

CHS website – www.camhigh.school.nz

We have been working hard over the past year to re-vamp our website. Not only does it look fresh, but it is a completely different approach to running the school website. We have designed our website to enable access for the students, providing them with a platform to tell their stories of our school. For instance, almost all the imagery used on the site has been taken, edited and published by our student media team as they have visited school events across the year. The media team will continue to create content across the year, including reporting on events and contributing opinion pieces. We have also freshened up the staff content, providing information that we believe will be useful to the range of audiences that want to gain an insight into life at CHS.

I want to particularly thank Deborah Godwin, Phillipa Oranje and Vanessa Tupp, as they the key staff who have brought this fantastic new site to life and to Matteo di Maio and the CHS Media Team who have provided us with great content and feedback as we worked on the design that was to underpin this new approach. Check out [this story](#) from the media team to get a sense of just how far we have come since the first CHS website!

Finally, thank you to [rocketspark](#), in particular Jeremy Johnson, who have been onboard since we first discussed the idea. The partnership they have offered CHS has enabled a fantastic platform for our students to express themselves and share the dynamic stories that underpin life at CHS. The success of CHS depends on partnerships such as this one, as we continue to explore new ways that we can work with our community to provide outstanding learning opportunities for our students.

Alongside the new opportunities this website will present for us, there are a few design features that are different. Here is a brief summary of those features:

Menu structure and visual themes.

There is a tradition menu structure at the top of the page (or three lines on the mobile version) for those that already know what area they are looking in. There are visual themes just down the page for those that are exploring or unsure. At the bottom of the page is a site footer, really useful if you are after a particular page.

Links to what's going on at CHS.

The bottom half of the home page has more information about what is happening at CHS. This includes the latest stories from students, social media feeds and the school calendar.

Coming events and latest communications.

All recent coming events and email communications home will be stored in one place – the [communications and coming events](#) page. Bookmark it for future use and save time trying to find that elusive email from CHS.

Life at CHS.

This is a new section for us, it is established to profile the things that make CHS special including our student leaders, house system, extra-curricular offerings and student newspaper. It is well worth a trawl when you get a chance.

Feedback and ongoing improvements.

So that we can keep improving the site we will track usage of the site with analytics and would welcome your feedback. Please get in touch via email – website@camhigh.school.nz

Kind regards
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