

WELCOME TO TERM 3

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Each boy at his best.

Dear parents and caregivers

I trust this winter term break has been refreshing, whether through a holiday and relaxation or simply because of the lack of a school run, at least for your son.

We have been living with the pandemic for almost 18 months and I appreciate this has brought challenges for our community. What we take for granted may quickly be taken away. For many, it is the first time our freedom to choose a path has been compromised. I now appreciate how fortunate I have been through my life and recent events have challenged me to empathise with those whose freedom to choose is compromised by circumstances beyond their control. With the benefits of the next phase of the pandemic response, I will enjoy those potential freedoms with greater appreciation and gratefulness.

Child Protection

Our greatest priority at College is keeping boys safe and well. The importance of this has been highlighted by recent and historical incidents spoken of within our community. We expect our core virtues of respect, honesty and compassion to be at the forefront of our actions but we also accept it is the school's responsibility to be both proactive and preventative when it comes to student behaviour and its impact on others. We support supervision through security cameras in all public areas of the school, including Houses. Working within Child Protection laws and levels of privacy, College has become a safer environment for boys. The cameras not only protect their property but can also help moderate inappropriate behaviour, especially bullying. The security cameras are not monitored but are used to support any investigation that may arise out of a complaint.

Key Dates for 2021

Please [click here](#) to access our Key Dates for 2021, providing all the information about College events and activities to the end of the year.

Rangi-Selwyn Bus

The service will resume on Monday 26 July.

In Term 3, College will undergo a voluntary, comprehensive audit of its Child Protection protocols and practices, led by [Child Matters New Zealand](#). It will involve a policy review, site visits and consequent staff training. The overriding goal is protecting the wellbeing and safety of all students by utilising combined expertise and experience to ensure the best child protection practices are adhered to in the care of students and staff.

This term, we will also introduce new support for our pastoral care systems and processes, providing young people with options for action when they feel alone, or see or experience harm. Known as 'Stymie' (to prevent or hinder the progress of), it provides online reporting for schools, delivering encrypted, anonymous notifications to authorised recipients who respond accordingly within our wellbeing and pastoral care frameworks.

By introducing Stymie, we can break down barriers for victims – and bystanders – of bullying and unacceptable behaviour within our community. We want to create an environment of psychological safety by empowering people to speak up.

Refreshed website and Register 2020

Our face to the world – [our website](#) – has been refreshed over the holidays. Our Director of Advancement, Claire Sparks, has led this project, along with several staff and advertising agency Plato Creative. The new look captures the essence of College. The ease of navigation, combined with new information and images and other subtle improvements ensure a great user experience. If you have any feedback, please contact [Claire](#) directly.

Our College community should have received their copy of *Register 2020*. It is essentially the annual history of the school and involves an incredible amount of work by those who create the content and edit and produce the final copy. I would particularly like to acknowledge – just prior to her departure on maternity leave – Melissa Hogan for her outstanding coordination and refinement of this publication over recent years.

Uniform, grooming and personal presentation

We have received many positive comments about the boys' appearances. I believe this is due to a combination of a single set of uniform trousers, the multi-purpose black merino short socks, and some attention being paid to shoes and belts. Uniform, grooming and personal presentation starts at home. A reminder also that the boys' hair needs to meet school rules (neat, clean and tidy at all times and clear of the collar, and off the ears and eyebrows), and that shoes must be polished – the final arrow in the quiver of looking smart.

Farewell and welcome

At the end of last term, we farewelled receptionist Penny Whyte, whose friendly demeanour has been appreciated for the last nine years. Penny joined us as a teacher aide, then moved into supporting the library function before finishing as a friendly face at the front desk. As an ex-parent, Penny has always been an advocate for the school and provided great support to her colleagues and the boys. We wish her well in semi-retirement.

We also welcomed David Miles as our College groundsman, with responsibilities for our Hagley sports grounds. David replaces Peter Domigan, who has worked tirelessly for several years, and begins his next phase of life, having retired down south. With new wickets and planned ground reticulation, we are fortunate that David brings great expertise to the role with his experience at Mainpower Oval in Rangiora and Hagley Oval.

Events in Term 3

Where applicable, please go to the [Upcoming Events](#) page on the College website to book.

Year 12 and 13 dayboys and boarders parent/student/teacher interviews by appointment

Monday 26 July

Start of Term

Tuesday 27 July

Course selection evening for current Years 9–10 students

Monday 2 August, 7–9pm,

Chapman Room

[Register here](#)

Course selection evening for current Years 11–12 students

Tuesday 10 August, 7–9pm,

Chapman Room

[Register here](#)

Community Visits

Nelson – Tuesday 3 August

Marlborough – Wednesday 4 August

Timaru – Wednesday 11 August

[Register here](#)

Teacher Only Day

Monday 9 August

Reaction House Plays

Thursday 17 & 19 August, 6.30–9.30pm,

Old Boys' Theatre

Year 9 Father & Son Breakfast

Saturday 4 September, 8.15–9.30am,

Dining Hall

[Book here](#)

Year 11 Mother & Son Breakfast

Saturday 11 September, 8.15–9.30am,

Dining Hall

[Book here](#)

Centre for Ethics & Spirituality – Abuse, what is it, and what to do about it (Save the date)

Thursday 16 September, 7.30–9.30pm,

Chapman Room

Combined Christ's College and St Margaret's College Orchestra Concert (Save the date)

Thursday 23 September, 5–7pm,

Christ's College

Chapel Services, 7pm

Sunday 1 August

Sunday 15 August

Sunday 5 September

Sunday 19 September

Term 3

Some readers will appreciate the finer aspects of the AFL (Australian Football League). In this sport, the games are said to be either won or lost in the third quarter. Many other codes refer to the importance of the 10 minutes before and after half time. Believe it or not, we are past half way through the Christ's College year and into the third quarter. With this in mind, I encourage the boys to return next week with vigour and purpose for what will again be a dynamic and demanding phase.

Building resources

I have recently come across this [website](#), with guidelines for parenting choices throughout a boy's life. They are as relevant to parenting toddlers as they are to parenting teenagers.

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.

SAVE THE DATE

REACTION

2021 Christ's College House Plays Festival

17 & 19 August, 6.30–9.30pm



Centre for Ethics & Spirituality

Abuse, what is it, and what to do about it

Presented by Old Boy Jim Goodwin

16 September, 7.30–9pm
Chapman Room

Save the date



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