

The Compass

June 2023

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.

Tom



Tom Batty
IBSC Executive Director



School leaders attended an inspiring gathering at St. Paul's College (Hong Kong) in May.

Welcome to Our New Members!

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

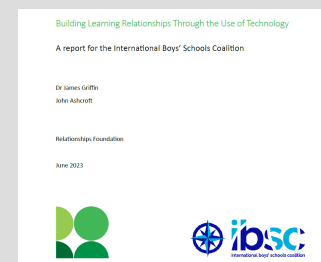
Timaru Boys' High School
Canterbury, New Zealand
www.timaruboysschool.nz

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

**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.](#)



The Challenges Faced by Indigenous Australian Boys Attending Boarding School

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.](#)

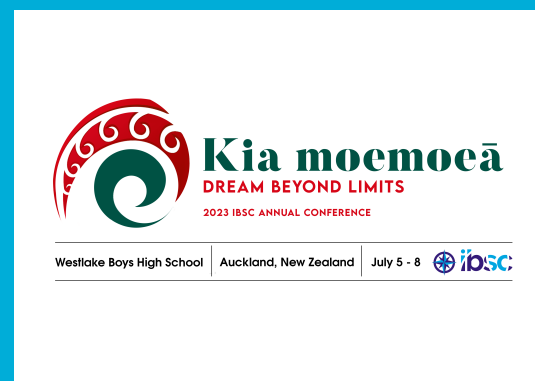


2023 IBSC Annual Conference

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

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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.](#)

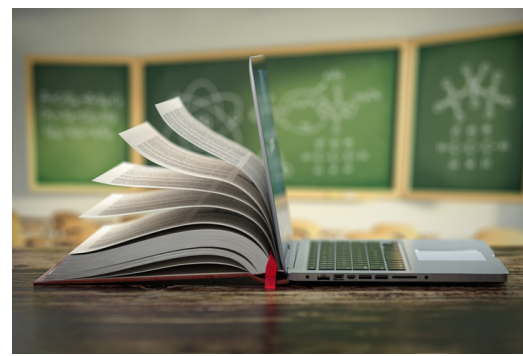
Online Classes

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.



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

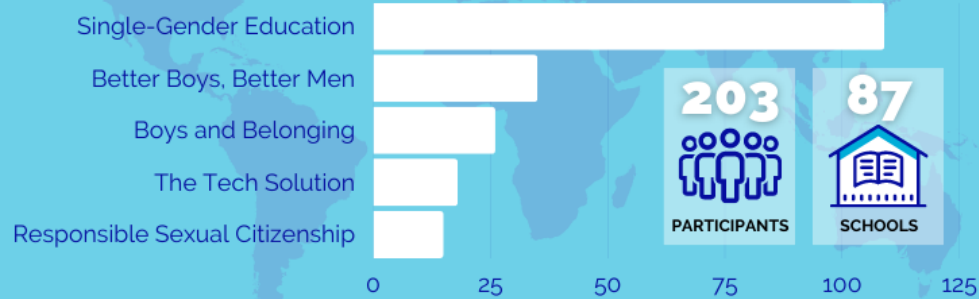
Singers in the [St. Christopher's School](#) (United States) Glee Club spent the past year working closely with musician and alumnus Wells Hanley, the school's 2022-23 Artist-in-Residence. Through research conducted in collaboration with [The Center for the Study of Boys](#), students in the middle and 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](#).



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.

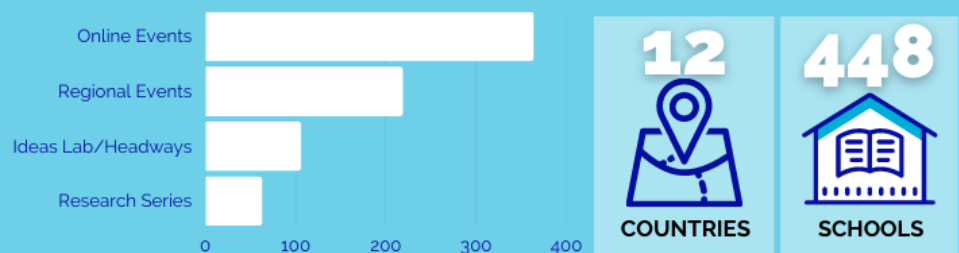
IBSC MEMBER ENGAGEMENT JULY 1, 2022 - MAY 31, 2023

IBSC ONLINE CLASSES



12 ONLINE CLASSES OFFERED IN 2022-23

IBSC PROGRAMS



25 PROGRAMS OFFERED IN 2022-23

752 PARTICIPANTS

IBSC EXPLORING BOYS' EDUCATION PODCAST

5,077

DOWNLOADS
IN 2022-23

50

EPISODES SINCE
LAUNCH

22,027

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