

WELCOME TO TERM 2

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Each boy at his best.

Dear parents and caregivers

I had the absolute pleasure of travelling to England during the school holidays and, among other things, hosted a community event at New Zealand House, London, on Tuesday 17 April.

This gathering was attended by our touring cricket squad and their parents, as well as Old Boys based in the UK. It emphasised to me how influential College is – and it was wonderful to see our current community blend so well with the past, and to see everyone so invested in our future. I spoke about our strategic plan and asked for support for our [current campaign](#). One of the highlights of the evening was when Old Boy Norman Sheppard (#5707), one of the architects of New Zealand House, talked about his part in planning the building and the thrill of seeing it completed.



Old Boys at the New Zealand House function.

Term 2 events

Monday 30 April

ANZAC Commemoration Service

Tuesday 1 May

Parent/Student/Teacher interviews, Years 11–13 (Dayboys)

Thursday 3 May

Parent/Student/Teacher interviews, Years 11–13 (Dayboys)

Sunday 6 May

Chapel Service

Tuesday 8 May

Timaru community event

Wednesday 9 May

Christ's College Parents' Association (CCPA) meeting

Tuesday 15 May

2019 information evening

Wednesday 16 -

Saturday 19 May

West Side Story

Sunday 20 May

Confirmation Service, Christchurch Transitional Cathedral

Wednesday 23 May

Auckland community event

Sunday 27 May

Chapel Service

Wednesday 30 May

combined concert with St Margaret's College

Thursday 31 May

College 1st XV vs CBHS 1st XV

Friday 1 June

Grandparents' Day

Friday 1 June

Combined boarding House parents' spit roast & soup

Sunday 10 June

Choral Evensong: Preacher: Rev Thomas Brauer

Thursday 14 June

Centre for Ethics & Spirituality – Daniel McKay, *How good is good enough?*

Sunday 24 June

Choral Eucharist: Preacher Rev Mark Chamberlain

Sunday 24 -

Wednesday 27 June

Quadrangular tournament

Tuesday 3 July

Year 12 Leadership Day

Friday 6 July

CCPA midwinter drinks



Presenters at the Positive Education New Zealand conference.

Some Strategic Highlights

Positive Education, Health & Wellbeing

Approximately 300 delegates from across New Zealand came together at College on the weekend of Friday 6–Saturday 7 April for the second annual Positive Education New Zealand conference. This was a very successful event and the fruit of a most successful collaboration between College and the 100% Project.

The principles of Positive Education are increasingly important to teaching and learning at College. This year, we are focusing on three themes:

1. Character strengths – helping the boys know and understand their character strengths and how they can use them daily.
2. Growth mindset – encouraging the boys to adopt a growth mindset (as opposed to a fixed mindset) and develop the will and courage to try new things, embracing failure and reinforcing the process, not the outcome.
3. Mindfulness – showing the boys the importance of focusing on the moment and being able to express compassion and gratitude.

To date, we have concentrated on character strengths. Through the VIA Survey, all boys have now identified their character strengths and the language of strengths is beginning to be used across College.

To support our efforts to help parents in the challenge of their role, College has subscribed to [SchoolTV](#), an online resource providing access to a wide range of information on many different health and wellbeing topics.

Although produced in Australia, the issues raised and resources available on SchoolTV are of universal interest. It is ideal for parents and young people who are looking for clear, relevant and fact-based information.

SchoolTV is the brainchild of renowned child and adolescent psychologist Dr Michael Carr-Gregg. It brings together interviews with leading specialists, articles, fact sheets and videos, and provides links to relevant resources, books, apps and websites.

Please note, when SchoolTV refers to Year 12 students, it is referring to students in their final year of secondary school, equivalent to our Year 13.

The College experience

In response to our stronger focus on bicultural understanding, we have recently introduced a new Bicultural Committee, which will grow to include parents and students during Term 2. This committee will focus on improving an appreciation and understanding of bicultural competence and how that is represented in our day-to-day College experience.

The excellent work of the Centre for Teaching Excellence and Research and Heads of Departments has seen a much greater attention to practices and policies in the academic domain and, as a consequence, our expectations of the boys have become more consistent.

Personalisation

In Term 1, all Houses introduced mentor groups – with approximately 15 boys in each – for students across Years 10–13. They meet weekly particularly focusing on goal setting and self management. At the beginning of Term 2, Year 9 students will join these groups. We trust the older boys will step up and take this opportunity to mentor and support their younger peers in the House.

College's new parent portal has begun its rollout, beginning with our Year 9 and 10 students. We hope this online resource will enable greater individual clarity for every boy as it relates to his College programme.

Character and leadership come to the fore for our Year 10 students in Term 2, as our Immerse & Inspire programme begins. By the end of the year, all Year 10 students will have had the opportunity to take part in this thought-provoking and inspirational residential learning experience.

Round Square

The IDEALS of Round Square continue to permeate College life. Two of our students are off to America in June to take part in a research workshop at the Harvard Graduate School of Education. They will work with students from the other research fellow schools taking part in the Round Square and Harvard GSE survey of global competency and international understanding. We will look forward to them reporting back in due course.



Staff farewelled

Will Sams

Assistant to the Director of Sport - Head Strength and Conditioning Coach

At the end of Term 1 we farewelled Will Sams who was instrumental in establishing our inaugural strength and conditioning programme at College. He advocated for not over-training adolescent boys, reducing injury and burnout and for them to undertake programmes specific to their age. Will leaves us to pursue a new career with the New Zealand Police force and continues part-time with the New Zealand Defence Force.

Josie Blows

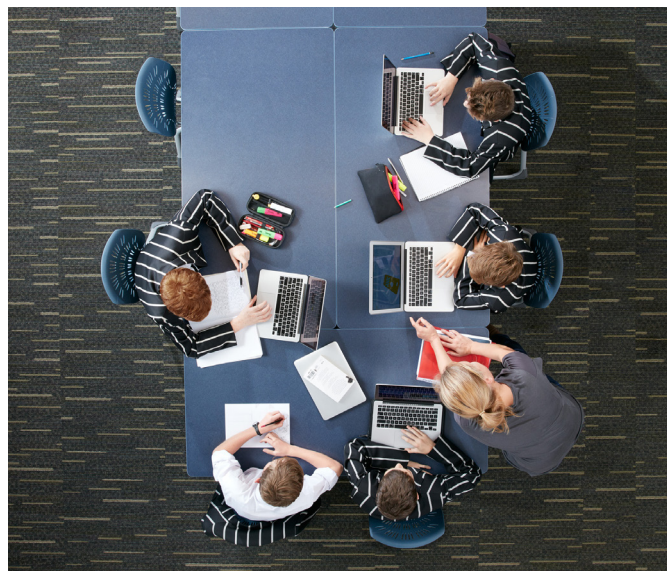
College Domestic Staff

Josie has been a valued member of our staff for 28 years and has worked across many College facilities, most recently in the Warren Block and in the Open Air. She always went above and beyond and we wish her well as she navigates her health challenges. Josie was an integral member of the College community and her friendly face will be missed by both the boys and staff.

Harry Meehan

Music and Organ Tutor

Harry worked within the music department as our organist for Chapel, Choir and was a music tutor from July 2017. Harry will continue his roles with the Christchurch Cathedral and Cathedral Grammar School and we wish him well for the future.



New staff

Sian Evans

HoD English

When Sian walks in the College gates at the beginning of Term 2, she will be returning to the role she left in 2012 when she moved to Australia. In the intervening years, Sian says working in two of the best known independent boys' schools in Sydney has been hugely beneficial to her literary knowledge and teaching practice. Sian is the author of an English textbook widely used in schools throughout New Zealand and Australia and many other academic papers.

"I'm very excited to be coming back to Christchurch and to College. I consider Christchurch as my hometown and count some of the staff at College among my very best friends. It will be a homecoming for me in many ways. I'm also excited about the changes – new members of the English department, the new Miles Warren building, and exciting initiatives in terms of culture and technology."

Wiremu Gray

College Counsellor

Christchurch-born, of Ngāi Tahu and Ngati Porou descent, and a former semi-professional rugby player, Wiremu Gray is also a keen surfer, a father of two teenage boys, and accomplished in Maori art and carving. He comes to College from Christchurch Boys' High School where he was Head of Guidance Counselling.

Wiremu says he is looking forward to being part of the Christ's College whanau and getting involved in the life of the school.

"I will work hard in providing a service where students and staff feel safe and comfortable with talking about anything that may be troubling them. I also see myself contributing to College's health and wellbeing programmes, and I'd like to support Maori initiatives being introduced into the school."

Kris Miller

Assistant to the Director of Sport – Head Strength and Conditioning Coach

Recently back from London and recently married, Kris is ready to begin the next stage of his life.

In London, Kris worked as a personal trainer and as a strength and conditioning coach for the London Scottish rugby club. He has previously worked at Lincoln University as part of its sport scholarship programme and provided strength and conditioning coaching for a number of secondary schools and sports clubs.

Kris is passionate about enhancing individual performance and says he is looking forward to working with our young men as part of their personal development.



West Side Story cast spring into action.

West Side Story

Wednesday 16–Saturday 19 May

An enormously talented and passionate cast and crew of young actors, musicians and technicians have been working hard to bring you our 2018 senior production *West Side Story*, which opens on Wednesday 16 May.

Inspired by William Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet* – and one of the classics of modern musical theatre – *West Side Story* is set amidst the vicious rivalry of teenage gangs in 1950s New York. It promises to be an exceptional show.

A major production such as this demands incredible teamwork, amazing talent and always that bit of magical luck.

Our partner school this year is Rangī Ruru Girls' School and providing our young people with these opportunities to work together brings great benefits to all involved, enabling a remarkable quality of performance.

Tickets can be booked [here](#) – but be quick! *West Side Story* looks set to be another spectacular College/Rangī Ruru production.

Startup Weekend Christchurch 2018

It is important to College to be part of our Christchurch community in constructive and meaningful ways, and this commitment has again seen us become a key supporter of [Startup Weekend](#).

As a result, we are able to offer, free of charge, 10 members of the College community the opportunity to be involved in this exceptional experience. Whether you are a current or past parent, staff member, Old Boy, student or Friend of College, if you would like to be one of these people, please contact me via my Executive Assistant Mel Libeau by Wednesday 2 May.



David Chambers inducted as a Life Member to Drama NZ

I am immensely proud of the calibre of our teachers at College – and Director of Drama David Chambers exemplifies the enthusiasm and dedication of the very best.

I was delighted to learn David has been granted life membership of Drama NZ, the national body that represents and advocates on behalf of drama teachers and others involved in the sector.

A glowing citation on the [Drama NZ facebook page](#) aptly describes him:

“David’s greatest talent is people. He makes it his mission to find time for a personal connection with everyone in the production team, cast and crew, because to David the most important outcome from a production is that everyone feels valued and celebrated.”

David joined College 21 years ago. Since then he has produced or directed more than 50 plays, together with 200 House plays.

Congratulations, David.