

TIMELINE

1815 - *approx* First Europeans land in Canterbury

- 1840 - Treaty of Waitangi is signed
- 1843 - John and William Deans establish a farm at Riccarton
- 1850 - Christchurch established
- 1873 - Canterbury College (University) established
- 1881
 - School established at Arts Centre. 82 boys, 7 masters.
 - School Sports at Lancaster Park
- 1883 - First monitors appointed. Military Cadet Corps formed
- 1903 - Form Masters and school blazers introduced
- 1908 - Deans Scholar Medal awarded in honour of Robert Deans - "Scholar, Sportsman and Gentleman"
- 1912 - Old Boys Association formed
- 1914
 - School farewells Old Boys to First World War.
 - 786 served with 140 losing their lives
 - School song written
- 1916 - First Anzac Service in (original) Big Room – Arts Centre
- 1917 - Adams House opened. First Old Boy Rhodes Scholar
- 1926 - School to its present 28 acre site. Memorial Shrine unveiled
- 1935 - Parent-Teacher Association formed
- 1939 - 1600 Old Boys, 11 staff serve in WWII, 200 lose their lives
- 1952 - Caddick Wing (M1 to M7) opened
- 1956 - Old Boys gift World War 2 memorials (Hall entry)
- 1966 - Parent Evenings and Leavers' Dinner established
- 1970 - Final School Cadet parade - shortage of funds
- 1975 - Charles Caldwell Block (C1 – C14) opened
- 1980 - 56 Old Boys around the world are university professors
- 1987 - Main Block earthquake strengthening. Reopened 1990
- 1990 - First Board of Trustees is elected
- 1997 - New School Hall is opened
- 1998 - Wilson Library is opened
- 2003 - Mr Croud's retires and Mr McIntyre appointed

- 2005 - Prince William visits the School
- 2006 - 1st XI and 1st XV hold national titles – also 2004, 2005
- 2007 - Governor-General attends Founders' Day Assembly
- 2009 - Swine flu pandemic during Term 2
- 2010 - September 7.1 earthquake. Wide damage. 5 days off school.
- 2011 - February 6.3 quake kills 181. June quake causes further damage. Snow. 20 days off school
- 2012 - Headmaster Trevor McIntyre leaves to assist in the post-quake restructuring of education delivery in Christchurch.
- 2013 - Mr Hill appointed as Headmaster
- 2015 - John Morrissey Grandstand officially opened 28 May
- 2015 - Hall demolition starts
- 2016 - Hall Construction Starts
- School building demolished (1961 Commerce / Caddick Block)
- Deans farm Buildings refurbishment starts
- 2017 - New Hall opened September 5
- Deans Buildings opened - home to (1) PTA and Uniform Shop, (2) Meeting Room, Old Boys, Archives
- 2018 - Pare (carved lintel) blessed and unveiled above Hall entrance (carved by Wiremu and Anaru Gray - Ngai tahu. Wiremu was HOD Guidance 2017/18
- 2019 Straven Block built - Caldwell Block demolished Term 4 - construction of new Caddick Block and Caldwell Block begins.
- 2020 New bike stands completed on the old room 26 site. Old rugby changing rooms and E2 block demolished to make way for new tuckshop, cafe and additional teaching space
- 2021 (24 February) Caddick and Caldwell Blocks Official Ceremony
- Work starts on the Main Block restoration during Term 4