from around New Zealand. Overseen by College Head of English Chris Waugh, the conference aims to "elevate the place of boys' natural dispositions in the effective teaching" of secondary school English. The conference strands have include 'The Practice', 'The Author', 'Tangata whenua/Indigenous kaupapa', 'Journalism and Filmmaking', and 'Reading and Writing'. Among the contributors are author and teacher Airana Ngarewa, academic Claudia Rozas Gómez, author and teacher Tania Roxborough, Ministry of Education Lead for English and author Laura Borrowdale, and Poutama Pounamu, leaders of change in Matauranga Māori as it applies to English.

Important information

Weekly routine

The weekly routine for Terms 2–3 can be viewed [here](#). This term, College will revert to Congers and department meetings on Wednesdays and Assembly on Thursdays. We will also have a shorter lunch break and an early finish on Fridays to accommodate sport.

Term dates

To view the 2024, 2025, and 2026 term dates, please [click here](#).

Community Visits

Thailand – Thursday 30 May, 6pm.
[Click here to book.](#)

Greytown – Wednesday 5 June, 6–8pm.
[Click here to book.](#)

Wellington – Thursdsay 6 June, 6–8pm.
[Click here to book.](#)

Staff updates

Nicole Billante – Principal of Iona College in Havelock North

Following our announcement at the end of Term 1, we are delighted to congratulate Nicole Billante, Deputy Principal – Teaching & Learning, on her appointment as Principal of Iona College in Havelock North. It is a testament to her exceptional talent and skills as an educational leader. Her dedication and contribution to College over the past nine years have been outstanding. It is a well-deserved next chapter in her remarkable career. We are confident that she will continue to excel in her new role from Term 3.

Welcome back Chris Sellars

Careers Advisor Chris Sellars returns to College this term from sick leave. We are thrilled to have Chris back on-site to help guide our boys towards their post-College life. Our thanks go to Ellen Cashion for stepping into the role and working with the boys during his absence.

New staff



Laura Forbes

Future Gifts Manager

Future Gifts Manager Laura Forbes has worked in arts philanthropy, promotion, and event management. In her previous role, Laura was the SCAPE Public Art Philanthropy & Development Manager in

Christchurch. Supporting the public art programme through sponsorship and fundraising, Laura has been involved in development strategies and communication. During her career, she has also curated the Art in a Garden Sculpture event in North Canterbury and worked in art galleries in Australia and New Zealand. Laura holds a Bachelor of Arts in Art History and Theory from the University of Otago and a Master of Art Administration from the University of New South Wales.



Anne Gabrielson

Archivist/Curator

Our new Archivist/Curator, Anne Gabrielson, has worked in heritage education, collection management, and conservation. Holder of a Postgraduate Diploma in Museum Studies and a

Bachelor of Education (Teaching), Anne joins College following her role as educator and collections advisor with the Antarctic Heritage Trust.



Christopher Nye

Religious Education teacher

Old Boy Christopher Nye returns to College as a Religious Education teacher. Holder of a Graduate Diploma in Teaching (Secondary), and a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy and English, along with a Minor in Psychology, Christopher joins us from Shirley Boys' High School where he has taught English and been involved in productions and a school choir. Christopher has also been a mentor to boys through his youth work, and coached and refereed football.



Lydia Sinclair

Boarding Community Overnight Nurse

Registered nurse Lydia Sinclair joins College as the new Boarding Community Overnight Nurse. Having worked in Christchurch Hospital's Emergency Department, she is used to thinking quickly and responding promptly to best meet a range of needs. Lydia joins us from Forte Health, where she has nursed on the ward and in the day-stay area, along with working in the post-anaesthetic care unit. As Lydia comes on board, we farewell Kirsty Black, who has worked at College for nearly two years, and we thank her for her dedication and care of our boarding community.



Hugo Zanker

Music teacher

Holder of a Graduate Diploma of Teaching and Learning from the University of Canterbury, a Masters of Music in cello performance from Freiburg Music University in Germany, and a Bachelor of Music (Hons) and a Bachelor of Fine Arts, UC, Hugo Zanker joins College as a Music teacher. Alongside his cello performance skills, Hugo brings experience in leading contemporary, classical (solo, chamber, and orchestral music), choral (traditional and contemporary), and jazz ensembles (big band). He has also been involved in sound design, music technology, and composition. Hugo joins us from Christchurch Rudolf Steiner School, having been Head of Music and Head of Digital Technologies.