

WELCOME TO TERM 2

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CHRIST'S COLLEGE
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Each boy at his best.

Dear parents and caregivers

As colours change (in more ways than autumnal), the leaves fall and the days get shorter, excitement builds for the 'winter' terms ahead.

There is always energy and anticipation at 'beginnings' as we look forward to next and renewed challenges as further opportunities to grow. The teaching and student community in schools is particularly lucky in this respect, because term breaks allow us to reset, rest and revitalise after periods of intensity.

Term 2 promises to be one filled with a wonderful mix of all that College has to offer – from House Music to theatrical spectaculars, and winter sport to Immerse & Inspire for Year 10. Our academic programme gains momentum through mid-year. It is anticipated that boys give their best in all areas of endeavour. I encourage the entire community to be organised and start with intent or the wave may well wash over you or you will be dumped on the sand!

As I indicated, I have waited to play the swinging ball of Government expectations and our Covid-19 reality as late as possible. With this in mind, please note the following expectations regarding gatherings, mask wearing and the like for the start of term. This may change and should that happen, we will be in touch as appropriate.

Mask wearing

Following the [Ministry of Education guidelines](#), we strongly encourage boys and staff to wear a mask when indoors, particularly when in classes. For Chapel services and Assemblies, masks are to be worn. Boys need to have a clean mask (preferably surgical) readily available on entry.

Year 9 Parent Gathering hosted by the Christ's College Parents' Association

Sunday 1 May, 4–6pm

We look forward to welcoming our Year 9 parents to College on Sunday. Hosted by the Christ's College Parents' Association (CCPA), our special Year 9 Parent Gathering includes drinks and canapés in the Chapman Room and Upper. Please dress warmly.

Weekly routine

Please see our updated [weekly routine for Terms 2–3](#).

Key Dates for 2022

Please read our [Key Dates for 2022](#), providing all the information about College events and activities to the end-of-the-year.

Ventilation

We will continue to ventilate all classrooms and offices. Given the onset of the cooler weather, we recommend you purchase a grey woollen jumper from the Uniform Shop to be worn under the College blazer or wear a white thermal as an undergarment.

Dayboy lunches

We welcome back dayboy lunches, effective Week 2. We can only accommodate the first 100 boys who sign up (first in, first served). Dayboy lunches cost \$10 and will be disbursed to family accounts. To register for lunch, please [fill in this form](#).

Chapel Services

Our Chapel Services are published in our Key Dates. It is compulsory that boys attend one of the three Chapel services during Term 2. To manage numbers while at the Orange setting, services will be allocated according to House. Should this date be inconvenient, boys are expected to arrange – with their Housemaster – attendance at an alternative service. As always, we encourage families to attend this key component of the College experience with their sons. Masks must be worn on these occasions.

Chapel Services

Sunday 15 May
Sunday 29 May
Sunday 12 June

College photographs now available

All House photos and individual photos have been given to each Housemaster and distributed to your son at the end of the term. Your son should have brought these home. Keep an eye out.

Return to Boarding

As recommended for Boarding establishments by the Ministry of Education, we strongly recommend and ask parents to wear masks when entering the Boarding Houses.

Retirement and welcome



We bid farewell to our retiring Bequest & Relationship Manager, Peter Davidson, after seven years of wonderful service to the school, highlighted by an exceptional commitment to embedding the Christ's College legacy.

A man of quiet humour, considerable knowledge and charm, Peter has been an integral member of our Advancement Office, seeking out many opportunities – both nationally and internationally – to benefit the school and generations of future students.

From his initial role as the College fundraiser to launching our formal bequest programme, Peter has driven interest in our school and its future while building multiple relationships with Old Boys and school supporters along the way. He has left College with a fine funding stream, including the key backing of the H.B. Williams Trust for our health and wellbeing programme. I want to personally thank Peter for his long-standing commitment to College and recognise the remarkable range of giving that he has enabled.



I also want to welcome our new English teacher, Charlotte de Roles, a recent graduate of the New Zealand Graduate School of Education. Charlotte, who takes up a fixed-term contract at Christ's College this term, also holds a Bachelor of Arts, majoring in English and History, from the University of Canterbury. She looks forward to being involved in our co-curricular programme, as an avid snowboarder and runner.



We also welcome our new Richards House Day Matron and Assistant to the Housemaster, Stacey James. Stacey joins us from the Red Cross where she has been managing and training volunteers in the refugee resettlement programme. Stacey, who has three children, including two teenagers, has largely worked in staff training and communications. She will welcome back the Richards House boys on Sunday.

I also want to thank Giselle Pasten for all her support in filling the matron role last term.

Parent Education Evening with Dr Nick Penney

Just a reminder to join us at our upcoming Parent Education Evening with mindfulness specialist Dr Nick Penney on Thursday, 19 May at 7pm. Dr Penney will explore the science and practice of mindfulness in the pursuit of wellbeing. [Please click here to register.](#)

In Term 2, Dr Penney will also be teaching mindfulness, particularly in Year 9, and working with our staff.

RNZ interview – Building boys into men

Last week, I was asked to discuss the challenges faced by our young men during a wide-ranging interview on Radio New Zealand National's Nine to Noon programme.

I shared my views on *Building boys into men: Navigating the tricky teenage years* with presenter Lynn Freeman. We spoke about the challenges our young men face, the influence of the media, developing emotional confidence, expressing feelings, the digital realm, relationships and sexuality, and the issue of consent, as well as the prevalence of anxiety and other mental health matters among young men.

As the head of an independent boys' school, it was a wonderful opportunity to air concerns regarding modern-day challenges for boys. However, I also highlighted the good progress being made on many fronts to support our boys, pointing out that together, the school, parents and the peer group were very capable of producing great young men.

You can listen to my [RNZ interview online.](#)

Term 2 – Key Dates

Please visit the [Upcoming Events page](#) on our website to book or register for each event.

School House Mother's Day High Tea

Friday 6 May, 4pm

Richards House Mother's Day High Tea

Friday 6 May, 4pm

Year 9 – Virtual Parent/teacher/student meetings (by appointment)

Tuesday 10 May, 2.30–7pm

Canterbury Ministry of Education teacher-only day (NO CLASSES)

Thursday 12 May

Parent Education Evening with Dr Nick Penney

Thursday 19 May, 7pm, Assembly Hall

Combined Concert with St Margaret's College

Wednesday 1 June, 7.30pm, Assembly Hall

Parents' Association House Music Festival

Thursday 30 June, 7–9pm, Christchurch Town Hall, Lilburn Auditorium

Senior Production – *Light at the End of the Tunnel*

Tuesday 5 July–Thursday 7 July, 7pm, Assembly Hall

Parent Education Evening with Paul Dillon

Wednesday 6 July, 7pm, Charles Luney Auditorium, St Margaret's College

Parents' Association Mid-Winter Drinks

Friday 8 July, 6–9pm, Dining Hall

Public Holidays (College closed)

Queen's Birthday Weekend (Boarding Houses closed)

Saturday 4 June – Monday 6 June

Matariki

(Boarding Houses open)

Friday 24 June