



# International Student News

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## From the International Student Manager



Welcome to Issue 3 of the International Student News. Term 3 is traditionally a very full one, with Derived Grade exams for the seniors, House Plays, and Winter Tournament Week among a range of co-curricular activities. It has been wonderful to see so many of our

international students involved across the school, as illustrated in this newsletter.

During the year, I have the pleasure of showing current and prospective parents and agents around the school. I encourage you to reach out if you are visiting Christchurch so that we can welcome you onto our school campus. If it works, you can dine in the Dining Room with the boys, which is an experience all enjoy.

## Upcoming Events

- **Term 4**  
Monday 14 October–Friday 6 December (8 weeks)
- **Sunday 13 October**  
Boarding Houses open 3pm for Term 4 (all boarders due back in Houses by 8pm).
- **Friday 25 October**  
Boarding Mothers' Morning Tea, 10.30am, TBC
- **Monday 28 October**  
Labour Day Public Holiday (no classes)
- **Wednesday 30 October**  
Last day of classes for Years 12–13
- **Saturday 2 November**  
Year 11 Semi-Formal
- **Tuesday 5 November**  
NCEA examinations begin for Years 12–13
- **Tuesday 5 November–Saturday 9 November**  
Year 9 & 10 production of *Puffs* with St Margaret's College, Old Boys' Theatre
- **Thursday 14 November**  
Teacher-only Day (no classes)
- **Friday 15 November**  
Canterbury Anniversary Public Holiday (no classes)
- **Thursday 5 December**  
Carols on the Quad, 6–7pm  
Richards House and Flower's House prize-giving and dinners
- **Friday 6 December**  
Year 13 Boarding Parents' Brunch, Years 9–13 prize-giving, Year 13 Leavers' Chapel Service, Richards House and Flower's House Year 13 functions
- **Saturday 7 December**  
Boarding Houses close for the year, 3pm  
Year 13 Leavers' Function, 7.30–11pm

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## CELEBRATORY WEEKEND

FRIDAY 14 – SUNDAY 16  
FEBRUARY 2025



### Term 3

Prior to the start of term, three new international boarders had a day of school and city orientation. Before coming to New Zealand, the boys had met online during two Zoom sessions looking at New Zealand culture and language. This helped them when they gathered at College for a morning of familiarisation regarding the school and their timetable. After being fitted for their uniforms, the boys then went to Riverside for a kiwi-style pie and gelato for lunch. To finish the day, the boys were challenged on the zipline at the Christchurch Adventure Park. The park has both the longest (just over 1 kilometre) and highest (at 150 metres) ziplines in New Zealand.



Eight of our most recent international students were welcomed onto the Ngā Hau e Whā marae with a pōwhiri for the annual Mayoral Welcome. The boys managed to make the front row of the photo, next to the Mayor, Phil Mauger. Pictured right are Oscar Kobayashi, Robert Nesselrode, Tony Lu, Charlie Syme, Ethan Wong, Fanhao Shen, and Soichiro Inoue. Missing from the photo is Dewey Wang.





## Exchange Students

In Term 3, there were several school to school exchanges.

First, we had George Ma and Lyon Playfair (pictured far left) from Montgomery Bell Academy, Nashville, Tennessee here for two weeks. George and Lyon were hosted by Frank O'Gara and Euan McVicar, respectively.

Theo Kalda (pictured left) from Gymnasium am Moltkeplatz in Krefeld, Germany, joined College on the long-standing hockey exchange. Billed with Max Hardacre, Theo fitted seamlessly into College life and the hockey 1st XI.

We were thrilled to welcome Ryland Schaffer (pictured middle left) from Dunn School, California to College for two weeks. Ryland is the inaugural exchange student on this new Round Square exchange, and was hosted by Year 11 student Dylan Jackson, from Rolleston House. Dylan will travel to Dunn School in the September school holidays, along with Mun Chi Jager from Somes House.

Exchange student Soichiro Inoue (pictured bottom left) also made the most of his two weeks at College. Soichiro won his two-week stay at the school after impressing the judges in the 75th H.I.H. Prince Takamado Trophy All Japan Inter-Middle School English Oratorical Contest in Tokyo. He had never left Japan before, and travelled independently to take up his prize. The other Year 11s in Flower's House warmly welcomed Soichiro, who, alongside his two weeks of school, enjoyed a day trip to Akaroa and a trip around Christchurch on the tram.

## Round Square and International Week

Week 2 of Term 3 was the eagerly anticipated Round Square and International Week, with a range of activities reflecting the IDEALS of Round Square.

Year 12 student Tom Lee joined forces with Kennedy Xiao to give a fantastic rendition of *Into the World* in Korean, with their performance earning the duo 1st prize.

The three Japanese boys from Flower's House, Soichiro Inoue, Oscar Kobayashi, and Masahiro Miyazaki came 3rd equal with their performance of *Doraemon* in Japanese. Oscar had only been at College for one week, while it was Soichiro's first day at school, making their performance even more remarkable.

Later in the week, Year 11 students Ray Tsung and Fanhao Shen were part of the winning Richards House team at the International Quiz Night. With 12 teams competing, the boys did well to take out 1st prize, even beating the team of teachers.

Also part of Round Square Week was the Bead & Proceed initiative. Pictured bottom left is Head of International and Round Square Lucas Maguire painting a bead the colour of his chosen Sustainable Development Goal. The finished mural was then presented to the school during Assembly.





## On and off campus

During Term 3, our international students have impressed in a range of co-curricular activities, enabling them to enrich their education.

Year 12 Richards House student Mike Ma was among a trio of singers who benefitted from a session with opera singer Teddy Tahu Rhodes. The acclaimed baritone recently returned to College to share his skills with Mike and two other choir members. It was inspiring to see Mike, who is Chinese, singing so beautifully in Italian, highlighting our international students' multilingual skills.

On the winter sports scene, talented snowboarder Oscar Kobayashi won gold at both the Canterbury and South Island Secondary School Championships. Oscar, who only joined Christ's College this term, did not waste any time in making himself known on the snowboarding scene.

Richards House Year 11 student Robert Nesselrode travelled to Blenheim with the Big Band, competing at the Southern Jam Youth Jazz Festival. Big Band won an overall Gold Award. Robert, a trumpet player, is at College for one year from Germany.

Year 13 Flower's House student Masahiro Miyazaki was capped during the 1st XV's trip to Hamilton to play St Paul's Collegiate School during Winter Tournament Week. A cap is awarded when a player has started six times for the 1st XV.

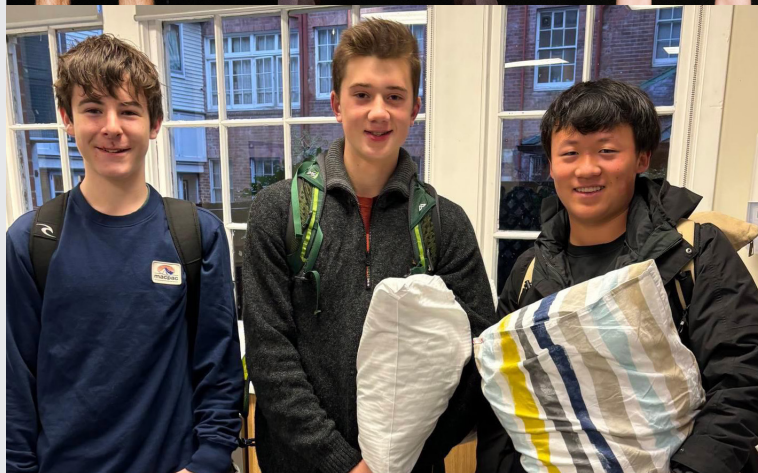


It was great to see international students taking themselves out of their comfort zone and contributing to their House spirit by taking to the stage for House Plays. Pictured on the right are Kavya Shukla and Ray Tsung.

Several of our Year 10 boys have undertaken the Immerse & Inspire residential programme, and several more of our Year 11s have made the most of the Boyle River camp. Pictured here is Tony Lu, a Year 10 student, all ready for his outdoor adventure with his friends from Richards House.

On Friday 23 August, St Margaret's College (SMC) invited a team of Christ's College boys to a Global Cuisine Fiesta. Held in the SMC Food Tech room, the team from College competed against a team from SMC and one from Rangī Ruru Girls' School to create an international culinary dish for judging.

The boys cooked fried chicken and chips, and came out tops on taste. They were then treated to a dinner of the different dishes.



## Local intermediate schools

During August, I hosted three of the International Student Directors from local intermediate schools to raise awareness of Christ's College as a pathway for their international students. Pictured are Alison Xie (Kirkwood Intermediate), Maria Viselli (Cobham Intermediate) and Sarah Cumming (Heaton Normal Intermediate School).



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