



International Student News

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Each boy at his best.

From the International Student Manager



Welcome to the inaugural International Student News. This new termly newsletter aims to showcase the activities and successes of our international students. It will also highlight relevant upcoming events, and profile some of our recent Old Boys.

We hope it will enable you to feel closer to what your sons are doing while they are with us at Christ's College.

In Term 2, we have 19 international students at Christ's College, coming from China, South Korea, Japan, Sri Lanka, Germany, Taiwan, Papua New Guinea, and the United States.

This range of students helps to foster a culturally diverse school campus and contributes to all students learning about themselves and the world they live in. We thank you for trusting Christ's College with your son's education.

Upcoming Events

- **Monday 6 May**
Boarding Houses open for Term 2 (all boarders due back in Houses by 8pm).
- **Wednesday 8 May**
Anzac Day service
- **Monday 3 June**
King's Birthday holiday (Boarding Houses close at 3pm on Friday 31 May and reopen on Monday 3 June at 3pm).
This is a compulsory exeat weekend.
- **Thursday 13 June**
House Music
- **Friday 28 June**
Matariki holiday
- **Saturday 6 July**
Boarding Houses close for Term 2

Flu vaccinations

Christchurch Doctors will be on campus on Friday 24 May doing annual flu vaccinations. For your son/student to be eligible, [this form](#) must be completed and returned. Students must have previously had a flu immunisation with no reaction. They do not need to be registered with a New Zealand doctor, and the cost is the same for an international student as it is for a domestic student.



Chinese New Year

Our Chinese students, along with Deputy Principal – Teaching and Learning Nicole Billante and Head of Learning Support & ESOL Alex Robertson, enjoyed dinner at Joyful restaurant to celebrate the Chinese New Year. At a festival in Hagley Park, 24 College students also joined in the New Year celebrations, volunteering as guides and support crew to welcome in the Year of the Dragon.

[Read more here >](#)



Sporting success

Year 13 Richards House student Kavya Shukla (pictured far left) has been excelling on the cricket field for the 1st XI. In December, Kavya scored his maiden century for the school team while on tour to Canberra, Australia. Year 10 Richards House student Yoshinori Matsunami won the U15 100m sprint at Athletics Day. We were very proud to see him awarded with his tankard and certificate in Assembly.



Term outing

The Head of International/Round Square, Lucas Maguire, organised a dinner for the international students and Senior Round Square committee at Korea House in Riccarton. The boys were joined by international students from Rangī Ruru Girls' School for a fun meal, followed by dessert at Gong cha.



Rugby kicks off

Flower's House boys, including Masahiro Miyazaki, head off for a pre-season 1st XV rugby game. The younger boys from the House were excited to show their support.



Boarding at Christ's College

Saturday night in the boarding Houses can feature many different activities. Here is Year 13 Flower's House student Oscar Chen toasting marshmallows.



Holiday programme

During Easter, Rangī Ruru Girls' School hosted an afternoon of sports in its gym, followed by pizza and dessert. About 40 students from Rangī, St Andrew's College, St Margaret's College, and Christ's College joined forces for some fun competition.

Jordan Li (School House), and Ray Tsung and Tony Lu (Richards House) headed to Hanmer Springs in North Canterbury for three days of adventure.



Old Boys news

Recently, Shun Miyake (pictured right), who graduated in 2019, returned with his parents, Takashi and Saori, to tour College.

2023 Old Boys Matthew O'Connor (pictured below) and Michael Li were accepted into Brown University and New York University, respectively.

Matthew said of his time at College:

Over the past five years, Christ's College has been an integral part of my life. As an international student, I found a welcoming community that instantly became my home away from home. The support from the School House community empowered me to take on challenges and explore my leadership potential. The opportunity to lead as Head of School House was a valuable experience that allowed me to develop my communication, teamwork, and problem-solving skills. Beyond leadership, the dedicated teachers at Christ's College played a crucial role in my academic development preparing me for the demanding academic environment at Brown University.



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