



INTERNATIONAL STUDENT NEWS



2020

DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS



Dear Families and International Students of Sancta Maria College

As New Zealand moves towards our new way of life post covid-19 lock down, we at Sancta Maria College having been busy returning to a more normal way of life.

Many of you will have seen this video during lockdown and I feel it was just a beautiful way to showcase NZ and where we were at.

It is so exciting to see how far we have come with Covid – 19 and just how much New Zealand, as a nation, has accomplished. According to Dr Ashley Bloomfield, we are the envy of many countries right now. I am sure you will agree with me that we are so privileged to be living in this wonderful country.

Earth mother is breathing

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YKyeQ1njNQ>

It has been such a privilege watching our students return to school and be so excited about their learning. I am so proud of them and the resilience they have shown in the last few months. We held our first international student assembly last Monday, where we were able to show them just how proud we are of them and thank them for their efforts during lockdown.

Term one, and summer, feel a long time ago now but it is important we look back at the fun times we have had so far this year. With great plans in place for social activities in the next few months, there will be plenty of opportunity for more fun to be had in the future!

Andrea Donovan

Director of International Students

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This year we have had a number of orientation sessions as our new students have arrived in smaller groups due to the isolation periods caused by the Coronavirus concerns.

We welcomed a total of 21 new students to the school in Term 1 2020:

- Year 7 - Xiaojing Lin & Ziqi (Archie) Liu in Year 7
- Year 8 - Varithnut (Victor) Triamchanchoochai & Pak Yu (Nate) Yiu
- Year 9 - Jiaxuan Chen & Xinyan (Jesslyn) He
- Year 10 - Takeya Nakamura, Jun (Nigel) Ni & Naoto Takase
- Year 11 - Hana Funako, Liyuan (Lorian) Gan, Ho (Ryan) Hoang, Wai Ting (Kyle) Kwong, Shanyin (Zoey) Luo, Nanami Maruyama, Tianzhe (Tim) Xu
- Year 12 - Haolun Du, Juan (Enrique) Jugo, Wai Chun (Jason) Kwong, Thanh (Brian) Luong & Chenxi (Chris) Wang

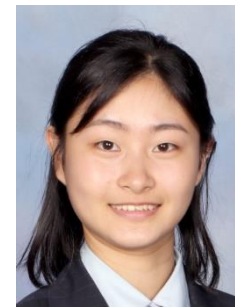
At orientation the students learnt about life at Sancta Maria College, met the senior International Student leaders and enjoyed a fish and chip lunch at Maraetai Beach to get to know each other.



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International Prefects 2019

Jolin Chen & Oscar Ng have been deservedly chosen as Sancta Maria College's International Prefects for 2020. Both Jolin and Oscar are incredibly pleased to have this role as International Prefects and are excited about what they have planned for 2020.



Oscar and Jolin arranged a shared lunch for international students on 13 February as an opportunity to welcome the new students and introduce them to the Sancta Maria College international student community. The students enjoyed sharing a meal and getting to know each other.

Our lunch was also an opportunity for students to thank Mrs Annie Au who has been a homestay co-ordinator for the International Department and has now moved to the Technology Department of Sancta Maria College



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2019 NCEA Success

Our academic honours system awards those who have earned at least 50 merit and/or excellence credits with a silver award. Those with at least 50 or more excellence credits receive a gold award. This applies to students at levels 1, 2 and 3.

In addition, we also recognise those who have gained an excellence endorsement from 4 or more subjects with a scholar's badge.

Course endorsements at an excellence level are earned by achieving 14 or more excellence credits in both internally and externally assessed standards.

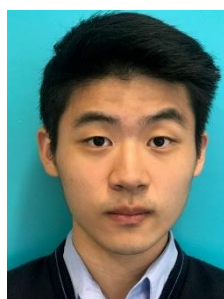
Level 1 Merit Endorsement / Silver Award



Aaron Chen



Jasmine Liu

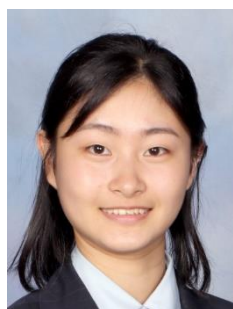


Yusol Jang



Keira Xia

Level 2 Excellence Endorsement/ Gold Award



Jolin Chen



Martin Cheung

Level 2 Merit Endorsement / Silver Award



Kelly Ng

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Level 3 Excellence Endorsement/ Gold Award



Bruce Chen



Amelia Yang



Ben Wang



Christy Yang



Cindy Liu



Kobe Liu



Kiven Wan

Level 2 Merit Endorsement / Silver Award



Andy Chen



Hayward Lam



Jason Wang

Level 3 Excellence Endorsement in four or more subjects



Amelia Yang

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Police Visit Regarding Health & Safety – February 2020

On Thursday 20 February we held our first International Student assembly for 2020 and invited the New Zealand Police to attend to speak to our students about Personal Safety.

This was a very informative talk to students advising that although New Zealand is a relatively safe country to live in there is a bad element who may target students from other countries. The police spoke about looking after yourself and your possessions whilst in New Zealand. We appreciate the support given by the New Zealand Police in helping keep students safe.



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Welcome Picnic – Thursday 27 February 2020

Our annual welcome event for international students and their families was held in the Olive Grove this year.

Students, parents, designated caregivers and host families joined International Department staff for a picnic dinner on a lovely summer evening. The students decorated the grove with lanterns and set up chairs for our guests.



The atmosphere was one of fun as the students and their caregivers enjoyed rice, noodles, spring rolls and sushi before the students entertained themselves with a water slide, water balloons, tug of war and ball games led by our senior students. Ice blocks, biscuits and lollies were offered around the guests.

The Principal and Board of Trustees Chairman attended the event and we would like to thank all those who attended the picnic. A special thank you to our senior students involved in the planning of the event. This was a memorable day for all of the students and families and we hope to continue the tradition next year.



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Athletics Day – Friday 28 February 2020

