



International Student News

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From the International Student Manager



We have all been eagerly anticipating the holidays after a busy Term 2 at Christ's College.

Our international students continue to immerse themselves in College life, making the most of the many academic and co-curricular opportunities.

I continue to enjoy meeting agents and showing everyone around our beautiful campus as College marks its 175th anniversary.



175 YEARS

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Key dates for Term 3 2025

- **Sunday 13 July**
Boarding Houses open 3pm for Term 3 (all boarders due back in House by 8pm)
- **Sunday 20 July**
Chapel Service, 7pm
- **Thursday 7 August**
Years 11–12 NCEA Options Evening for parents and boys, 7–8.30pm, Assembly Hall
- **Thursday 14 August**
REACTION House Plays Parents' Function, 5–6pm
REACTION House Plays Festival – Night two (Flower's, Richards, School, Rolleston, Somes), 6.30–8.30pm
Assembly Hall
- **Friday 15 August**
Years 10–11 NCEA parent/teacher/student meetings by appointment (NO CLASSES for Years 9–13), 9.30–5pm
- **Monday 18 – Friday 23 August**
Derived Grade examinations for Years 12–13
- **Monday 18 August**
Diploma Options Evening for parents and boys of Years 9–10, 7–8.30pm, Assembly Hall
- **Friday 5 September**
Grandparents' Day, 10.15–12pm
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
7pm Chapel Service
- **Saturday 13 September**
3pm Boarding Houses close for Term 3



Term 2

This term, we welcome Year 12 student Shelby Moyesfield, from Los Angeles in the United States, and Year 10 student Louis Zhao (pictured), from China, to our College community.

Across the campus

Our Year 9–10 boarders from Christ's College and St Margaret's College have been treated to a boba-making (bubble tea) evening hosted by College's Junior Round Square committee and BobaLab's Hannah Chen. The students have discovered more about boba via a very competitive Kahoot!, rolled some tapioca balls, and made their own bubble tea.

Year 9 student Will Luo and Year 10 student Joseph Zhu (both pictured left) with their boba concoctions.



Notable achievements

Year 12 student – and 1st XI hockey player – Clemens Ritter (pictured left) has been selected for the Canterbury U19 development squad.

Champion Year 12 snowboarder Oscar Kobayashi has been undertaking the New Zealand Snowboard Instructors Level 1 course at Mt Hutt.

Year 13 student Dewey Wang has represented Christ's College at the Canterbury Regional Interschool Chess Competition. He has also featured on the drums in the backing band for a Flower's House performance at the House Music Festival.

Year 10 student Joseph Zhu has been awarded High Distinction – with a score of 87 out of 120 – in the Kangourou sans Frontières (KSF) mathematics competition. Inspired by the AMT's Australian Mathematics Competition, the KSF is the largest maths competition in the world, with more than 6 million participants annually. Well done, Joseph.



House news

Following feedback from international students, Richards House has bought a rice cooker that the boys can use in the common room. Thank you to Richards House staff for supporting our international students!

Richards House students Mike Ma and Zack Jia have treated fellow House students to a dumpling-making evening. It has proved to be very entertaining, with Mike and Zack teaching their Housemates – and Housemaster Kevin Harris – how to make dumplings.

Several Flower's House students have been out and about during the Matariki weekend. Matariki is the Māori name for the star cluster also known as the Pleiades or Seven Sisters. It appears in the mid-winter sky in New Zealand and marks the start of the Māori New Year, Te Mātahi o te Tau. It is a time for reflection, remembrance, celebration, and planning. (Pictured bottom right).

Pink Shirt Day is an opportunity for our boys to show their support of anti-bullying initiatives while also celebrating diversity and promoting kindness and an inclusive environment.

Students Mario Wei, Dewey Wang and Joseph Zhu, and Oscar Kobayashi – along with Flower's House friends – look very smart in their pink shirts.



House Music Festival

All our international students have been on stage with their Houses during the annual House Music Festival at the Christchurch Town Hall. We have been very proud to see the boys singing so enthusiastically and contributing to an amazing evening of music. (Richards and Flower's Houses pictured right).

Basketball tour

In the April school holidays, Ray Tsung, Year 12, travelled to the United States as a member of the Christ's College basketball tour squad. (Pictured below).

Old Boys

It is always special to hear from our Old Boys. We are very proud of Kavya Shukla's cricketing success, having won the Canterbury U19 Batter of the Year at the 2024/2025 awards. Kavya is now studying Engineering at the University of Canterbury. (Photo of Kavya's award bottom left).

We have loved hearing from Soko Selan, who was at College for Years 9 and 10. Soko is now in the Dominican Republic with his family and starts a new school there in August.





Exchange students

School exchanges continue to be popular, with five of our Year 10 students making the most of exchanges to United World College of South East Asia in Singapore, Barker College in Sydney, and Bunbury Catholic College in Western Australia later this year.

We also look forward to welcoming exchange partners from St Paul's Co-educational College in Hong Kong, Montgomery Bell Academy in Tennessee, and Moltkeplatz Gymnasium in Krefeld, Germany at the start of Term 3.

It was a pleasure to welcome Oscar Marklew from Bridge House, near Cape Town in South Africa, to College for three weeks in May. College student Alex Johnstone had earlier travelled to Bridge House. (Alex pictured top left, Oscar pictured left, Oscar and Alex pictured left).

During his exchange to St Paul's Co-educational College, College student Lucas Zhong joined the orchestra tour to the Greater Bay Area in China, performing in Guangzhou and Shenzhen. (A picture of the combined orchestras is below).



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