

# How to find out about a Christ's College Old Boy

<b>Information required to begin search</b>	<b>Surname and Christian Name</b> – include any changes of name
	<b>College Number</b>
	<b>Years at College</b>
	<b>House</b> – include any changes of house
<b>Problem finding this information?</b>	Go to the Christ's College Old Boys' Association web site: <a href="http://www.ccoba.com/schoollist/index.php">http://www.ccoba.com/schoollist/index.php</a> and search. You will find most of the information available on this site. In the early years the House is often not recorded. This information has been compiled from various versions of the School List. Please note – the Christ's College Old Boys' Association does not answer archival requests.
<b>Why do I need this information?</b>	<b>Family Research</b> – talk to your family, including your extended family and collect from them all the information you can find about the person you are researching. Concentrate on the time they were at Christ's College. Organise the information chronologically.
	<b>Academic Research and/or researching a specific subject for a book</b> - read widely including <i>College! A History of Christ's College</i> by Don Hamilton published by the Christ's College Board of Governor's in 1996. This will help you decide whether Christ's College can help you with your research. Copies of the <i>Christ's College Sports Register</i> . (1884 -1891) and <i>The Christ's College Register</i> (1892 - ) are available in the Macmillan Brown Library of Canterbury University and the Aotearoa-New Zealand Room of the Christchurch City Library.
<b>I have collected all the information which is available, what do I do now?</b>	<b>Decide what it is that you want to know</b> and how much you are prepared to pay for the research. All the material in the College archives has not been indexed, therefore it takes time to retrieve information. Be specific in your request.

<b>FAQ</b>	<b>Sports Teams</b> – information about these are in the sources mentioned above, including some photographs. Not all sports teams were photographed
	<b>Houses</b> – reports on house activities are intermittently in <i>The Christ's College Register</i> . House photographs are not complete and are difficult to reproduce as they are often framed and hung in the Houses. House lists have been reconstructed for the period prior to about 1910, however not all days boys were in a house prior to this time.
	<b>Individuals</b> – Form Lists are available with varying degrees of accuracy from 1852-1952. They have been reconstructed from various sources from 1852-1870 and are printed from 1870-1952. These provide an indication of class placing in various subjects although those which are recorded are not consistent over time.
	<b>Staff</b> – are included in the various versions of the <i>School List</i> . The most useful ones for this information were published in 1950, 1965, 1980 and 1995.
	<b>Clothing</b> – many of the sources mentioned above contain photographs which provide information about clothing. The archive has a substantial clothing collection which can be consulted.
	<b>Buildings</b> – see <i>The Buildings of Christ's College</i> by Rodney Wells and Don Hamilton published by Christ's College in 1991. This includes sketches. There have been additions and alterations to the buildings since that date.