

# Most Innovative Idea in a Boarding School Award



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**Congratulations to  
Christ's College, Canterbury, New Zealand  
Immerse and Inspire  
the ABSA 2019 Most Innovative Idea in a Boarding School Award  
nominated by Garth Wynne**

Boarding has been at the heart of Christ's College for over 160 years. It is fundamental to what has been a College experience. In 2017, in a strategic environment which we describe as 'innovation and excellence wrapped in tradition', the Immerse and Inspire Programme was started to make boarding an experience for every boy at College and by doing so establishes a unique feature of a Christ's College education.

Immerse & Inspire is an innovative four-week residential programme for Year 10 students (aged 14–15 years). During Terms 2 and 3 groups of around 30–35 boys from each of College's ten Houses live as boarders in Jacobs House and participate in a carefully curated programme of activities. The intent of Immerse & Inspire is to:

- Guide boys to a better understanding of themselves and their unique strengths and character at a pivotal time in their personal development
- Introduce concepts of character and leadership in a meaningful way, as they relate to the College experience and to life
- Create a service learning experience focused on teamwork and community need, where the boys learn the power of giving
- Introduce unique learning experiences focused on social entrepreneurship and outdoor education
- Allow all boys to experience the fun of boarding and learning to live with others as a key part of their College experience
- Encourage boys to form friendships across College and between Houses

Every aspect of Immerse & Inspire is geared to encourage the boys to learn new skills, be open to different ideas, come to understand their unique character strengths, learn to respect each other, appreciate their lives and environment, and help them develop a growth mindset.



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This award recognises a person or a school who has stepped out of the norm to achieve something exciting in their school. We are looking for people or projects which really support the ethos of the boarding school, and provides the boarders and/or the staff with an excellent standard of service.

This is a prestigious award given to one person every year.

Nominate people or schools for these awards at:

<https://www.boarding.org.au/our-community/annual-awards/innovation-award-nomination>

## Nominate Today



The awards are judged by a sub-committee of the Board of Directors of ABSA, and will be announced at the Annual General Meeting on September 3, 2020.

**Nominations close Monday 3 August 2020.**