

Round Square conferences in 2024

Shenzhen Concord College of Sino-Canada in China from 4–9 April 2024

This conference is for students aged 16–18. The theme is LEADERSHIP – ‘Utmost Tactical Pioneer: Build Your Utopia’. The programme includes visits to Tencent and Huawei to learn from technology and business pioneers, and an adventure day at the scenic Dapeng Fortress, with a hike along the breathtaking Yangmeikeng coast. Themed dinners will highlight Chinese holidays and festivals, and hands-on activities like paper-cutting, Tai Chi, lantern making, calligraphy, and opera mask painting will allow for creative expression and cultural exchange. The cost is about \$1500, plus airfares of about \$2000 to fly to Hong Kong for two to three days of sightseeing before taking a train to Shenzhen.

The Rockhampton Grammar School in Queensland, Australia from 23–27 June 2024

This conference – with the theme of ENVIRONMENTALISM – is for students aged 13–15. Further details are yet to come, including conference cost and airfares. However, they are expected to be about \$1000 in conference fees, plus about \$1300 in airfares. Students can expect one to two days of sightseeing before the conference.

Round Square International Conference in Bogota, Colombia from 22–28 September 2024

For students aged 16–18, this conference will be hosted across five schools: Colegio Los Nogalies, Colegio Anglo Colombiano, Colegio Gran Bretana, The English School Bogota, and Gimnasio Campestre. It will cost about \$2200, plus approximately \$3800 in airfares. There will also be four to five days of post-conference sightseeing.

A meeting regarding these conferences has already been held with interested boys, but if your son missed this, please ask him to email me as soon as possible.

Round Square exchanges in 2024

Christ's College is fortunate to have exchanges with several schools internationally.

Scotch Oakburn College in Launceston, Tasmania, is offering a two-week exchange with Christ's College boys in Year 9. Up to three College students will spend two weeks at Scotch Oakburn College. They will be either hosted by a school family (if they are a day student) or stay in the Boarding House. The exchange will take place in Terms 2 or 3, with the aim to arrange dates that are the least disruptive to the boys' school programmes. In return, Christ's College students will be expected to host a Scotch Oakburn student for two weeks.

Montgomery Bell Academy in Nashville, USA, offers a long-established exchange, with two to three boys spending four weeks at the school in April and the American students coming to Christ's College in July/August.

There are also exchanges on offer to Kinross Wolarai in Orange, New South Wales, Australia, Bunbury Cathedral Grammar School in Western Australia, United World College of South East Asia (UWCSEA) in Singapore, and St Paul's College in Hong Kong.

Schools in Ecuador and India have also been in touch with College. If students are interested in these countries, we can further these exchanges. If your son is interested in an exchange with a school in a country or on a continent not listed, please let me know. We may have contacts with Round Square schools and can follow up on any request.

Under all exchanges, parents are responsible for covering the cost of a return airfare and some spending money for their son. School fees are not affected. All exchanges are reciprocal and College students must host a student in return.

Please discuss these opportunities with your son. If he wishes to take part in an exchange, he must email me to express his provisional interest – including which country/exchange – by Friday 1 December this year. Please note that this is primarily student-driven, so the boys must contact me directly at sarah.davidson@christcollege.com, rather than their parents. I will then formalise the application process by sending an application form. A parent information evening will be held early in Term 1.