



Since 2016, College has measured its progress against international benchmarks to ensure current practice is continually reviewed and adjusted to best serve the needs of our key stakeholders – that is, boys and parents – and to help us achieve our mission of . The annual MMG Education Survey for parents and students in Years 10, 12 and 13 is about to be launched. In weeks 8 and 9 these families will be asked to provide feedback, which again will be particularly useful – especially as we begin thinking about our strategic priorities in the lead-up to our 175th anniversary celebrations in 2025.

A recent report found "Religious Education in schools can strengthen multiculturalism and reduce extremism in our wider communities" and described Religious Education as an ideal setting "for children to develop an understanding of peace and tolerance". The report, by world-renowned academics Professor Zehavit Gross and Professor Emerita Suzanne Rutland, highlights Religious Education's importance in "dismantling stereotypes and strengthening social cohesion". In presenting the report, Professor Gross said, "Religion continues to play a major role in our public life and acknowledges the legitimate spiritual needs of each individual." Professor Rutland said religious belief and spirituality provide students with an anchor for their individual identities and contribute meaning to their lives. "A strong grounding in one's individual identity, combined with knowledge of other religions, helps to combat extremism by teaching respect for diversity."



I was recently privileged to be at a hui in Wellington where I presented workshops on noble simplicity in worship. The beauty of uncluttered worship, worship environment, and spirituality characterises our emphasis at Christ's College. Bishop Stephen Cottrell was the principal speaker for the event. Bishop Stephen is the Bishop of Chelmsford in the Church of England. He has served on the Archbishop of Canterbury's "Springboard" UK-wide evangelism team, and he is a well-known speaker and writer. As part of his five

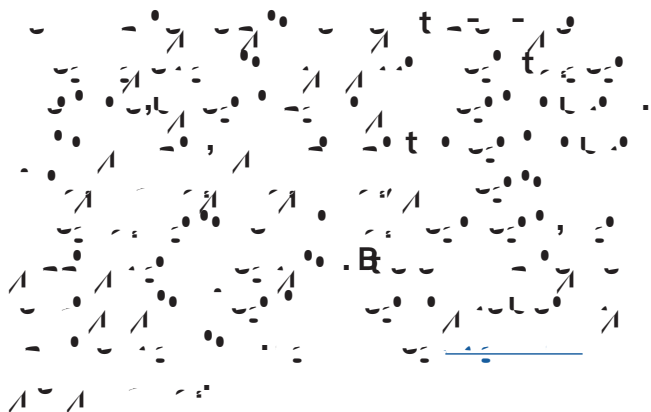
addresses, he presented best-practice research. A "Damascus Road" instant change type of spirituality is no longer the way most people find faith and meaning. People are now, statistically, much more likely to take four to five years to make a significant change in their

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Moving Places
 Presented by Rev'd Dr. Tom Innes

Thursday 29 August 7.30-9.00pm @ Chapel Room, Christ's College

Tom and Dorothy Innes have been moving off-grid and into the garden. They are finding that things look very different from where they now sit and many things have moved – their home, their perspective and their relationship with the world. They will be discussing how to become a more meaningful and intentional journey and their vision.



Gambling is a popular pastime for adults, whether by purchasing Lotto tickets, betting on sports games, or at the casino. Unsurprisingly, internet gambling has also become popular. Global online gambling is now worth an estimated \$30 billion. Online poker is estimated to be worth \$6 billion annually in the USA alone, and the value of international online gambling is expected to more than double between 2017 and 2024. In New Zealand, as elsewhere, online gambling is mushrooming, with online casinos and pokies, Lotto and the TAB. Lotto attracted new customers by introducing online scratchies, and many televised sports games now feature the TAB discussing the odds before the game has started.

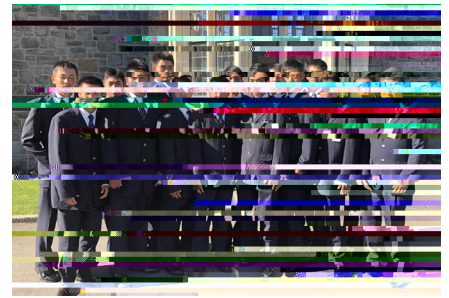
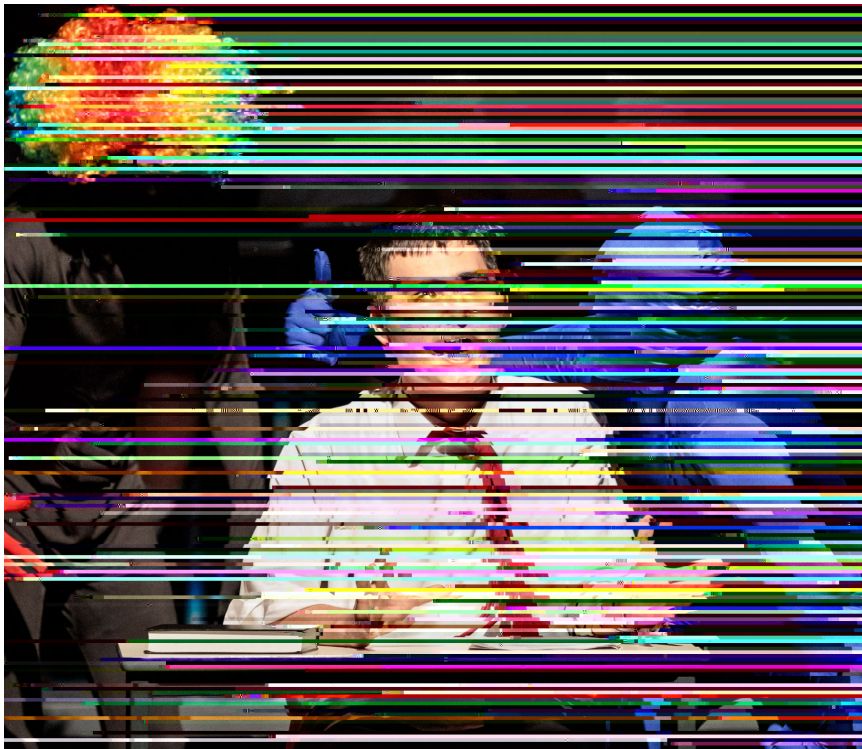
Although many of our children do not gamble it is an issue we need to be aware of, as access to gambling is now easier than ever before. It is not hard for children to link into gambling websites and gambling has been described as a "hidden epidemic". The very nature of online gambling is hidden – you can carry around a betting agency in your pocket and gamble in bed, at work ... just about anywhere.



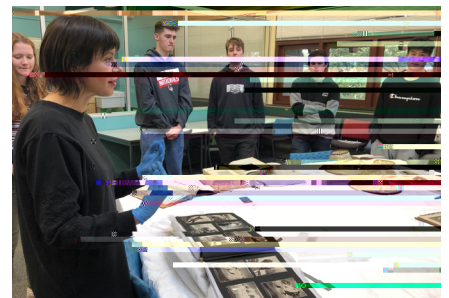
Gaming is the same as gambling – it needs to be monitored and parents need to be aware that it can be addictive to some people. Many of the games now have been designed by the same companies that design online casinos. They design games that push all the right buttons, so the gamer wants to keep coming back to play. is a great example of a game that has become very addictive for some children. [Click here](#) to see Safe on Social's " and gaming tips for parents".

The key to all of this is to talk to your children. Be consistent and show an interest in what they are playing or doing online. There are many positive sides to the internet and we want our children to be able to use it safely. To do so, as with anything, they need guidance, supervision and support.

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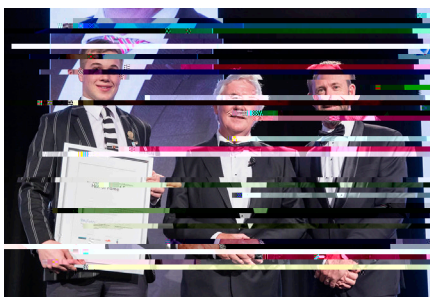


Top young rugby players from Seiryō High School, Nagoya City, Japan, have arrived at College this week...

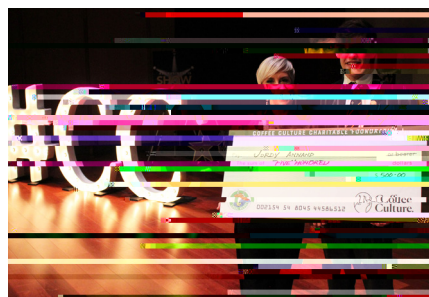


Anyone in any culture at any time in human history who has ever created a work of art has a story to tell...

Courageous directors, enthusiastic players and appreciative audiences – they all add up to the annual REACTION House Plays Festival which took place this week in the College assembly hall...



An invitation to attend the New Zealand Business Hall of Fame gala dinner as a student escort was an opportunity not to be missed for Year 13 student, Young Enterprise...



They don't do it for recognition, they do it because they are committed to making a difference – and, for Year 13 students Jordy Annand, Ollie Brakenridge and...





- 28 Apr – University of Queensland visit, 12.25–1.05pm, careers room

- 29 Apr – University of Sydney visit, 12.50–1.50pm, careers room

- 31 Apr – University of Auckland Open Day, 9am–3.30pm
- 31 Apr – AUT (Auckland University of Technology) Open Day

- 1 May – Victoria University scholarship applications close

- 1 May – Ara, applications close for Bachelor of Medical Imaging and Bachelor of Midwifery

- 5 May – Air New Zealand, pilot career information evening

- 6 May – Community Law careers session, Year 13

- 9 May – Massey University course planning

- 13, 15 May – NASDA auditions

- 14 May – Massey University Aviation Open Day

- 15 May – Common Confidential Reference Form due

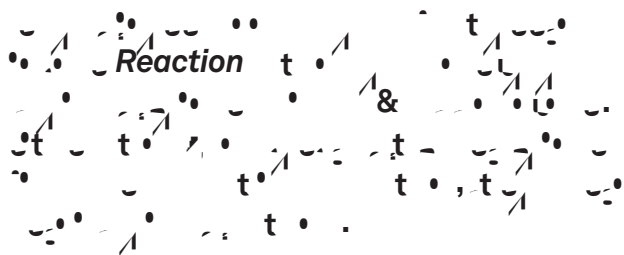
- 27 May – UC accommodation applications close

- 30, 5, 28 May / 30, 5, 28 Apr – Applications close for Bachelor of Nursing and Bachelor of Broadcasting Communications

- 30 May – Applications close for tertiary residential accommodation

- 30 May, 2 Jun – Ara, Bachelor of Music Arts auditions

- 30 May, 4 Jun



I thought the standard of the boarding House plays was exceptional – and another excellent example of positive student-led activities taking place within the Houses. Special congratulations to School House for gaining second place overall.

The next major boarding activity is the House Dinner and House Shoot weekend, which will take place Friday 6–Sunday 8 September. This is always a fun weekend, and another great opportunity to socialise with other boarding parents.

Friends of Boarding

As previously mentioned, the key objective for Friends of Boarding is to provide a communication, education and feedback forum for College's boarding community. The next Friends of Boarding meeting will take place at the beginning of Term 4, **13 September 4**. Guest speaker James Driver of Net Addiction NZ will present on social media and the addictions that relate to it, and we will also discuss the use of social media in the boarding context. The session will conclude with dinner in the Dining Hall for attending parents.

2020

We are now at the time of the year when we are working through the selection process for next year's prefects. Year 12 boys have applied for a wide variety of positions ranging from Head Prefect, Deputy Head Prefect, Heads of House, Head of Boarding, Head of Choir and Head of Chapel, through to heads of committees including Academic, Arts & Culture, Character & Leadership, Environment, International, Service, Sport, and Wellbeing. The boys will be interviewed for these roles over the next few weeks. The prefects for 2020 will be announced at the beginning of Term 4 and they will start their roles in Week 2 of Term 4.

In recent weeks our current prefects have gone through an appraisal process to reflect on what they have learned about leadership, what they have or haven't achieved in their role, and what important information they want to pass on to their successors. It has also been a reminder for them of how quickly their time as prefects has gone by and how soon they are moving on to the next stage of their lives.

International Students

Our international students are an important part of boarding life at College and bring diversity to our boarding community. One of the key character attributes of the ideal Christ's College graduate is global and bicultural competence, which means having the knowledge, skills and open-mindedness necessary to navigate and engage with today's interconnected world – both in a global and a bicultural New Zealand context. The increase in numbers of international students means we also require more host families willing to welcome these young men into their homes during school holidays. Support and assistance is provided at all times, and a weekly fee will be paid.

