

# WELCOME TO TERM 1

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**CHRIST'S COLLEGE**  
CANTERBURY

Each boy at his best.

## Dear parents and caregivers

**It is a pleasure to welcome our community to the new school year for 2023.**

Like you, I hope it is one where we achieve our dreams and aspirations at both an individual and collective level. Across all our programmes our underlying driver will continue to be our mission of 'Each boy at his best', crafted through our strategic themes of Motivation, Connection, Philanthropy, and Sustainability as we navigate our path towards our 175th in 2025.

Over the break, Annie and I were fortunate to spend several weeks with our daughter, son-in-law and grandsons in Chicago, having not seen them for three years. It was such a delight to add some 'pheromones to the FaceTime' over an almost white Christmas.

### **Community Visits, Round Square Conference and IBSC**

Following this break, along with visits to several schools, I was pleased to be able to play the reconnection card with our community in New York, London, and San Francisco, meeting friends and College Old Boys eager to catch up on news.

In London, a combined function with St Margaret's College welcomed almost 80 attendees who expressed their appreciation to Alumni Manager Lizzie Dyer and me for having made the effort to host such an event. Coinciding with these community functions were two important events for our most significant aligned international organisations.

In London, Heads of Round Square (RS) Schools met for the first time in three years to focus on how the organisation could re-engage to the benefit of members, post-pandemic, and, in the United States, I represented College and Australasia as a trustee of the International Boys'

### **Important information**

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#### **Start of year routine 2023**

[Click here](#) to see activities at College from Wednesday 25 January–Monday 13 February.

#### **Key dates 2023**

[Click here](#) to see key dates for 2023.

#### **Key boarding dates 2023**

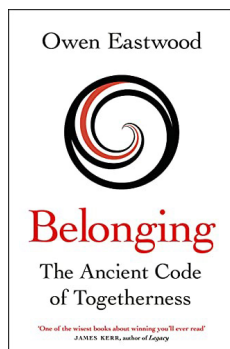
[Click here](#) to see key boarding dates for 2023.

#### **Year 9 welcome to Christ's College**

[Click here](#) to accept our invitation to attend the Christ's College Parents' Association welcome to the College community on Thursday 23 February, 5.30–8pm.

#### **Year 10 welcome back to Christ's College**

[Click here](#) to accept our invitation to attend the Christ's College Parents' Association welcome back to College and introduction to our Immerse & Inspire programme on Thursday 23 February, 6.30–8pm.



School Coalition (IBSC). As a school in the parochial South Island, these international connections are vital for College as they prompt us to look up and out for inspiration and opportunity. A highlight for me was keynote speaker Owen Eastwood at the RS Conference. Owen spoke about his recent book, *Belonging*, which was given to staff in 2022. I hope to have Owen visit College later this year and highly recommend this book to you all. It speaks to leadership, contribution, and community, underlying the importance of belonging to our sense of wellbeing.

### Gillette Cup win

We begin the year with a skip in our step, consequent of the final act of 2022 when our 1st XI cricket team won the Gillette Cup one-day national schools' cricket competition. This is a magnificent achievement, given how difficult it is to crack. Thank you to Nick Gibb and your team for giving us such an example of perseverance combined with planning and skill. Perhaps what made this success so pleasing was the manner in which the boys played – winning both the tournament undefeated and the umpires' award for sportsmanship and demeanour. Further news can be found in the [Latest news](#) section of our website.

### NCEA results

We have received our early results for NCEA, which, as expected, reflect favourably on all involved. Given the reality of the past few years, for all the boys and staff our results are admirable and I am proud of what has been achieved. We are extremely fortunate to have navigated some interesting times for teaching and learning, both here in New Zealand and indeed across the globe.

### Child Protection Policy

Fundamental to schools is child protection and safety and, with this in mind, last year all College staff underwent training with a highly respected New Zealand-based organisation, Child Matters. This training will be an ongoing part of being employed at the school and provides confidence for parents that our staff are informed and proactive in recognising and reporting any signs of child mistreatment, both within and beyond the school. Throughout this year, students will also have sessions that match those of the staff so that a culture of safety is a part of the College experience. Child Matters is a trusted adviser to the school on policy and practice as it relates to child protection. Further information about Child Matters can be found [here](#).

### Annual survey feedback

As the community is aware, College has progressed within the broad mantra of 'Change and Continuity' in recent years. We continue to benchmark our work against similar schools through an annual survey that affirms and guides our decision-making. In 2022, Years 9, 11 and 13 boys and parents were surveyed (as were all staff). A high-level executive summary can be found [here](#). The more detailed insight that the report provides to our school influences and guides our thinking. As always, we are listening to our key stakeholders and will respond as best we can, within our means, to address issues and opportunities. Please get in touch if you have any questions that relate to this process and outcome.

### Upper West

Like all, I trust that Upper West and the Upper refurbishment project can be completed as hoped by the end of the year. This hope is set against

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### Parent Education Evenings

Throughout the year, College hosts several Parent Education Evenings on a diverse range of topics. Upcoming events include:

#### Keeping safe in a digital world

Tuesday 31 January, 7pm, Old Boys' Theatre. [Click here](#) to book.

#### Making use of the Parent Portal

Tuesday 7 or Thursday 9 February at either 4.30–5.30pm or 6.30–7.30pm, Old Boys' Theatre. [Click here](#) to book.

#### In your skin – Relationships and Sexuality Education

Wednesday 1 March, 6–7.30pm, live-stream. [Click here](#) to book.

#### Sports nutrition for teens

Thursday 23 March, 7–8.30pm, Chapman Room. [Click here](#) to book.

### Diploma Information Evening for parents of Years 10–11 students

This evening is to provide information to parents about this relatively new curriculum programme. The evening will consist of presentations from Nicole Billante, Assistant Principal – Curriculum and Arthur Wood, Diploma Awards Co-ordinator. Monday 6 March, 7pm, Chapman Room. [Register here](#).

### NCEA Information Evening for parents of Years 12–13 students

This evening is designed to inform parents new to NCEA about the qualification. Nicole Billante, Assistant Principal - Curriculum will explain the qualifications framework, assessment types, assessment practice, and other useful information regarding NCEA. Thursday 9 March, 7pm, Chapman Room. [Register here](#).

some interesting times within the construction industry. These facilities will be wonderful in so many ways and will expand opportunities well beyond their most obvious elements. With this in mind, there is still an opportunity for families, friends, and Old Boys of the school to contribute to the Upper refurbishment through our unique plaque project. The details can be found [here](#). The level of refurbishment will directly reflect funds raised for that purpose. Again, do not hesitate to be in touch with me directly if you want to discuss this special and unique opportunity to help College provide the very best for our boys, now and in the future.

### Staff email communication

Communication is key to relationships and, in this digital 24/7 world, it is important that we follow agreed policy as it relates to expectations. College staff are not available 24/7, except in case of emergency. Phone contacts, text, and emails need to be used with this in mind and respectfully. If we begin the year as we intend to move forward, then if any tensions arise, as they may, we know how to behave and what to expect of each other.

- Staff, students, and parents all appreciate that emails will not be read at certain times and should adjust their use accordingly.
- We anticipate our staff will read work-related emails from 8am–5pm during the week.
- Our staff are not expected to read work-related emails during the weekend.
- It is expected that staff will acknowledge the receipt of emails and then respond to work-related emails as soon as is possible. The advised response period is within 24 hours.
- For urgent matters, phone calls are the best idea but please appreciate that staff teach and often will not be immediately available.

### Parking

It is extremely important that all community members are aware that NO PARKING is provided for anyone, other than identified visitors, on 'the campus' from the beginning of 2023. There is no provision for student parking. Families should consider this reality prior to making assumptions and allowing students to drive to school when they could so easily walk, ride a bike, or use public transport. Students will need to use public parking. This is the result of having such a small, central city location and the fact that College no longer owns the old Christchurch Girls' High School site adjacent to Cranmer Square.

### Roll

College begins 2023 in a strong position to look forward with great confidence. With approximately 710 boys in the school – our largest enrolment ever – all focused on 'being their best', I am excited about our next steps. I hope you are, too.

### Parenting teenage boys

As we begin a new year, we are reminded that our boys' success is a collaboration between College and parents aligned through our virtues. Parenting is both a state of being and a skill that must be developed and attended to, so I thought I would share an e-newsletter/podcast resource, [Parenting Teenage Boys with Lee Bare](#), that when combined with [College School TV](#) (funded annually by our Parents' Association), might assist parents along the path of parenting the teenage boy.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me if you wish. I am available at any time or perhaps you can catch me on the side of a field, lake, court or stage somewhere to say 'hello' and have a chat. I am actually quite a good listener.

## Important information continued...

Our [Calendar](#) is the best way to keep up with the myriad of events and activities at College. You can scroll through to see what is going on, and add individual events to your own calendar.

### Upcoming Events

We have a packed programme of parent and community events. The [Upcoming Events](#) page on our website lists all events where you need to register your intention to attend, with links to the booking site.

### Community Events

Look out for our Community Events in 2023. Dates and details will be published on the [Upcoming Events](#) page on the website. We will be holding events in Sumner, Tai Tapu, Selwyn and Lincoln, Waimakariri, North Canterbury and the Southern Lakes. Whether you are a current, future or past parent, an Old Boy, or friend of College, we hope you will join us. Everyone's welcome.

### Absence Line

For daily absences or illness, please call our Absence Line on 03 364 8676, and leave your son's name and the reason for his absence.

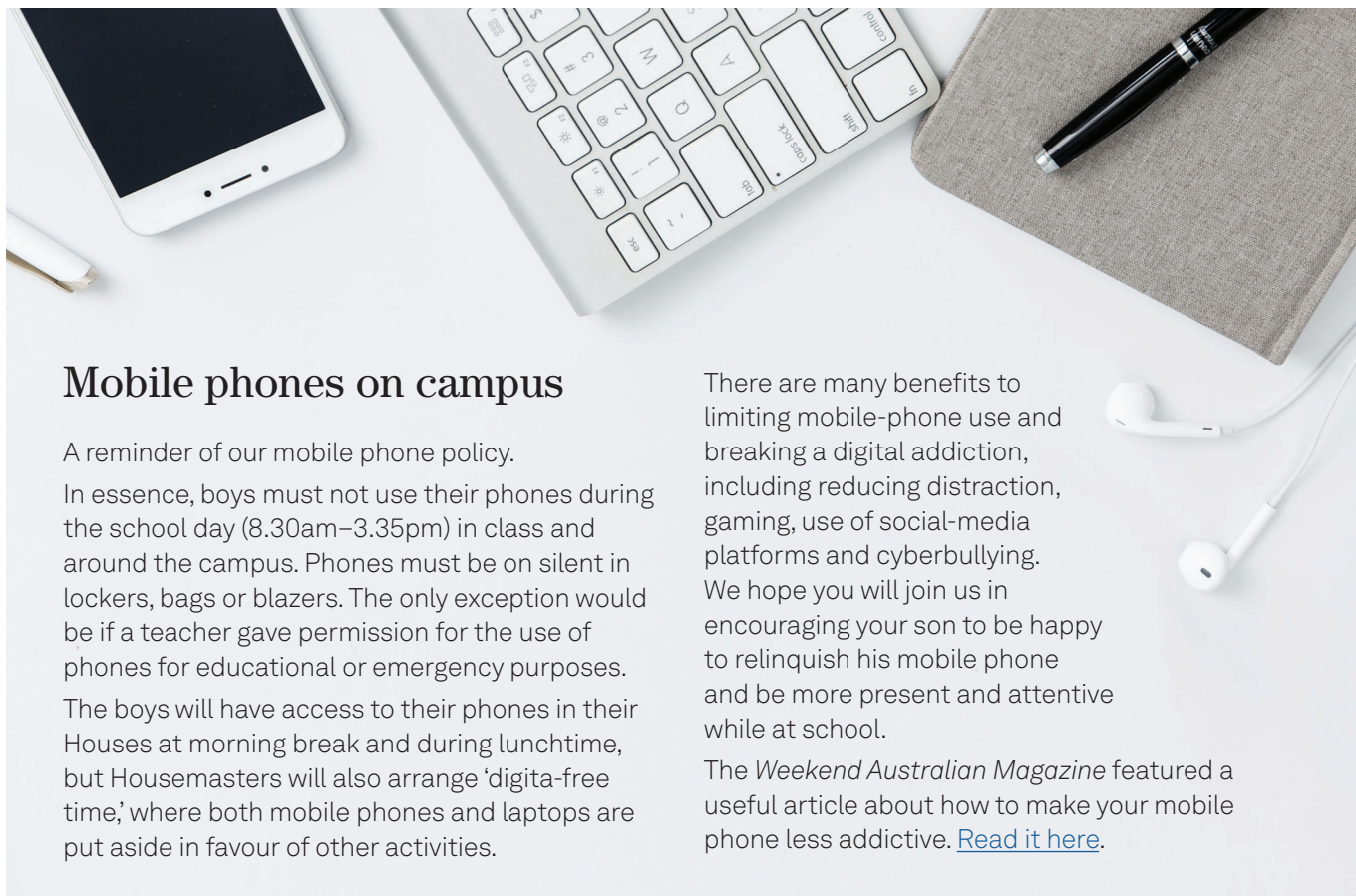
### Stationery

Please [click here](#) to access the appropriate stationery list for your son's year level. Here you can also access all other forms – for example, Medical, Speech & Drama, Music etc.

## Reminder... 2022 College photographs now available

[Click here](#) to access all House, sport, individual, cultural and end-of-year photographs.

Create an account using the **access code w201cc22** and follow the instructions on the site to order printed copies.



## Mobile phones on campus

A reminder of our mobile phone policy.

In essence, boys must not use their phones during the school day (8.30am–3.35pm) in class and around the campus. Phones must be on silent in lockers, bags or blazers. The only exception would be if a teacher gave permission for the use of phones for educational or emergency purposes. The boys will have access to their phones in their Houses at morning break and during lunchtime, but Housemasters will also arrange 'digital-free time,' where both mobile phones and laptops are put aside in favour of other activities.

There are many benefits to limiting mobile-phone use and breaking a digital addiction, including reducing distraction, gaming, use of social-media platforms and cyberbullying. We hope you will join us in encouraging your son to be happy to relinquish his mobile phone and be more present and attentive while at school.

The *Weekend Australian Magazine* featured a useful article about how to make your mobile phone less addictive. [Read it here.](#)

## Make a good impression

We expect our boys to take care of their appearance and maintain high standards of personal care. Our uniform and grooming standards are designed to encourage self-respect and self-management and instil a sense of pride in being part of the College community. We appreciate your support in reinforcing these expectations.

### Uniform

All boys should have

- clean uniform
- belts (black) for their shorts and trousers
- black shoes (either lace-up or slip-on) – not boots
- shirts that fit around the neck
- short black and white socks.

A sewing and alteration service is available through the Uniform Shop. For more information, telephone 03 364 8613 or email the Uniform Shop manager at [uniforms@christscollege.com](mailto:uniforms@christscollege.com).

### Hair

Boys must be clean-shaven at all times and should make sure their hair

- is kept neat, clean and tidy
- is kept clear of the collar, off the ears and off the eyebrows
- is not dyed or gelled, tied up or pinned
- is not shorter than a 'number 2'
- does not have lines or designs shaved into it, or sideburns that extend below the opening to the ear
- does not have long sections that can be fashioned into long fringes, dreadlocks, plaits, rats' tails, mohawks, top knots or mullets.

There may be some exceptions to the above for cultural or other reasons. Deputy Principal Rob Donaldson will be final arbiter of any decisions relating to hair and personal appearance.

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## BARBERS

BY WASSEIM SATI

**Wass' Barbers on site on  
Monday 30 January and  
Tuesday 31 January,  
from 9am**

Wasseim himself will be  
present to give your son a  
quick haircut to look sharp  
for the new year.

**\$35 a haircut**

## A warm welcome to our new staff



**Kerry Brockelbank**

*Workshop Technology teacher  
(fixed term)*

Providing cover for Emma Bradley-Hudson in Hard Materials, who will be on leave for the first two terms this year, Kerry travels south to Christchurch from Palmerston

North Boys' High School, where he has been teaching Hard Materials Technology since 2017. Prior to this, he has worked as a carpenter and as an instructor for the School of Military Engineering. In his second year of teaching, an opportunity presented itself to teach construction, where he got to build a classroom. Kerry enjoys giving back, volunteering for speedway events, and working on several community projects. He also coaches hockey and has climbed Mt Ruapehu as a mountain guide.



**Sarah Loughnan**

*Literacy and numeracy  
specialist*

Sarah joins the Learning Centre team as a literacy and numeracy specialist, having taught at Westburn School, Selwyn House School, and overseas in the British Virgin

Islands and Rarotonga. She is passionate about inspiring students to be at their best by utilising their strengths and empowering them to see that, with appropriate support, strategies, and tools, they can be confident and successful learners. Sarah has extensive experience as a primary, intermediate, and secondary school teacher and also as a specialist learning support provider as a SPELD NZ Registered Teacher. Her interests include listening to educational podcasts and reading, mountain biking, cross-fit, skiing, fitness, and wellbeing.



**Shannon Small**

*English and Drama teacher*

Shannon comes to College with a diverse teaching background, having taught English, ESOL, and Drama in South Korea and in both co-educational and single-sex secondary schools, including

John McGlashan College, Avonside Girls' High School, Bayfield High School, and Rangiora High School. He has a Bachelor of Arts in Theatre Studies from the University of Otago and a Bachelor of Performing Arts (Acting) from Toi Whakaari: New Zealand Drama School. Outside school, Shannon is involved in drama and musical productions, and enjoys snowsports.



**Claire Sparks**

*Literacy and numeracy  
specialist*

Not to be confused with our Director of Advancement, Claire Sparks, Claire joins the dedicated team in the Learning Centre as a literacy and numeracy specialist.

She has worked across different levels and with different teams as a regular release and casual relief teacher, and taught in New Zealand and overseas. Claire believes that literacy and numeracy form the foundations for all other aspects of successful learning and that effective teaching starts by inspiring learners to believe in themselves. As a passionate educator, she loves the buzz of a classroom filled with engaged learners.



**Maude Turgeon-Leblanc**

*French teacher*

Maude joins our International Culture & Languages Department to teach French. Her teaching journey began in Germany. She has lived in four different countries, allowing her to learn foreign

languages and cultures. She understands the importance of ākonga cultural and academic needs, believing that teaching offers a wonderful opportunity to watch young people grow and flourish. Outside the classroom, Maude enjoys outdoor activities, music, and theatre. Maude is completing her Master of Teaching and Learning at the University of Otago.



**Charlotte Ensor**

*Future Gifts Manager*

A successful business owner and adept fundraiser, Charlotte Ensor has been appointed to the part-time role of Future Gifts Manager at Christ's College. Funded by The College Foundation,

the Future Gifts Manager is charged with developing, consolidating, and strengthening relationships with our College community. Having led her own travel brokerage business for eight years and, in tandem, raised money for Cystic Fibrosis Canterbury, Charlotte is a well-versed in building relationships, strengthening connections, delivering solutions, and working alongside others to achieve the best outcomes to benefit the wider community. Holding a Bachelor of Teaching and Learning from the University of Canterbury, Charlotte brings extensive experience of the education sector to her new role.



**Benn McBrearty**  
*Director of Sport*

College's new Director of Sport, Benn McBrearty, has had an extensive career in Health and Physical Education and sports management, both in Australia and New Zealand. As Director of Sport at St Pius X College in

Chatswood, Sydney, Benn managed and implemented the co-curricular programme, including coordinating and coaching winter and summer sports. He also taught Health and Physical Education and supported students as a residential boarding tutor during his time in New South Wales. Holder of a Graduate Certificate in Theology from Newcastle University, a Graduate Diploma in Education from ACU (Australian Catholic University) Strathfield, NSW, a Graduate Diploma in Physical Conditioning from Otago Polytechnic and a Bachelor of Exercise Science from ACU Strathfield, Benn has also worked as the Strength and Conditioning Coach for Otago Rugby and the Highlanders.



**Tyler Walker**  
*Teacher Aide*

Tyler is a teacher aide at College, supporting students. He holds a Bachelor of Arts, majoring in Psychology and Sociology and is completing a Master of Science in Child and Family Psychology. He has also coached school-level football.



## Community Business Directory

A reminder that this useful directory is available to our community. If you want to buy something or need someone's services, remember to check out the College [Community Business Directory](#) and support those who support College.

If you would like to join the directory please [click here](#).



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## Business Banter

WITH CHRIST'S COLLEGE

Financial Investment  
Wednesday 22 March, 7–8.30am

Join us for breakfast and a panel discussion – led by three financial experts – on investments, the financial markets, KiwiSaver, and what the financial future holds in 2023.

[Register here](#)