



# International Student News

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## From the International Student Manager



Welcome to Issue 2 of the International Student News. Term 2 has been a busy one for all our international students. We feature several of their activities in this newsletter.

Term 3 will start with 20 international students from

China, Taiwan, South Korea, Papua New Guinea, Sri Lanka, Japan, and Germany. We also welcome Fanhao Shen, Year 11 from China, Oscar Kobayashi, Year 11 from Japan, and Duyi Wang, Year 12 from China.

Soichiro Inoue, a Year 11 student from Japan, will also spend two weeks at College, having won the H.I.H. Prince Takamado Trophy All Japan Inter-Middle School English Oratorical Contest. His stay at College is part of his prize.

### International meet-up

A recent introduction for our international students has been a monthly meet-up, which replaces the students' weekly mentor time once a month. The aim is to connect with all the international students, share reminders, notices, upcoming events and activities. It is also a chance for the students to share regular feedback and ask questions, and Oscar Chen, who is the international student representative on the Boarding Committee, can share any updates.

## Upcoming Events

- **Sunday 21 July**  
Boarding Houses open for Term 3 (all boarders due back in Houses by 8pm).
- **Thursday 25 July**  
Year 9 parent/teacher/student meetings by appointment, 2.30–7pm, online
- **Sunday 28 July**  
Chapel Service, 7pm
- **Monday 5 August**  
Years 12–13 NCEA parent/teacher/student meetings by appointment (NO CLASSES for Years 9–13), 8.30am–5pm, online
- **Thursday 8 August**  
NCEA Options Evening for parents and boys of Years 11–12, 7–8.30pm, Assembly Hall
- **Thursday 15 August**
  - REACTION House Plays Parents' Function, 5–6pm, Dining Hall
  - REACTION House Plays Festival – Night two, 6.30–8.30pm, Assembly Hall
- **Monday 19 August**  
Diploma Options Evening for parents and boys of Years 9–10, 7–8.30pm, Assembly Hall
- **Monday 26 August**  
Derived Grade examinations for Years 12–13
- **Monday 2 September–Saturday 7 September**  
Winter Tournament Week
- **Monday 9 September–Tuesday 10 September**  
NCEA co-requisite examinations (Years 10–11)
- **Friday 13 September**  
Grandparents' Day, 10.15am–12pm
- **Saturday 14 September**  
College Senior Ball, 7.30–11pm, Te Pae
- **Saturday 21 September**  
Boarding Houses close for Term 3, 3pm

## Term 2

In Term 2, we welcomed Charlie Syme from Sacramento, California to Flower's House. Charlie, a keen rower, among a range of interests, had heard about Christ's College from his primary school friend Sam Moore, who is also Year 9 in Flower's House.

Also in Term 2, we welcomed two exchange students from Scotch Oakburn College, Tasmania. Their exchange host students, Charlie Wilson and Ben Cuddihy, then returned to SOC to spend two weeks at the school in Launceston.



## Musical showcase

Mike Ma and Charlie Syme were part of a 100-plus choir (pictured top left) that competed at The Big Sing, an annual event held at the Christchurch Town Hall.

Also on the music front, our international students were part of their House choirs for the annual House Music Festival, a highlight of the College calendar for our school community. Pictured bottom left is Richards House, featuring Year 13 International student conductor Kavya Shukla.

## Social activities

Last holidays, a range of social activities were organised by Christ's College, Rangī Ruru Girls' School, and St Margaret's College. The boys enjoyed 10-pin bowling, Laser Strike, and an Escape Room outing. Pictured right are Zack Jia, Ray Tsung, and Robert Nesselrode.





## Sporting success

We were proud to see Kavya Shukla awarded his summer Colours for cricket. Colours are awarded to recognise individual excellence within the Christ's College sporting programme.

Masahiro Miyazaki, Year 13, and Yoshinori Matsunami, Year 10, were proud to show off their country to more than 110 players, managers, parents, and supporters who visited Japan in April for the 1st XV rugby tour. The tour included visits to Nara, Hiroshima, Gotsu, Beppu, Osaka, Kyoto, and Tokyo. Pictured left is Masahiro in action for the 1st XV.

## Holiday programmes

Our international students have the opportunity to explore New Zealand during the school holidays. During the last term break, Year 11 students Ray Tsung and Robert Nesselrode rode a Central Otago Cycle Trail which included visiting Queenstown. Robert was then joined by fellow Year 11 Clemens Ritter for a 'top of the south' trip which included kayaking in Abel Tasman, travelling down the West Coast, and a visit to the Springfield 'donut'.



## Family catch ups

It is always a highlight to welcome our parents to Christ's College. I recently enjoyed catching up with Mitsuko and Shozo Miyazaki, from Beppu, Kyushu, while they were visiting their son Masahiro, at College. It was lovely to be able to welcome them as they had been such amazing hosts to our rugby group during their April tour to Japan.



## Christchurch Educated Trip

During late May/early June, I visited Vietnam and Thailand as part of a contingent of Canterbury schools travelling under the umbrella of Christchurch Educated, a group of primary, intermediate, secondary, and tertiary education providers. [You can read more about this trip here.](#) A highlight was connecting with recent Old Boys Nont and Nant Prachuabmoh, who are both now studying in the United States.

## Agent Event

In April, Christ's College and St Margaret's College co-hosted drinks and nibbles for our Christchurch education agents. It was wonderful to welcome these valued agents to the College campus, and to build on the connections that we have.



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