



INTERNATIONAL STUDENT NEWS



Term 3, 2020

DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS



Dear families,

Term 3 has flown by just like the rest of 2020! It is hard to believe we only have one term left this year. Unfortunately, in term 3 we experienced another level 3 lockdown for 3 weeks, an unexpected disruption for all of us. This disruption meant we weren't able to go to Rotorua for the planned annual international student trip - we all felt very disappointed about having to cancel this. Luckily, we were still able to have a few events for our students, and our evening out at Daikoku restaurant was a great opportunity for all of us to get together, we even had our school Principal Ms Moore join us!

Once again, I was so impressed by the resilience of our wonderful group of international students during this latest lockdown. It was clear that our students' focus was on their education, with students attending online class learning and engaging in our regular conference meetings for all international students.

We now look forward to our last term together and wish all of our seniors the very best for this last term of study and their upcoming exams in November. Even though this year has been quite disrupted, our students have achieved some wonderful results and we look forward to celebrating with them at the end of the year.

As always, I encourage your feedback and comments around any aspect of our international student programme.

Yours sincerely

Andrea Donovan

Director of International Students

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School Talent Quest 2020



Congratulations to Year 12 international student Enrique Jugo who was placed 3rd in the annual Sancta Maria College Talent Quest. This year due to the lockdown school prefects asked students to record their talents and send them digitally for judging. The top performances were then judged by prefects and staff. Enrique taught himself to play guitar in his spare time.



International Student Dinner

On Thursday 30 July the International Department took students out for dinner at Daikoku Restaurant in Botany for teppanyaki. The Japanese word teppanyaki is derived from teppan, which is the metal plate which it is cooked on and yaki, which means grilled, broiled, or pan-fried.

Students enjoyed both watching the skilled manoeuvres of the chefs preparing the food, such as stacking onion slices to produce a flaming onion volcano, and the cuisine itself.

The international students were joined by school Principal, Ms Louise Moore, Director of International Students, Andrea Donovan and the international team.



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YEAR 8 CAMP 2020

Our Year 8 international students joined other Year 8 students at Camp Adair in Hunua, for an entertaining outdoor experience involving many fun and challenging activities.

This year's activities included the High Swing, Rambo Bridge, Pamper Pole, Cargo Climb, Kayaking, Super Fox, Air Rifles, Bush Craft, Islands in the Sky, Climbing Wall and the Confidence Course.

Students returned with many new memories that will not be forgotten for years to come.



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