



International Student News

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From the International Student Manager



Another year has flown past, and by now many of you will have your sons home for the long Summer holiday.

At the end of term, we gathered as an international student community for a meal to celebrate the end of the year, mark the many activities and

achievements of our international students, and farewell our departing Year 13 students.

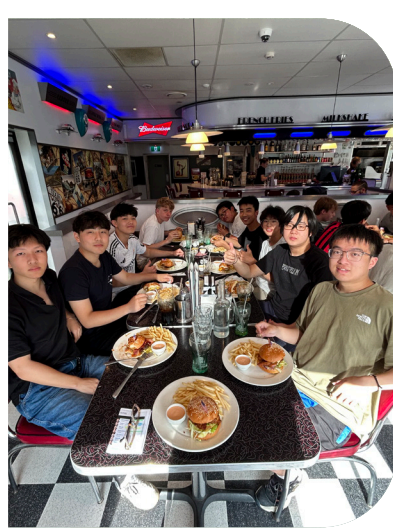
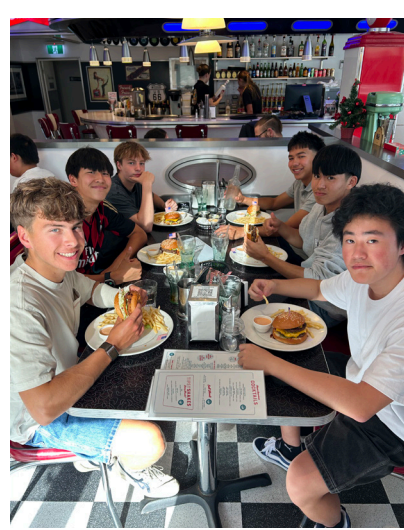
We wish Tom Lee (South Korea), Mike Ma (China) and Duyi Wang (China) all the very best for their next steps and hope they - and their families - will continue to be part of our Christ's College community through our Old Boys' Association. These three leavers are pictured below.



All the very best to our
2025 Year 13 Leavers

Key dates for Term 1 2026

- **Sunday 1 February**
Boarding Houses open for Year 9 and selected Year 13 boarders
- **Monday 2 February**
Start of Term 1 for all Year 9 boys
- **Tuesday 3 February**
Year 9 Orientation and Years 10–13 Administration Sessions
- **Monday 23 February**
NCEA Information Evening for parents of Years 12–13, 6–7pm Chapman Room
- **Thursday 26 February**
Christ's College Athletics Sports Championships, Ngā Puna Wai
- **Friday 27 February**
School finishes early – Electric Avenue
- **Thursday 5 March**
Year 9 parents meet teachers, 5.30–6.30pm, Assembly Hall
Parents' Association Year 9 parents welcome to College drinks and canapes, 6.30–8pm, Chapman Room
- **Sunday 15 March**
Year 9 Father & Son Sunday Roast, 5pm, Chapman Room
Chapel Service, 7–8pm, Chapel
- **Monday 23 March – Saturday 28 March**
Summer tournament week
- **Thursday 2 April**
Years 10–11 Diploma parent/teacher/student meetings by appointment, 2–6pm, On-site



From the International Student Manager *continued*

Whilst speaking of the impressive range of achievements and contributions of our international students, and the impact they have across College life, I acknowledged the courage and perseverance that they display every day as they navigate life and school in a different country, culture and language. I have so much respect and admiration for the energy and enthusiasm our international students bring to their school life, and for their academic and co-curricular achievements.

Across the campus

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

- Benedikt von Wuelfing competed in the NZSS Clay Target shooting nationals.
- Charlie Syme has been part of the Junior Round Square committee and did the homily in chapel during Junior Round Square week.
- Louis Zhao, Joseph Zhu and Benedikt headed away on camp.
- Charlie presented on Thanksgiving at the Flower's House Thanksgiving celebration.
- Yoshinori Matsunami played in the Condor 7s in Tauranga.



Holiday programmes

During the September holidays, Benedikt von Wuelfing did a tour of the South Island with NZET. Although it rained for most of the ten days, he saw some wonderful sights and had some uniquely New Zealand experiences (Bene whitebaiting, pictured right).



Exchange students

In Term 4, we hosted three exchange students from two Round Square schools - Adith Jeyasekharan, from United World College Singapore (pictured right) and Thomas Harris and Harry Culhane from Scotch Oakburn College, Tasmania (pictured far right).



Junior Round Square Week

Following a successful Senior Round Square and International Week in Term 3, the Junior Round Square Week was held in Week 6 of Term 4.

A motivated committee of Years 9-11 boys, including international student Charlie Syme, held many meetings to plan the week's activities.

The week started with a multilingual Chapel service, where Max Hindmarsh gave the reading in Portuguese, Benedikt von Wuelfing read prayers in German, and Charlie Syme gave a sermon focused on the role of faith in our common humanity. The boys are pictured on the right.



During the week, there was also a 'Guess the National Anthem' Kahoot! During mentor time, a student-led Round Square Assembly, and a series of games including musical chairs, red light/green light, and heads or tails, with the number of participants reducing up until the final food tasting competition.

Service week

In the final week of school, our Year 10 students Benedikt, Louis and Joseph have been giving back to the community, helping out with tree planting, and at Ranui House while Will Luo, Year 9 has been on camp as well as doing various outdoor education activities such as surfing and stand up paddleboarding.





Agent visits and overseas trips

Christ's College hosted several agent visits in Term 4, whilst in the most recent school holidays, I visited Singapore, Bangkok, Seoul and Tokyo to attend education fairs and undertake agent visits. It is one of the absolute highlights of my role connecting with so many wonderful agents and I always appreciate the time given to meeting me, and to touring our school.

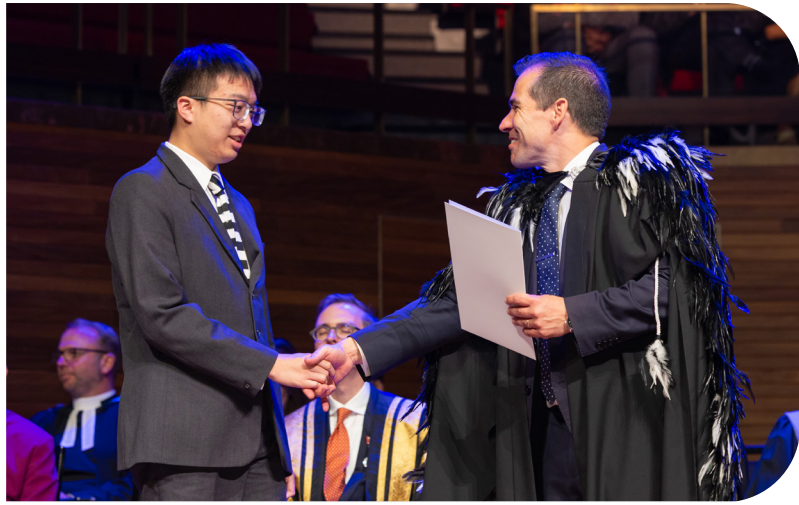


Prize-giving 2025

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

Year 11 student Charlie Syme (pictured top) won an Academic Award and was awarded his College Diploma with Gold. Yoshinori Matsunami (pictured right) was awarded his Diploma with Silver, whilst Year 12 student Jordan Li (pictured below right) won the English as a Second Language Prize, Year 12 student Clemens Ritter won the Prize for French, and Year 13 student Duyi Wang won the International Prize.

The Black and White Diploma was not awarded at Prize-giving but was achieved by Koichiro Miyazaki.



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