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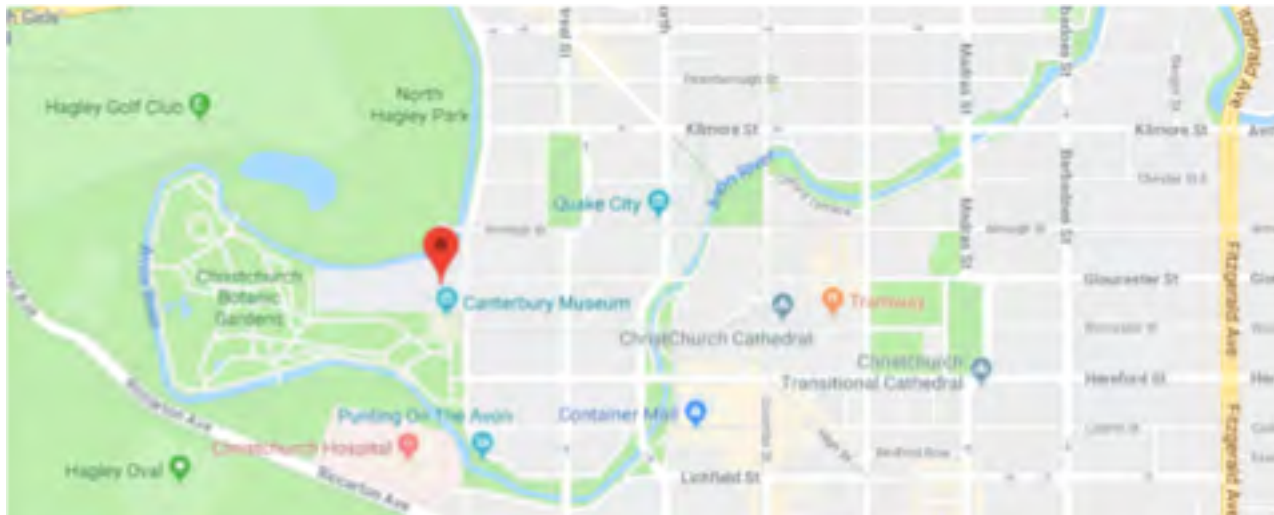


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Some Background

❖ Christ's College, Christchurch ...

- is an independent, Anglican, secondary, day and boarding school for boys, located in the central city of Christchurch, New Zealand.



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❖ 2006...

- Role of 660
- 220 Boarders in four Boarding Houses
- 48 Year 9 Boarders arrived



Some Background

❖ 2010 & 2011...

- 2010 – 4 September Earthquake & 2011 – 22 February Earthquake



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Some Background

❖ 2011 - 2016

- Roll dropped to just over 600
- Boarding numbers dropped (Year 9 intake of 21 in 2016)
- Jacobs House transitioned from a Boarding House to a Day House
- \$80 million spent on earthquake repairs (include new buildings)



Some Background

❖ 2016

- Completion of earthquake repairs
- Garth Wynne began as Executive Principal
- Director of Boarding & The Centre for Character and Leadership created
- Director of Wellbeing and Positive Education created
- Christ's College joined Round Square network of schools
- Idea of Immerse & Inspire initiated



Immerse & Inspire – The Purpose

❖ Each boy at his best and...

- Helping each young man make responsible choices and live a good life, while always considering the needs of the community of which he is a part
- To develop our young men outside of the classroom in areas that will benefit them in their senior years and beyond
- To be involved in a variety of activities that are focussed on character, leadership and academia



Immerse & Inspire - The General Plan

❖ Immerse and Inspire Programme

- One week involved in Lab⁵ with Ministry of Awesome
- One week involved in Duke of Edinburgh Hillary Adventurous Journey
- Two weeks normal schooling during the day but activities in the evening and weekend
- Four weeks of immersing with other boys



Immerse & Inspire – The Finer Detail

❖ Ministry of Awesome – Lab⁵

- A one-week programme exploring entrepreneurial and technological solutions to global challenges including social, environmental and cultural issues”





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Immerse & Inspire – The Finer Detail

❖ Duke of Edinburgh Hillary Adventurous Journey

- All Year 10 boys enrolled and expected to complete the Bronze Award
- Specific staff member that oversees the programme



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Immerse & Inspire – The Finer Detail

❖ Other Programmes completed

- Community Service Component
- Wellbeing Sessions on Empathy and Gratitude
- Study Skills Sessions

❖ 2017 – The Trial Year

- Initial idea of one trial
- 80 boys expressed interest
- Outcome = two trails of programme



Year 10 Immerse & Inspire Programme



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Year 10 Immerse & Inspire Programme

❖ Feedback from Boys

"Good and Fun"

"Rooms, Breakfasts, Camp and Convenience"

"Good options to do things in the weekend and school days"

"Living with other year 10's that I might not have known very well before"

"Just the whole programme was great I wouldn't change much"

"Being so close to school and food was pretty good"

"The Boyle camp was really good"

"mixing with other people"

"There's Milo in the common room"



Year 10 Immerse & Inspire Programme

❖ Feedback from Boys

"The change from a 4 man dorm to a single dorm really gave me two completely ways of boarding and Anthony was definitely a highlight of this experience"

The whole thing was amazing. I loved the convenience, food, fun activities, and getting to know everybody. Also the independence..."

"The arrangement of people in rooms was perfect"

"Night time talks"

"I enjoyed the sleeping and feel like I slept better than when I was at home. I enjoyed the camp and feel like I got a lot out of it other than the general trip. I enjoyed the evening talks and felt like they were in a good amount with enough time for Homework while being inspired by these talks.

I liked the four weeks of program with 2 weeks of school 1 week of camp and 1 week of other activities."



Year 10 Immerse & Inspire Programme

❖ Feedback from Boys

Hi Sir,

I would just like to say thank you for giving me the opportunity to go on the Boyle River Camp. I really enjoyed the experience and it is one that I won't be forgetting in a hurry. It has really exposed me to boys who I would not otherwise mix with at school and has given me a stronger bond with friends as well. I think my favourite part of the camp was the first night in the tent, just being in such an amazing part of the country and world. Exploring more of the place you live in and the world around you was pretty cool too.

Thank you again for the opportunity.

Regards



Year 10 Immerse & Inspire Programme

❖ Feedback from Boys - Suggestions

“Make it so you do not miss two weeks of school in a row

“Having prep time interrupted quite frequently wasn't good for trying to keep up with school work”

“Missing too much school”

“Better weather for camp”



Year 10 Immerse & Inspire Programme

❖ Feedback from Parents

“While we haven't had a great deal of feedback around some of these sessions from our son, we do believe they would have been extremely worthwhile experiences for the boys and would endorse them being retained for further Immerse and Inspire programmes”

“Our son thoroughly enjoyed the four weeks and he - and we - feel strongly that he got a lot out of the programme”

“The whole thing was absolutely amazing and he wishes he could do it again”

“We are very happy with the programme. The balance appeared to work well between different activities. I think anything that pushes our son slightly out of his comfort zone so he can gain confidence in having a go is a great thing”



Year 10 Immerse & Inspire Programme

❖ Feedback from Parents

"We thought it was fantastic and they are lucky to have been involved. Thank you for the opportunity for Hugo to take part in it"

"We were very pleased with how pleased our son was with the experience. Congratulations and thank you!!"

"This was the most amazing experience. I notice a difference in our son since returning from this 4 weeks - he is more open and has widened his circle of friends and more open to meeting others; more willing to help around the house without asking; interacts with his siblings more; appreciates what he has. It has been a life changing experience"

"I think it's a brilliant initiative and am very grateful my son got to have this opportunity. Well done to all involved in the planning and implementation of the program!"

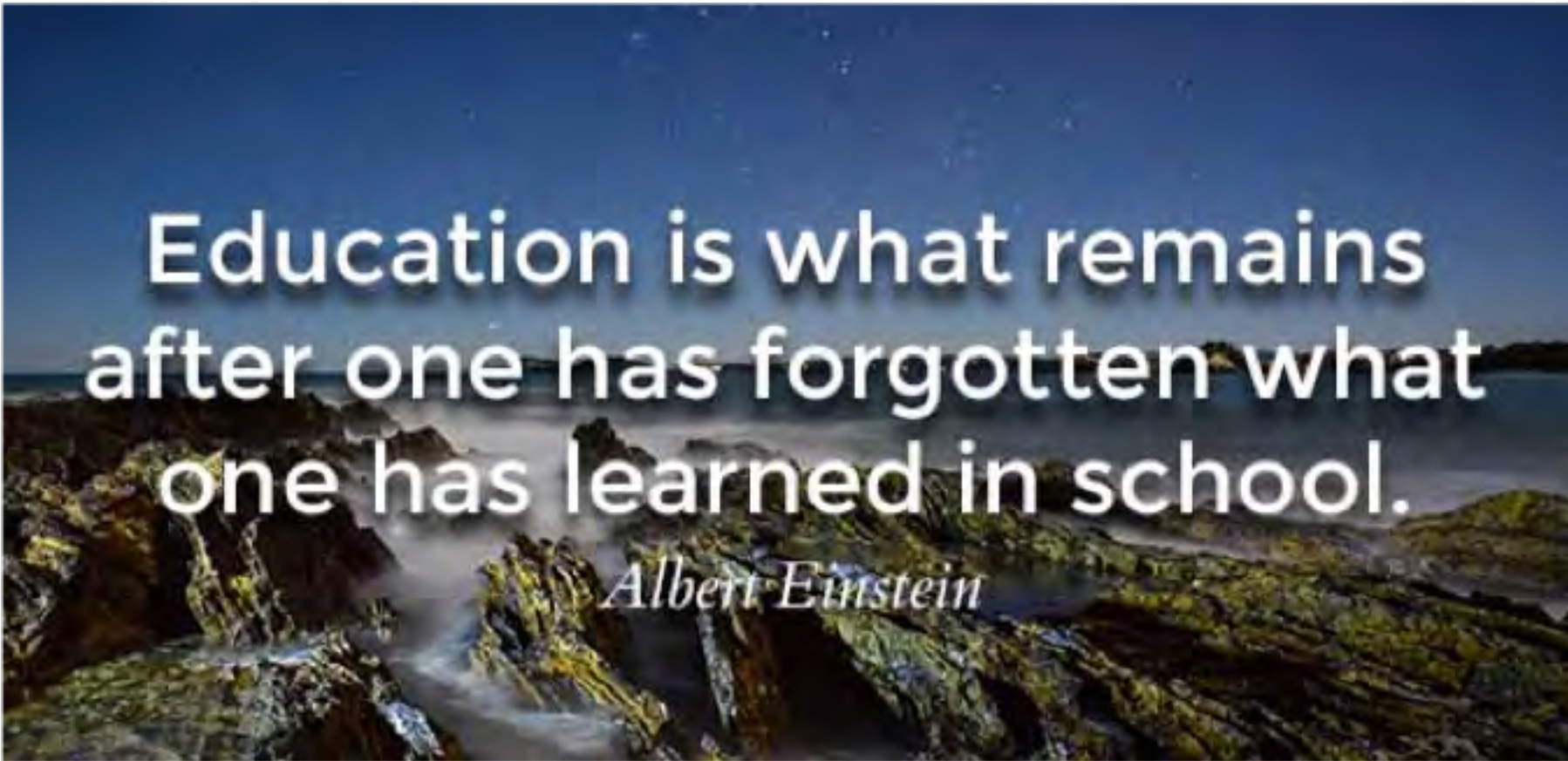


Year 10 Immerse & Inspire Programme

❖ 2018

- *Additional Courses include*
 - *Parents Session on "The Teenage Brain"*
 - *Careers sessions for boys*
- *Not to be out of class in consecutive weeks*
- *Parent feedback on clashes with other commitments like Big Sing, NCEA examinations, tournament week etc*
- *The anxious student (and parent!)*
- *A greater emphasis on boys completing classwork when away from class*





Education is what remains
after one has forgotten what
one has learned in school.

Albert Einstein



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Thank you.



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