Colleagues,

As school years hurtle to celebratory finales and cough and splutter to midyear hiatuses, it is with minds fixed on the 2023 IBSC Annual Conference at Westlake Boys' High School that all in the IBSC office extend thanks for your continued support and warm welcome to this edition of the Compass.

Registration for Auckland has surpassed expectations. For all who totter on the brink, my urging is to take the leap and join us as, imbued with Māori culture and tradition, we dream beyond limits to all boys’ education might offer in an exciting, connected world.

Recent engagements with IBSC schools, including a wonderful regional conference at Grey High School (South Africa) and an inspiring gathering at St. Paul’s College (Hong Kong), have again shone light on the strength of our diverse global foundations. Artificial intelligence has been the emerging player in conversations amongst educators and with it the opportunity, perhaps need, for schools to embrace a new force for differentiated delivery of content, whilst directing energies to unearthing passions and the broad humane development of those in our care.

A memorable IBSC campaign has seen 35 online programs connect some 750 educators, the successful launch of the IBSC Teachers New to Boys’ Schools Collaboration, and a 40% growth in downloads for the IBSC Exploring Boys’ Education podcast series. Led and inspired by board trustee and Head of Town School Lorri Hamilton Durbin, the season’s final outing saw more than 50 boys’ school leaders join in lively, purposeful discussion for our inaugural IBSC Women in Leadership in Boys’ Schools conversation.

I hope you enjoy turning these Compass pages and, as you do, feel the needle guiding your path through the Long White Cloud to Westlake Boys High. It promises to be a special gathering.

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Tom Batty
IBSC Executive Director
Welcome to Our New Members!

Altrincham Grammar School for Boys
Altrincham, Cheshire, United Kingdom
www.agsb.co.uk

Hitchin Boys' School
Hitchin, Hertfordshire, United Kingdom
www.hitchinboys.co.uk

St. Bede's College
Canterbury, New Zealand
www.stbedes.school.nz

St. Joseph's College Geelong
Newtown, Victoria, Australia
www.sjc.vic.edu.au

St. Paul's School
London, United Kingdom
www.stpaulsschool.org.uk

Wah Yan College, Hong Kong
Wanchai, Hong Kong, China
web.wahyan.edu.hk

Graham-Pelton
Summit, New Jersey, United States
www.grahampelton.com

St. Augustine's College
Cairns, Queensland, Australia
www.sac.qld.edu.au

St. Joseph's College
Central, Hong Kong, China
www.sjc.edu.hk

St. Paul's College
Ponsonby, Auckland, New Zealand
www.stpaulscollege.co.nz

Timaru Boys' High School
Canterbury, New Zealand
www.timaruboysschool.school.nz

New Research Report:
Building Learning Relationships Through the Use of Technology, Part 2
IBSC contracted with the Relationships Foundation to continue the research project Building Learning Relationships Through the Use of Technology. The data collected in part 2 give a good indication of the types of technology schools use, along with their perceived risks and benefits. Available exclusively to IBSC members, use this research to inform your school's policy and practice to improve learning for students.

Download the report.

Dive into IBSC Action Research in Auckland

The 2022-23 IBSC action researchers share their cutting-edge research on Shattering Stereotypes: Helping Boys Cultivate Healthy Masculinity during the 2023 IBSC Annual Conference in Auckland. Explore best practices in educating boys with this brand new data from a two-year in-depth study—conducted by boys' educators for boys' educators. Watch their research videos now and read the full reports on the website in September, available exclusively to IBSC members.

Learn more.

What Are Boys' Educators Reading?

Reading across current research and themes in boys' education helps us develop programming, engage in key debates from reasoned positions, and connect with each other with common language. What tops your reading list in the pursuit to educate boys and lead boys' schools? Please share your favorite titles and find out what colleagues are reading in the new IBSC Reading Blog.

Learn more.

2023 IBSC Annual Conference

Navigate the event like a pro with the 2023 IBSC Annual Conference mobile app, powered by core-apps.com. Use the app to get up-to-the-minute speaker and event information, plan your time at the conference, and connect with colleagues.

Remember to share your conference experience in Auckland with colleagues around the globe. Tweet your thoughts @BoysSchools and use the #IBSCAC tag.

Get more details.
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Making Headlines

Boys are facing key challenges in school.
The Men — and Boys — Are Not Alright
What you need to know about UNESCO’s global
Inside the effort to support their success
Zara Abrams
American Psychological Association
“So far, this research has found that single-sex schools excel in parent and community engagement, as well as racial and gender identity development... 'The school environment becomes a context where boys can explore and examine, where there's a lot of possibility.'”

Ezra Klein
The New York Times
“Richard Reeves breaks down the evidence that many American males are falling behind in education, employment and health.”

report on boys’ disengagement from education
United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
“Targeted action to improve educational opportunity for boys not only benefits boys’ learning, employment opportunities, income and well-being, but it is also highly beneficial for achieving gender equality and desirable economic, social and health outcomes.”

Read more stories impacting boys' education on our Education Headlines page.

Upcoming Events

2023 IBSC Annual Conference
Westlake Boys High School
Auckland, New Zealand
July 5 - 8, 2023
Get more details.

Single-Gender Education: A Course for Teachers New to Boys' Schools
Online Class
July 10 - August 4, 2023
Get more details.

Foundations of Gender-Inclusive Schools: From Perspective to Practice
Online Program
September 19 and 20, 2023
Get more details.

IBSC Building Blocks of Boyhood Conference
Presbyterian Day School
Memphis, Tennessee, United States
October 22 - 24, 2023
Details coming soon.

2024 IBSC Annual Conference
Harrow School
Harrow on the Hill, London, United Kingdom
July 1 - 4, 2024
Get more details.

Online Classes
Join colleagues from around the globe in one of these online classes designed specifically for boys' educators at all career stages. Engage on your own, flexible timetable. You can choose when you complete the four hours of weekly coursework to fit best in your schedule.

**July 10 - August 4, 2023**

**Single-Gender Education: A Course for Teachers New to Boys' Schools**

More online classes coming soon.

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**IBSC Member Story: Exploring the Journey from Boyhood to Manhood Through Research & Music at St. Christopher’s**

Singers in the **St. Christopher’s School** (United States) Glee Club spent the past year working closely with musician and alumnus Wells Hanley, the school’s 2022-23 Artist-in-Residence. Through research conducted in collaboration with the **The Center for the Study of Boys**, students in the middle and upper schools shared insight into the pressures they feel in their own journey from boyhood to manhood. Hanley synthesized these perspectives through the lens of the mythic *Hero’s Journey* and composed *The Call*, which he premiered with the ensemble in May 2023. His talk and the final performance offered a wonderful example of how research into the lived experiences of our boys can inform the creation of a powerful piece of art. Watch *The Call*.

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Glimpse the many wonderful ways IBSC schools champion boys' education around the globe at our **Member School Stories** web page. We'd like to highlight your school, too. Please send a link to janicki@theibsc.org showcasing an innovative idea, program, or event that makes your school special. Links to videos, web pages, presentations, or other media welcome. Thank you.