



International Student News

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CHRIST'S COLLEGE
CANTERBURY

From the International Student Manager



Welcome to Issue 5 of the International Student News.

It is hard to believe that we have already finished Term 1. It has certainly been a busy one for all the boys.

Wishing you all a safe and happy Easter with your families.

Flu vaccinations

Christchurch Doctors will be on campus on Friday 9 May doing annual flu vaccinations. For your son/student to be eligible, please complete and return the form at the end of this newsletter. 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.



Key dates for Term 2 2025

- **Sunday 27 April**
All boarders due back in the Houses by 8pm
- **Wednesday 30 April**
Anzac Day Service – Quad
Induction of Choristers Chapel Service – Chapel
- **Thursday 1 May**
OBHS Winter Sports Exchange
- **Sunday 4 May**
7pm Chapel Service
- **Thursday 8 May**
3–7pm Years 12–13 NCEA parent/teacher/student meetings by appointment (online)
- **Friday 9 May**
4pm Combined boarding Houses Mother's Day High Tea
- **Tuesday 13 May**
Founders' Dinner for Year 13 students – Dining Hall
- **Wednesday 21 – Saturday 24 May**
Senior Production – *Shakespeare in Love*
- **Sunday 25 May**
7pm Chapel Service
- **Saturday 31 May – Monday 2 June**
King's Birthday Weekend (no classes on Monday 2 June)
- **Thursday 19 June**
5–6pm Combined boarding Houses parents' drinks and canapes – Dining Hall
6.30–8.30pm Parents' Association House Music Festival – Christchurch Town Hall
- **Friday 20 June**
Matariki Holiday (no classes)
- **Friday 27 June**
6–9pm Parents' Association Mid Winter Drinks
- **Saturday 28 June**
3pm Boarding Houses close for Term 2



Across the campus

We welcomed two new international boarders at the start of the year – Koichiro Miyazaki, Year 11, from Japan, and Joseph Zhu, Year 10, from China. We enjoyed a fun afternoon exploring central Christchurch as part of their orientation (pictured left).



In Term 1, our international students have been involved in a wide range of activities across the campus, and further afield. Charlie Syme (pictured left) has rowed at the Canterbury Championships and South Island Secondary Schools Regatta before being selected to compete at the national Maadi Regatta on Lake Karapiro, near Cambridge, in Waikato where his U16 crew made the final.



Zack Jia (pictured below left) has performed a beautiful version of [白鸽乌鸦相爱的戏码](#) (Bái gē wū yā xiāng ài de xì mǎ), which translates to 'The drama of doves and crows falling in love' at the Senior Round Square Cultural Festival, organised with the St Margaret's College Global Relations Committee.



Our junior students have made the most of the weekend Boarding Programme, experiencing a huge range of fun activities. Year 10 student Joseph Zhu and Year 9 student Will Luo (pictured below) have been busy ziplining at the Christchurch Adventure Park.



Chinese New Year

Many Christ's College students have again volunteered to help out at the Chinese New Year Festival, and the choir has featured in the opening ceremony, performing Ka Waiata and the school haka.



Agent visits and events

It is always a pleasure to host international education agents at College. Often, we enjoy a meal in the Dining Hall with the boys. While touring the College campus, we always like to visit Old School, which is now our library and is the oldest continuously used educational building in New Zealand, as it is a popular photo spot.

Another popular photo spot is outside our beautiful chapel.

On Tuesday 1st, Christ's College and St Margaret's College (SMC) hosted our annual agent drinks and nibbles, this year held at SMC. This is always a good opportunity to connect in person with our local agents, and to update them on what is happening and new at our respective schools. This year we were proud to introduce our new Executive Principal Joe Eccleton to our agents (pictured below).

Overseas recruitment

Christ's College has been represented at two education fairs in Korea - the New Zealand Education Fair 2025 - SIS International Education and Tredu Fair.





Exchange students

In early February Christ's College and SMC hosted 12 exchange students and staff from Lycee Samuel Raapoto in Tahiti. They spent two weeks fully immersed in Kiwi life, spending time in both the classroom and doing outdoor adventures. The boys (pictured left) were hosted by our senior French and te reo Māori students, who spent time in Tahiti last September.



Five Christ's College boys are undertaking international student exchanges. Alex Johnstone (pictured left), Year 11, has travelled to Round Square school Bridge House in South Africa for a month-long stay. Lucas Zhong and Sasha Young, also Year 11, have departed for St Paul's Co-educational College in Hong Kong, while Teddy Hailey and James McNeill, both Year 12, will travel to Montgomery Bell Academy in Tennessee.



We look forward to seeing the boys on their return, and hosting their exchange students at Christ's College.

Round Square events

Head of International and Round Square Benson Geng-Wang and St Margaret's College Head of Global Relations Yibin Kim – alongside their respective committees – have hosted a vibrant Cultural Festival at Christ's College. More than 110 students from Christ's College, St Margaret's College, and Rangī Ruru Girls' School have gathered in the Chapman Room to celebrate cultural diversity through performances.



"It was a great opportunity to showcase some of the cultural diversity in Christchurch to our students," Benson says. "It was also promising to see so many student performers step up and share their talents."



Safe Studying Abroad, Safe Life Overseas

Our Chinese boarders were fortunate to be invited to a seminar organised by Wisdom Agency in conjunction with the Chinese Consulate-General in Christchurch to enhance the safety awareness of Chinese expatriates and international students whilst studying here in NZ.

The seminar covered key safety topics, including preventing telecom fraud, traffic safety, legal knowledge, and emergency response—issues of great concern to overseas Chinese and students. There was also a Q&A session, prizes given out, and pizza and sushi afterwards.



Wishing you all a safe and happy Easter.



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Each boy at his best.

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Kakao Talk



WeChat



2025 Flu vaccination consent form

Person

Surname _____ First name _____

Phone _____ Date of birth $\frac{\text{DD}}{\text{MM}} / \frac{\text{YYYY}}$ Age _____ years

Address _____

Medical Centre/GP _____ NHI _____
National Health Index number if known

Ethnicity (please tick one or more)

NZ European Māori Samoan Cook Island Māori Tongan Niuean Chinese

Indian Other – please state _____

Consent statements

- I have read the fact sheet called 'What you need to know about the flu vaccination', and kept a copy or photographed so I can refer to it after I leave the appointment.
- The benefits and risks of the flu vaccine have been explained to me. I have had enough time to ask questions and my questions were answered to my satisfaction. I have been advised of the different types of flu vaccine available to me and my options.
- I have been told how long I will need to wait after the vaccination.
- I was told how and when to seek assistance if I/ the person being vaccinated experience symptoms after the immunisation which may be vaccine related.
- The vaccinator has discussed with me other vaccines that I am eligible for.
- I understand this vaccination will be recorded by Health New Zealand on the Aotearoa Immunisation Register (AIR) and can be accessed by authorised health care staff e.g my GP.
- I have been provided with the AIR privacy information.
- I consent to the flu vaccination being given.

Signature _____ Date $\frac{\text{DD}}{\text{MM}} / \frac{\text{YYYY}}$

As parent / legal guardian / enduring power of attorney

I _____ am the parent, legal guardian or enduring power of attorney, and agree to the flu vaccination of the person named above.

Relationship to person being vaccinated _____ Phone _____

Signature _____ Date $\frac{\text{DD}}{\text{MM}} / \frac{\text{YYYY}}$

Vaccination record (for vaccinator use)

Consumer details confirmed Affirmative answer to any screening questions? Yes No

If yes, record the detail and advice given _____

Verbal and written post vaccination information given

Previous vaccination records checked prior to administration and other eligible vaccines offered eg Tdap / MMR / Shingles

Discussed with consumer influenza vaccines available and pros and cons of these as appropriate

Informed consent obtained? Yes No

Influvac Tetra (Funded) 6 months and over	Dose 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 6 months and over	Dose 2* <input type="checkbox"/> 6 months – 9 years
Flucelvax Quad (Unfunded) 6 months and over	Dose 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 6 months and over	Dose 2* <input type="checkbox"/> 6 months – 9 years
Fluad Quad (Unfunded) 65 years and over	Dose 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 65 years and over	
FluQuadri (Unfunded) 6 months and over	Dose 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 6 months and over	Dose 2* <input type="checkbox"/> 6 months – 9 years
Afluria Quad (Unfunded) 3 years and over	Dose 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 years and over	Dose 2* <input type="checkbox"/> 3 – 9 years

*Two doses separated by at least four weeks if a flu vaccine is being administered for the first time.

Flu vaccination details							
Name of vaccine	Batch	Expiry	Dose	Needle size	Site	Date	Time
Write vaccine name or place vaccine sticker here					Deltoid <input type="checkbox"/> L <input type="checkbox"/> R		
<input type="checkbox"/> Funded <input type="checkbox"/> Non-funded							
Other vaccines given (vaccinator must ensure informed consent has been obtained for these)							
Vaccine details	Batch	Expiry	Dose	Needle size	Site	Date	Time
Write vaccine name or place vaccine sticker here					Deltoid <input type="checkbox"/> L <input type="checkbox"/> R		

Vaccinator information

Place of vaccination _____

Name _____

Signature _____

Clinical supervisor (if relevant)

Name _____

Observation period

Details of any AEFI or observations recorded

CARM report completed

Signature _____

Departure time _____

Signature _____