



WELCOME TO TERM 3

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CHRIST'S COLLEGE
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Each boy at his best.

Dear parents and caregivers

From the Headmaster

As we return from a well-earned break, we extend a warm welcome to all members of the Christ's College community as we embark on what promises to be a vibrant and rewarding Term 3.

This term is one of the most dynamic and anticipated of the school year. The much-loved House Plays Festival is fast approaching. It is an event that celebrates the creativity, energy, and collaborative spirit of our Houses. It is always a highlight of the term, offering our boys the opportunity to shine on stage and strengthening the sense of connection that binds our Houses together.

Meanwhile, the sporting calendar intensifies with the arrival of Winter Tournament Week, during which our teams travel across the country to represent Christ's College in a range of sporting codes. It is a time where commitment, character, and College spirit are on full display.

For our senior students, Term 3 marks a critical stage in their academic journey. With school examinations looming and NCEA and Scholarship assessments drawing nearer, this is a time that demands renewed focus and discipline.

Important dates

Key dates for 2025

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

Sunday 13 July

Boarding Houses open from 3pm for Term 3 (all boarders due back in their Houses by 8pm)

Sunday 20 July

Chapel Service, 7pm

Thursday 7 August

Years 11–12 NCEA Options Evening for parents and boys, 6.30–8pm, Assembly Hall
Please register [here](#).

Tuesday 12 August

REACTION House Plays Festival – Night one, 6.30–8.30pm, Assembly Hall

Thursday 14 August

REACTION House Plays Festival – Night two, 6.30–8.30pm, Assembly Hall

Friday 15 August

Years 10–11 NCEA parent/teacher/student meetings by appointment, 9.30–5pm

(NO CLASSES for Years 9–13)

Monday 18 August–Friday 22 August

Derived Grade examinations for Years 12–13

I encourage all boys, particularly those in Years 11 to 13, to reflect on their progress so far and set clear, meaningful academic goals for the term ahead, prioritising study, actively seeking guidance when needed, and utilising the support and resources available.

Understandably, the demands of sport, House life, and co-curricular activities can be significant. However, developing a well-balanced routine that honours both their commitments and their academic responsibilities will be essential. Success, both now and into the future, stems from the ability to plan effectively, maintain focus, and persevere when the pressure builds.

I also encourage parents to play an active role in supporting their sons by promoting healthy study habits at home, encouraging rest and wellbeing, and engaging in regular conversations about academic priorities.

Term 3 is about digging deep, maintaining momentum, and embracing challenges with determination and purpose. I have every confidence in our boys' ability to rise to the occasion.

Whether on stage, on the field, or in the classroom, we look forward to the energy and achievement that this term brings, and to sharing those moments with our community.

Ngā mihi nui

Chapel Services

Sunday 20 July, 7pm

Thursday 31 July, 6pm in association with the Anglican Schools Conference

Sunday 10 August, 7pm

Sunday 7 September, 7pm

Enrolments

The demand for places at College continues to climb. We will be interviewing the siblings of present students – for 2027 entry – later this year. If you have not enrolled your son, please do so immediately by clicking [here](#).

Course selection evenings

While we are only at the halfway mark in the academic year, Term 3 is an important time for looking ahead. Two key dates to keep in mind are the course selection evenings (listed below). This is an opportunity for boys and parents to speak to the relevant department representatives about the courses they are considering. While there will be a brief introduction about the option choice process (which will be

Important dates cont.

Monday 18 August

Diploma Options Evening for parents and boys of Years 9–10, 6–7pm, Chapman Room
Please register [here](#).

Monday 25 August–Saturday 30 August

Winter Tournament Week

Friday 5 September

Grandparents' Day, 10.15am–12pm
Please register [here](#).

Years 12–13 NCEA parent/teacher/student meetings by appointment, 2–6pm

Saturday 6 September

College Senior Ball, 7.30–11pm, Te Pae

Sunday 7 September

Years 10–12 Mother and Son Sunday Roast, 5–6pm
Please register [here](#).

Saturday 13 September

Boarding Houses close for Term 3 at 3pm

recorded), the evenings are designed for one-to-one conversations with subject experts (and, therefore, will not be live-streamed). If you have any questions, please make the most of these opportunities and join us at the respective events.

NCEA Options Evening

Thursday 7 August 6.30–8pm
Location: Assembly Hall
Please register [here](#).

Diploma Options Evening

Monday 18 August 6–7pm
Location: Chapman Room
Please register [here](#).

Student care – car registration

As part of our duty of care of our students, we have included links for the car registration for dayboys and boarders who bring a vehicle to school. Please fill in the 2025 Vehicle Permission Forms for [dayboys](#) and [boarders](#) so that we have all vehicle details.

Leaving College?

If your son does not plan to return to College in 2026, please email mmurrell@christscollge.com to let us know by the end of Week 1, Term 4. Later notice will likely incur fees for Term 1, 2026.

New staff



Bridget Woodham

Director of Advancement

Bridget Woodham will take up the role of Director of Advancement from 28 July. An experienced communications and engagement professional, Bridget joins College from Rangī Ruru Girls' School, where

she has held the roles of Communications Manager and Head of Development. Bridget has also held significant project management positions with Brown Bread and the Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Authority. The holder of a Bachelor of Commerce and a Bachelor of Music, Bridget has also completed postgraduate papers in project management at the University of South Australia.



Aisling Coomey

Physics

Victor Sue-Tang will take a sabbatical from the Physics Department in Term 3. We welcome Aisling Coomey, who is originally from Ireland, to cover his role. Aisling joins College from Burnside High

School where she has been a Science and Physics teacher. Previously, she was a Science teacher in Dublin and Cork. Aisling holds a Bachelor of Science from the University of Limerick, having specialised in Physics and Biology.



Liz Hay

History

Liz Hay has returned to College to teach in the History Department while Sam Stevenson is on parental leave.



Jack Le Roux

Gap student

Gap student Jack Le Roux joins College from Sir Thomas Rich's School, Gloucester, for one year from Term 3. A school prefect, he has also coached rugby and been involved in the Duke of Edinburgh Award programme.

Staff departures

Jane Teal

Archivist

After a 32-year career with College, Jane Teal has left her positions as Archivist and museum curator.

Staff movements

Warren Lidstone has resumed his role as Head of Department – History after writing an updated history of Christ's College to be released this year.

Robbie Turrell has been appointed Acting Head of Commerce.

Carey Prebble has been appointed Head of Workshop Technology.