



International Student News

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From the International Student Manager



Term 3 is traditionally the busiest period in the school year, with the House Plays Festival, derived grade exams, and most internals being due, along with all the excitement of Winter Tournament Week. We also learn so much and have fun during Senior Round Square Week. I hope you enjoy

the photos of these wonderful events, along with other College activities.

We have welcomed two new Year 10 students this term, Yusuke Kitagawa, from Japan, and Bene von Wuelfing, from Germany, (pictured below). Both boys have quickly become integral members of their Houses.



Key dates for Term 4 2025

- **Sunday 5 October**
Boarding Houses open 3pm for Term 4 (all boarders due back in House by 8pm)
- **Saturday 18 October**
Year 11 Semi-Formal, 7.30–10.30pm, Majestic on Durham
- **Monday 20 October**
Sedley Wells Music Competition, 7–8.30pm, Assembly Hall
- **Friday 24 October**
Boarding Mothers' Morning Tea, 10.30am
Parents' Association Pink Lunch, 12–2pm, Dining Hall
- **Monday 27 October**
LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY (NO CLASSES)
- **Wednesday 29 October**
Last day of classes for Years 12–13
- **Tuesday 4 November**
NCEA examinations begin for Years 12–13
- **Tuesday 4–Saturday 8 November**
Junior Production, Old Boys' Theatre
- **Friday 14 November**
CANTERBURY ANNIVERSARY PUBLIC HOLIDAY (NO CLASSES)
- **Monday 17–Sunday 23 November**
Junior Tournament Week
- **Wednesday 19–Wednesday 28 November**
Semester 2 prep examinations for Year 11 students
- **Wednesday 26–Friday 28 November**
Year 10 Kohititā and Onuku Marae programmes take place. Year 9 Outdoor Education programme
- **Monday 1–Thursday 4 December**
Year 9 Outdoor Education, Year 10 Community Service, Year 11 Finding Your Pathway
- **Thursday 4 December**
Carols on the Quad, 6–7pm
- **Friday 5 December**
Year 13 Boarding parents brunch, 9–10.15am, Dining Hall
Years 9–13 Prize-giving, 1–3pm, Christchurch Town Hall
Year 13 Leavers' Chapel Service, 4–5pm, Chapel
- **Saturday 6 December**
Boarding Houses close for the year, 3pm
Year 13 Leavers' Function, 7.30–11pm, TBC

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Cultural Outing

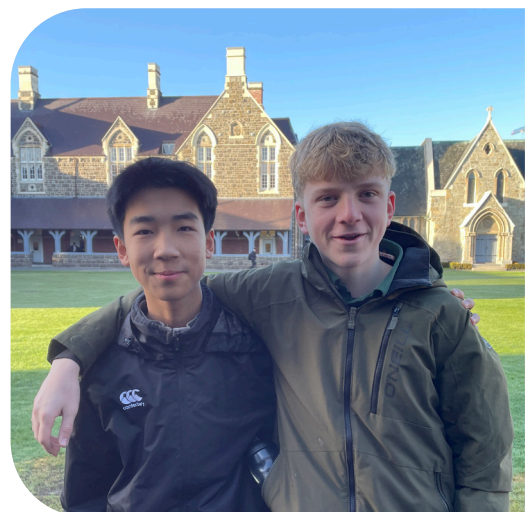
Yusuke and Bene have been joined by Koichiro Miyazaki, Louis Zhao, and Paul Behrens – fellow new students in 2025 – at the Mayoral Welcome at Ngā Hau e Whā National Marae. It was a very special occasion, with the boys experiencing a pōwhiri and greeting their hosts with a hongi.



Across the campus

Discovery and Challenge is a key element of the Years 10/11 [Christ's College Diploma](#). All Year 10 students spend a week on camp as part of the Immerse & Inspire programme. This contributes to the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Hillary Award.

Pictured below, our Year 10 boys get ready to depart for Boyle River.



Across the campus *continued*

Our annual international karaoke competition – held during Senior Round Square Week – has been a hit with the boys, with several international students taking to the stage. Tom Lee sang *Drowning* by Woodz in Korean, while Clemens Ritter and Bene von Wuelfing sang *Auf Uns* in German, (pictured right). We were very proud of their efforts.

Following the success of last year's event, the St Margaret's College International committee again hosted a Global Cuisine Competition.

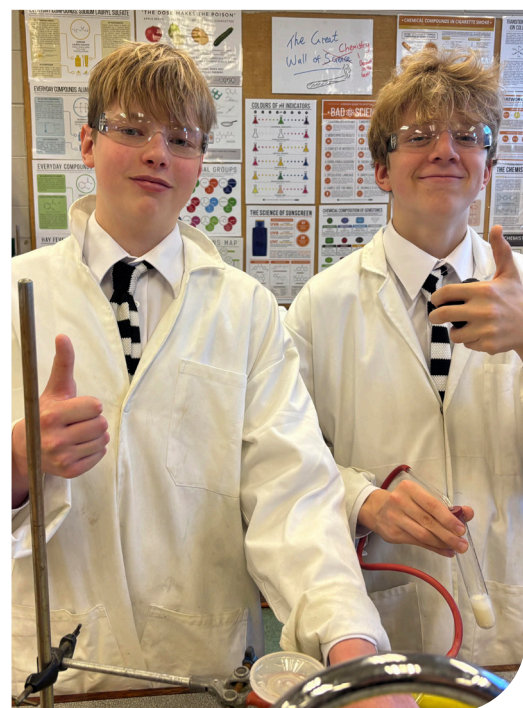
Teams from Christ's College, St Margaret's College, and Rangi Ruru Girls' School presented their dishes to the judges, who scored on presentation, taste, and creativity.

College boys claimed the presentation category with their beautifully plated (and very tasty) 'Coca-Cola chicken'.

Rangi Ruru students won the overall prize with their scrambled egg with tomato, and egg fried rice, complementing the dish with a story about the importance of aroha and home-cooked food.

The REACTION House Plays Festival is one of the best events on the College calendar, and this year, the plays have been very entertaining. Year 11 student Charlie Syme, (pictured below left) features in the Flower's House play, *The Almost Perfect Fairytale*.

Core Chemistry provides the opportunity for some exciting experiments. Here are Joseph and Bene (pictured below right) putting some experiments into action.



Sporting achievements

Year 12 snowboarder Oscar Kobayashi (pictured left) has gained his New Zealand Snowsports Instructors Association Level 1 Snowboard Certification at Mount Hutt. Oscar can now teach beginner snowboarders how to turn, stop, and manage their speed. Congratulations Oscar.

Year 11 student Yoshinori Matsunami, (pictured left) has made an impact on the rugby field as a member of the 1st XV. He has also been selected for the Canterbury U16 team. You can read more about Yoshi [here](#).

Despite having just started playing rugby this year, Koichiro Miyazaki (below) has also been in fine form in the Development team.

Year 12 student Clemens Ritter – a member of the hockey 1st XI – has lined up for College at the national competition in Auckland during Winter Tournament Week, (pictured bottom).



Old Boys

It was a pleasure to welcome 2023 Old Boy Luke Kim (pictured right) back to College to speak at Assembly during Senior Round Square Week. Luke, who is studying at the University of Rochester in the United States, highlighted the importance of the Round Square IDEAL of adventure in his life journey.

Alvin Kong, who came to Christ's College from Malaysia in the early 1990s, is now living in New Zealand with his wife and family. Alvin attended the 175th celebrations and recently brought a friend to tour the school. When looking around Flower's, Alvin enjoyed seeing his younger self on the walls!

Exchange students

We have hosted five exchange students in Term 3. Paul Behrens is making the most of his eight-week Gymnasium am Moltkeplatz hockey exchange, (pictured below left).

Meanwhile, Howard Ng and Timmy Kung are from St Paul's Co-educational College in Hong Kong, and Daniel McLaren and Henry Billings are visiting from Montgomery Bell Academy in Nashville, Tennessee.



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Each boy at his best.

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