



# RHS RUGBY NEWSLETTER

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## Welcome to our CISDPR 2015 students



A big welcome to Tamatoa Tangimetua (front) and Strickland Tangimetua (back left), who have joined us from the Cook Islands for 2015. Also pictured are Strickland's younger brother Harry and father Howard, along with Jordy Gray, whose family is hosting Strickland for the year. Tamatoa is being hosted by the McCallum family.

## 2014 Rugby Colours



Picture above are recipients of Rugby colours for 2014, presented at the Colours Dinner in early December.



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## RHS Rugby Senior Squad summer beach runs



### 2015 kicks off

After a busy off-season, with beach runs and our 'strongman' circuits, a squad of over 50 Senior boys returned to school in 2015. The school year started with our "Better Than Before" day. This included some fitness testing, sharing of philosophies and Sully's hotdogs. A few more boys have joined us of late, which counters the numbers we drop as some Under 16 boys start their own Club season.

### First trial game

The ability shown in our first trial was very encouraging, aided by great pre-season conditions at Southbrook Park. It was a typical first hit-out with less structure than mid-season, but plenty of enthusiasm. The competition is strong so we can expect this to



lift even higher in the second trial at 4.00 pm next Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup>.



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## Senior Rugby Squad Pre-season Programme 2015

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> Mar  
Timaru Boys' High at Timaru

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March  
Garage Sale (Backs)  
Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March  
City2Surf

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March  
Work Day for fundraising

### Easter

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April  
CBHS Rugby Festival  
Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April  
CBHS Rugby Festival  
Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April  
CBHS Rugby Festival

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April  
Mt Maunganui

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April  
U18 likely to start Combined  
Country competition

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April  
Lincoln High School at home (RHS)

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April  
UC Championship starts  
vs CBHS at CBHS

The full UC Championship draw will  
run in the next newsletter.



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# UC CHAMPIONSHIP

## University of Canterbury sponsor secondary school sport in Crusaders region

The University of Canterbury and the Crusaders have formed a new partnership that will see the University become naming rights sponsor for the secondary schools' First XV boys and girls rugby competitions, as well as adding a student element to the Crusaders' home games. The boys' secondary schools first XV competition (previously known as the Press Cup) will now be known as the UC Championship. A new competition for girls' secondary schools called the UC Cup will also launch this year

Crusaders CEO Hamish Riach said the University of Canterbury was a great fit with the Crusaders, as two prominent organisations in the region with a focus on developing local talent. "We are thrilled to have the University of Canterbury on board as a Crusaders partner, and see the University as a great fit for the secondary schools rugby competition. The UC Championship and the new UC Cup will help to develop the next generation of rugby stars, just as the University of Canterbury is developing our next generation of talent in numerous other fields," Mr Riach said.

"Another element of this new partnership is a stronger university student presence at our Crusaders home games, with a new dedicated student zone in the west stand of AMI Stadium. We know our match-days are a great experience for all fans, and with this new student zone we look forward to bringing UC students closer to our Crusaders rugby experience.

"We also believe that this partnership will create some mutually beneficial professional development for both our staff and UC students, through the study opportunities the university can offer and the internship and work experience opportunities we can offer," Mr Riach said.

University of Canterbury Vice-Chancellor, Dr Rod Carr, said the partnership with the Crusaders is part of a package of new relationships, with the aim of increasing the University's engagement with the local sports and cultural communities, as well as with schools. "We have redirected our promotional budget this year to give it a very deliberate focus on community engagement, sport and culture, and the partnership with the Crusaders is a significant part of that," Dr Carr said.

"Rugby is such an important part of this community, and the Crusaders are at the forefront of that. We saw the opportunity to sponsor this region's premier secondary schools rugby competitions as an ideal way for us to engage with these young adults and to help promote ongoing participation in sport for this age group. We know that the transition from school to tertiary study is where a lot of participation in sport falls off, so we hope that by getting actively involved from the secondary school level we can help to reduce that trend.

"We can also see substantial benefit for us in the global reach that this partnership with the Crusaders will help us to achieve. The Crusaders are an internationally renowned team and we hope to use our affiliation with them to help attract more international students back to Christchurch and to Canterbury University," Dr Carr said.

The UC Championship kicks off in the last weekend of April and is played between Ashburton College, Burnside High School, Christchurch Boys' High School, Christ's College, Lincoln High School, Marlborough Boys' College, Nelson College, Rangiora High School, Roncalli College, Shirley Boys' High School, St Andrew's College, St Bede's College, St Thomas of Canterbury College Timaru Boys' High School and Waimea College (2015 draw attached). Entries for secondary schools wanting to take part in the new girls' first XV competition, the UC Cup, will be called for in term one.

The new student zone at AMI Stadium will be in place from the second home game against the Lions on 14 March, and tickets for the zone will be available at a special student rate.

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