



International Student News

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From the International Student Manager



Welcome to Issue 4 of the International Student News.

As our international students return home to their families for summer, it is timely to reflect on 2024. It has been a busy year, with our students out and about participating in a huge range of

activities across the school. We are always so proud to see our international students involved and being recognised for their achievements and you will see many of these in this issue.

By now boys will be back at home with family and friends. Thank you for being part of our Christ's College community this year and I look forward to welcoming all those returning back for 2025.

Key dates for Term 1 2025

- **Monday 27 January, 8pm**
Years 10–13 boarders due back in the Houses
- **Saturday 1–Sunday 2 February**
Compulsory weekend in for Years 9–10 boarders
- **Thursday 6 February**
Waitangi Day holiday (no classes – compulsory day in for Year 9 boarders)
- **Sunday 9 February, 7pm, Chapel**
Chapel Service – invitation to new parents
- **Friday 14–Sunday 16 February**
175 Years Celebratory Weekend
- **Friday 21–Sunday 23 February**
Exeat weekend due to Electric Avenue concert in Hagley Park (Jacobs House available if boys need to stay in for the weekend)
- **Saturday 5 April, 3pm**
Boarding Houses close for Term 1

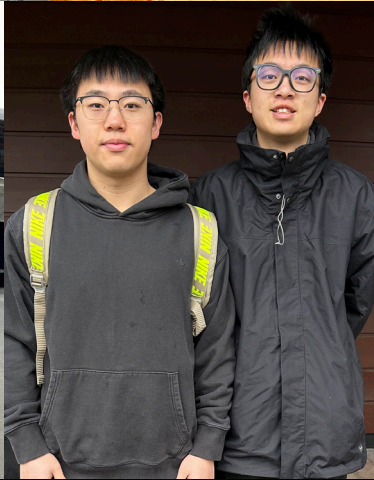
Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.



Merry Christmas



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Term 4 across the campus

In Term 4, our international students have continued to immerse themselves in the many opportunities offered by College.

Birthdays are especially good when celebrated with friends. Pictured, Flower's House Year 13 student Oscar Chen shares his birthday cake, while fellow Flower's House student Dewey Wang (Year 12) enjoys pizza night.

Year 11 students Fanhao Shen (Richards House) and Jordan Li (School House) head off to camp (below), as does Year 10 Flower's House student Charlie Syme.

Oscar Kobayashi has been awarded his Winter Sports Colours for his achievements in snowboarding. He is pictured below with his Christchurch-based caregiver, Yuko Worsp.

Clemens Ritter is part of the kapa haka group, including performing a pōwhiri to welcome the new Executive Principal, Joe Eccleton (bottom left).

Masahiro Miyazaki has finished his time at College by travelling to Tauranga with the College Sevens team to compete at the Condor Sevens tournament, while Kavya Shukla has been a member of the 1st XI cricket team, competing in the final of the local one-day competition. Having held the trophy for the past two years, the team has finished runner-up this year.



Year 10 Richards House student Tony Lu has achieved Distinction in the Australian Maths Competition and Distinction in the Otago Maths Competition, placing him in the top 20% of his year group.

We have also been proud to watch Year 11 Richards House student Ray Tsung being awarded his Bronze Duke of Edinburgh. Tony and Ray are both pictured top right.

Competition was fierce between all 10 Houses for the annual Junior House Tug of War, one of many House competitions. Pictured is the Richards House team.

The Years 9 and 10 St Margaret's College (SMC) and Christ's College production of Puffs was a wonderful opportunity for SMC International Student Manager Jo Fogarty and myself to host local agents and caregivers. After drinks and food in the Minstrel's Gallery of the Christ's College Dining Hall, we moved to the Old Boys' Theatre for the show. SMC international students also joined our boys for their dinner and the show (pictured bottom right).

Service Week

In the final week of school, our Year 10 students have been giving back to the community, helping out with bush restoration, conservation and gardening, and reading to children at a preschool, along with supporting local charities. Soko Selan and Yoshinori Matsunami (Richards House) are pictured below with their friends.



Holiday programmes

During the September holidays, Fanhao Shen, Robert Nesselrode, and Ray Tsung made the most of a two-week North Island Discovery tour, taking in the area's sights and adventure activities.

In the community

College was thrilled to see our choir feature in the Multicultural Gala Night in the Christchurch Town Hall (bottom right). This was part of a performance by the Beijing Acrobatic and Cultural Troupe, a top-tier performing arts group from Beijing, China.

Overseas events

Christ's College was represented at the COEX Fair in South Korea by several agencies, including SiS (bottom left).

At the Silk Road Expo in China, the College and SMC uniforms on display proved to be eye-catching attractions for expo visitors.





Exchange students

Year 11 students Dylan Jackson (Rolleston House) and Mun Chi Jager (Somes House) have travelled to Orange County in California for three weeks as part of the inaugural exchange with Dunn School.

We have also hosted Ollie Mogridge (bottom left) from Bunbury Catholic College in Western Australia. He has spent three weeks with his exchange partner, Year 10 Rolleston House student Liam Mullinger.

We were delighted to welcome William Daughtrey, the Head of School from Montgomery Bell Academy in the United States, to College for a visit in November (below right). We host Montgomery Bell students each year as part of our exchange programme. He enjoyed seeing the school and catching up with this year's exchange students during his visit.



Junior Round Square Week

Following a successful Senior Round Square and International Week in Term 3, the Junior Round Square Week was held in early Term 4. A motivated committee of Years 10 and 11 boys, including international student Charlie Syme, held many meetings to plan the week's activities.

The week started with a multilingual Chapel service, where Clemens Ritter gave the reading in German (translated by Nisal Pathirana), Felipe Felitti-Duter read the prayers in Spanish, and Tate Aikawa focused on the Round Square IDEAL of Leadership in the sermon. Later that day, there was a tuck shop takeover, while Tuesday included a House flag poster competition and a Round Square-focused Kahoot! Quiz.

A sweets giveaway for those boys who could name the Round Square IDEALS – Internationalism, Democracy, Environmentalism, Adventure, Leadership, and Service – and a library display featuring cultural items further highlighted the week. Thank you to Clemens' father, Joachim, who brought a traditional German outfit for display.

During the student-led Assembly on Thursday, Chris Yoon opened with a prayer in Korean, and the week finished with an Amazing Race-inspired Round Square race.



Prize-giving 2024

It was a highlight to see some of our international students win prizes at our recent Prize-giving.

Year 11 students Oscar Kobayashi, Robert Nesselrode and Ray Tsung were awarded their Silver College Diplomas, whilst Year 13 student Oscar Chen won the Prize for Painting and the Penlington Cup for Senior Art, and Gordon Liu the Prize for Digital Technology and the International Prize.

Black and White Diplomas were not awarded at Prize-giving but were achieved by Clemens Ritter, Jordan Li, Zack Jia and Mario Wei.

End-of-year international dinner

Our international student community gathered for a pizza dinner out, not only to celebrate the end of year, but to thank and farewell our Year 13s – Oscar Chen, Gordon Liu, Elliot Lee, Masahiro Miyazaki and Kavya Shukla. We thank you for your contribution to college and wish you all the best. We will miss you.



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