

Each boy
at his best.



CHRIST'S COLLEGE
CANTERBURY

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Welcome to Christ's College

As one of the leading independent schools for boys in New Zealand, we *get* boys. We understand what makes them tick. We enjoy their energy, their humour, their ideas and their zest for life. We celebrate boys and we teach in ways that boys learn best.

College is renowned for the quality and strength of its academic, cultural, sport and co-curricular programmes, which are all designed to meet the needs of adolescent boys and prepare them for the future. Our commitment is to work with each boy, to inspire and encourage him to always aspire to reach his full potential.

If I had to come up with one word to sum up the College experience, I would choose "opportunity". There are so many opportunities to be had at College and so many ways in which a College education will enrich your son's life.

We appreciate your interest and look forward to welcoming your family to our community.

Garth Wynne
Executive Principal

OUR VISION

Christ's College will be a vibrant school community that educates boys to be men of virtuous character who make a positive contribution to society.

OUR MISSION

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Tama tu tama ora. Ki tu i te tu taioore.

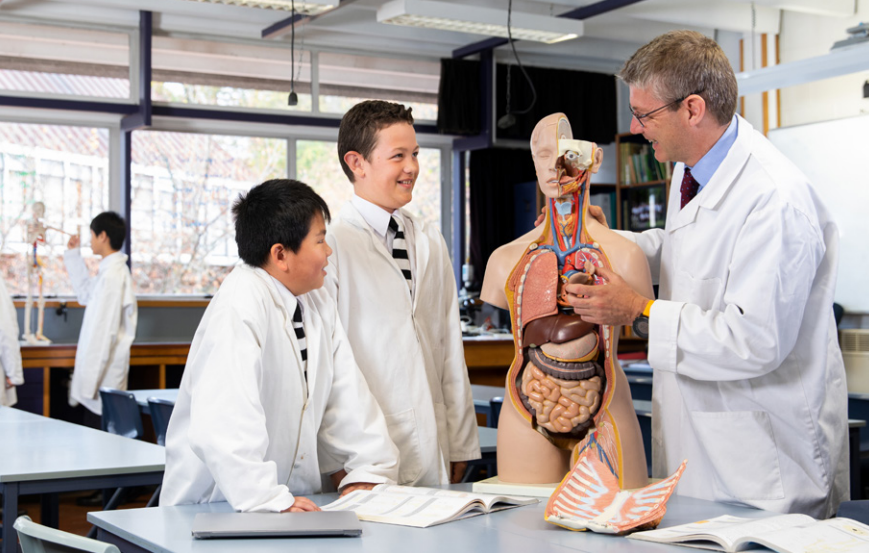
OUR MOTTO

Bene tradita, bene servanda –
"Good traditions, well maintained"

OUR VIRTUES

Seven core Christian virtues –
compassion, honesty, learning, justice,
respect, spirituality and stewardship –
underpin all aspects of College life.





The benefits of a Christ's College education

Academic environment

Small class sizes, excellent facilities and exceptional subject specialist teachers come together to create a motivational, inspirational and personalised learning journey for our boys.

Our focus is on helping each boy realise his full academic potential. College delivers high-quality learning programmes, encompassing the latest curriculum developments and best teaching pedagogy across all curriculum areas.

- **English**
- **The Arts** – Art History, Drama, Music, and Visual Arts
- **Health & Physical Education** – including Sport Leadership
- **Modern Languages** – French, Japanese, Spanish and Te Reo Māori
- **Mathematics & Statistics** – including Calculus
- **Sciences** – Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Earth & Space Science, and Psychology
- **Social Sciences** – Accounting, Agribusiness, Classical Studies, Economics, Financial Literacy, Geography, History, and Religious Education
- **Technology** – Digital Technology, Design & Visual Communication, Materials Technology, and Mechanical Engineering
- **Learning Centre** – extra support for students who need focused individual or small group tuition, ESOL tuition
- **Advanced Learning** – provides extension and enrichment opportunities and study or career pathways

3 BOARDING HOUSES



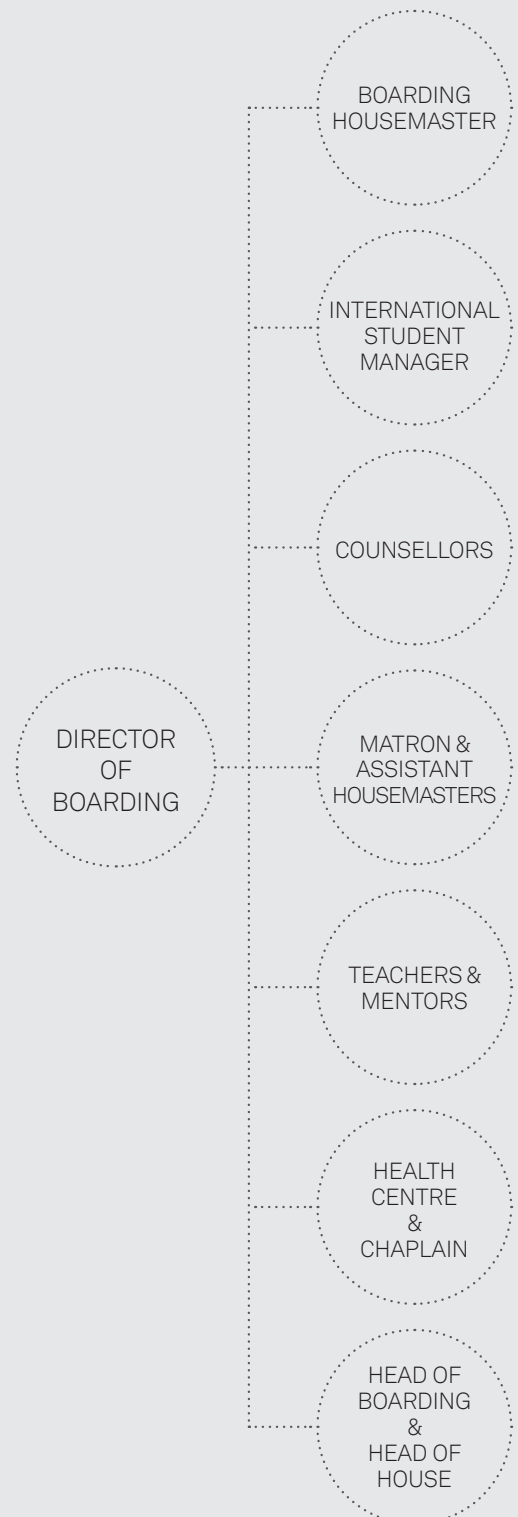
FLOWER'S HOUSE



RICHARDS HOUSE



SCHOOL HOUSE





How we support our boys

House system

Through the House system, our students gain:

- A sense of belonging and identity
- A strong support network, which includes senior–junior mentoring relationships
- Opportunities for socialisation and a foundation for enduring friendships
- Opportunities to explore sport and cultural interests in a safe, supportive environment
- Strengthened teamwork and leadership skills
- Greater respect for different opinions, cultures and ways of doing things

Sport

College is well known for its competitiveness in a broad range of sports, and our top teams and individuals compete at the highest level at national and international meets. Excellent facilities, specialist coaches and support staff, regular training sessions, and strength and conditioning programmes are all in place to help our sportsmen develop skills and excel in their chosen field.

Summer Sports

Athletics
Cricket
Golf
Mountain Biking
Multisport
Polo
Rowing
Sailing
Surfing
Swimming
Tennis
Volleyball
Water Polo

Winter Sports

Badminton
Basketball
Cycling
Football
Harriers
Hockey
Rugby
Shooting
Skiing and Snowboarding
Squash
Table Tennis

Music and Choir

College has a rich and vibrant music programme and the Christ's College Music School aims to offer all boys the opportunity to excel and achieve excellence in music. Boys can get involved in music in any number of ways. They can take lessons on their chosen instrument, play in our Big Band, jazz combo, saxophone ensemble, orchestra or chamber orchestra, or in one of our chamber music groups, get involved in our contemporary music programme, join a College rock band, and sing in the Chapel Choir, Schola Cantorum, or our combined choir with sister school St Margaret's College.

Drama

A large number of boys take part in Drama each year – onstage, behind the scenes and through speech and drama classes. Performance and production opportunities include House plays, Theatresports, the Sheilah Winn Shakespeare Festival and various filmmaking projects, as well as major musical and dramatic productions produced in collaboration with leading Christchurch girls' schools.

Clubs and activities

There is always something happening at College and we encourage all students to get involved in some kind of activity outside the classroom. College offers many co-curricular committees and activities, including – for example – Model United Nations, Duke of Edinburgh's Hillary Award, debating, philosophy club, chess, skiing, and exchange programmes.

A number of these activities are student-driven, and we always aim to support boys who come up with new ideas and initiatives they wish to explore.



Round Square

College is a member of Round Square, an international network of like-minded schools committed to an approach to education built around six themes or IDEALS of learning – Internationalism, Democracy, Environmentalism, Adventure, Leadership and Service.

Round Square gives us a framework for excellence and continuous improvement, as well as opportunities to connect, collaborate and share experiences with schools around the world, supporting our students to become positive, active and engaged global citizens.

Centre for Wellbeing

We believe the best education focuses not only on academic achievement, but also on the development of character strengths and wellbeing. The Centre for Wellbeing brings positive psychology and best teaching practice together to promote good relationships, foster resilience and encourage positive lifestyle choices.

Multidisciplinary teaching and learning

Research shows education outside the classroom is as important in preparing students for life after school as the subject specialist teaching that takes place in class. College's MANifesto, MINDfit and Immerse & Inspire programmes provide age-appropriate character and leadership education to complement our curriculum. We support our students to develop holistically and encourage them to think about the type of men they wish to become.



Testimonials



Kosuke Hashimoto

Japan
Flower's House

Kosuke Hashimoto has not been home for more than two and a half years because of Covid-19 border closures. However, his strong connections in Flower's House mean he has an equally strong brotherhood of friends.

"They really are my family. I've had some wonderful experiences with my friends and their families. Everyone is really nice to me and they offer to have me to stay. I'm very lucky and I've been able to experience normal New Zealand family life."

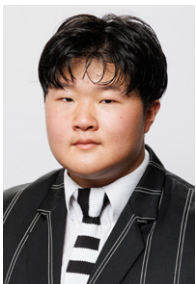


Adam Zhu

China
Richards House

It was Christ's College's academic culture, plus its diversity and sport, that persuaded Adam Zhu it was the school for him.

"College is focused on education, and that is incredibly important. It has a very high percentage of students going on to university. It's a culture that means people are trying to work hard to succeed."



Luke Kim

South Korea
Flower's House

"My first two and a half years at College were spent as a boarder, but now that my mother and sister are living in Christchurch, I am a dayboy. I miss the well-balanced meals in the Dining Hall. I've got to say that I do like steaks and roasts, and the desserts are really good."



Kevin Chiang

Taiwan
Flower's House

The western culture he experiences at Christ's College could not be more different from his homeland, but Kevin Chiang is thriving.

He is the Prefect in charge of Internationalism, the perfect young man to lead the school in developing a global perspective.

"I feel like there is every single opportunity at College. Even though things might overwhelm you at first, give it a go, try it."

Pathways

Every year, a number of College boys are awarded prestigious university scholarships, and more than 90% of leaving students will pursue tertiary education, either in New Zealand or overseas.

Process for applying to an American university

United States universities require SATs or equivalent. The SATs can be sat in New Zealand. Every year, a number of College students gain results worthy of entry to US universities.

Process for applying to university in the United Kingdom

It is widely accepted that top students at College are as good as top students anywhere in the world. Students must register with Universities and Colleges Admission Services (UCAS), which then contacts the school for a testimonial and a judgement about the student's academic ability. This is where the school comments on the student in the context of his year group. The student may also be interviewed by his chosen UK university.



Christchurch

Christchurch, the largest city in the South Island, has been through some massive changes in recent years – and its culture of innovation, creativity and regeneration has reshaped the city into a vibrant, future-focused and exciting place to be.

Situated at the heart of New Zealand's South Island, framed by the Port Hills and the Pacific Ocean, against the backdrop of the sweeping Canterbury Plains and stunning Southern Alps, Christchurch is a place where you can ski and surf in one day.

New opportunities await in Christchurch – a place where you can experience world-class education, unrivalled lifestyle and exciting employment opportunities.

Ōtautahi Christchurch is an excellent place to live and study, with an easy to navigate and compact city centre, good transport links, a wide range of leisure activities and many interesting places to explore. International students in Christchurch have a unique opportunity to immerse themselves in the language, culture and Kiwi way of life.

Make Christchurch your base for exploration – your place to grow.



Why a school for boys?

While boys can and do excel in many different types of schools, the schools for boys:

- Understand and celebrate boys
- Seek first to build good men
- Know that boys develop and learn in different ways
- Teach in ways that boys learn best
- Help students discover and explore their full potential
- Foster lifelong friendships

One of the most important advantages of single-sex education is to create a learning environment that accommodates what boys and young men need.



Enrolment Process

Christ's College welcomes boys from many nationalities and backgrounds as part of its school community.

How to apply

- 1) Submit a completed International Student Application through Enroller – <https://enroller.co.nz/christs-college/enrolment-application>
- 2) Submit copies of English language qualification (IELTS 5.5 or equivalent) and school records, on request from Christ's College
- 3) Submit writing piece on request from Christ's College
- 4) Skype interview with English teacher and International Student Manager
- 5) A conditional offer of place will be issued when enrolment requirements are met
- 6) Pay fees
- 7) Unconditional offer of place issued



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