

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT NEWS



Term 4, 2020

DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Dear families,

It is hard to believe that this is my last newsletter for 2020. It is strange, in so many ways the year has flown by, but also, so much has happened that it feels like it has gone on forever!

This time last year, we could not have predicted that a pandemic would spread across our world and that we here in Auckland would spend 3 months in lock-down in our homes. New Zealand has navigated COVID – 19 so well, and we are truly blessed to be living in a country that is safe and allows us to lead normal lives, unlike so many other countries around the world. I want to personally thank you for sending your most precious child to our school this year, and supporting them and allowing them to remain in New Zealand over the upcoming summer holiday to ensure their education is not compromised. This decision of yours would not have been an easy one, as a parent myself, I can only imagine how much you miss your child, but this selfless act allows them to continue their schooling and further education into next year. We certainly hope to see some border re-opening in 2021 when we can welcome some new students in, and our existing students can return home to see you, their families.



Whilst we have had limitations on our activities this year due to lock down, we have still been able to fit some in and some of our highlights this year would have to be our dinner out together at Daikoku, our Graduation ceremony for our Year 13 leavers, the school ball and our upcoming Christmas party. We will celebrate Christmas, kiwi style, next week on the 10 December and bring all of our students together for lunch, presents and some fun games. We look forward to seeing as many of our students there as possible.

We are looking forward to 2021 where again we have planned many activities to support our students, starting the year off in March with a trip to Rotorua – we didn't get there this year due to lockdown but we are determined to next year. I will be in contact with you early next year with all of the details around this.



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We are so proud of our students, they have shown true strength and resilience and all have worked so hard to achieve their academic goals. We know that in 2021, our students will again show this determination to succeed and we look forward to supporting them in reaching their goals.

I will be available over the summer holiday period to answer any questions and I will continue to support our students. I will be contacting them each on a weekly basis, checking in with them to make sure they are all happy and well. If you need to contact me regarding any aspect of your child's care, please feel free to do so.

Yours sincerely

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Director of International Students

SANCTA MARIA COLLEGE WEBSITE

During Term 4 we have updated the International section of the school website. Please visit <https://www.sanctamaria.school.nz/international-welcome/>. You will find information on:

- Term dates including start of year days and times
- Uniform requirements
- Bus information
- Stationery (books, pens, pencils etc)
- Student Life

2021 INTERNATIONAL PREFECTS

Congratulations to the International Prefects for 2021 Mohan (Cynthia) Fang and Juan Enrique Jugo who were announced alongside all the 2021 Prefects at assembly on Wednesday 28 October. Cynthia and Enrique are looking forward to being able to lead the international students' next year.



Fang, Cynthia



Jugo, Enrique

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2020 FINAL INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ASSEMBLY

On Wednesday 4 November the international department held their final student assembly for the year. Students were recognised for their academic achievements and attendance records throughout the year. Congratulations went to the following students for Academic Excellence:- Rosie Phung (Year 11), Enrique Jugo (Year 12) and Jolin Chen & Martin Cheung (Year 13). These students all received a voucher to spend at Botany Town Centre for their achievement.

The following students were awarded certificates and chocolate for achieving 100% pass rates for internal assessments at the time of the assembly:- Aurn Satjawongvanich, Rosie Phung, Lorian Gan, Ryan Hoang, Kyle Kwong, Aaron Chen, Yusol Jang, Enrique Jugo, Jemin Lee, Brian Luong, Keira Xia, Lydia Yu, Oscar Ng, Kelly Ng, Jolin Chen, Martin Cheung and Teresa Lan.

Students who had an attendance rate of 98% and higher received a certificate and a pen. The following students received awards:- Rosie Phung, Aurn Satjawongvanich, Tim Xu, Enrique Jugo, Chris Wang, Yusol Jang, Jolin Chen, Oscar Ng, Victor Triamchanchoochai, Jiakuan Chen, Xiaojing Lin, Winnie Wang and Nate Yiu.



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2020 SENIOR AWARDS

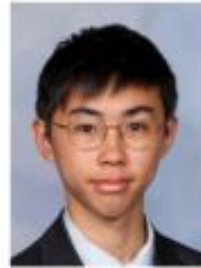
We are very proud of the number of senior students who achieved academic success this year and who were recognised at the Recognition Assembly on 3 November. Congratulations to the following students who were recognised for their diligence and contribution to the school: Jasmine Liu, Chris Wang, Jason Kwong, Cynthia Fang, Kelly Ng, Carman Chang and Lydia Yu.



Chang, Carman



Fang, Cynthia



Kwong, Jason



Liu, Jasmine



Ng, Kelly

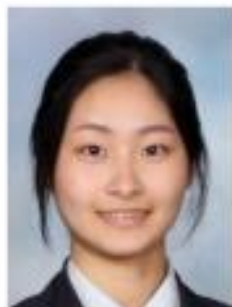


Wang, Chris

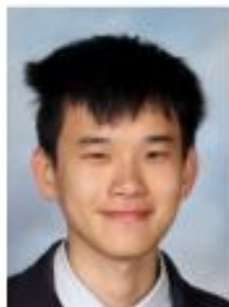


Yu, Lydia

Congratulations to Jolin Chen and Martin Cheung who were awarded Overall Top Scholar Awards at the 2020 Senior Prizegiving on Thursday 5 November 2020 and Teresa Lan was awarded top scholar.



Chen, Jolin



Cheung, Martin



Lan, Teresa



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Congratulations to Lewis Wong who was awarded diligence awards at the 2020 Year 13 prizegiving.



Wong, Lewis

Congratulations to Brian Luong and Enrique Jugo who were awarded top scholar awards at the 2020 Year 12 prizegiving.



Jugo, Enrique



Luong, Brian

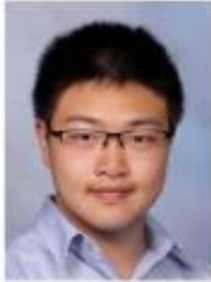
Congratulations to Keira Xia was awarded diligence awards at the 2020 Year 12 prizegiving.



Xia, Keira

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On Friday 6 November the 2020 Year 11 prizegiving was held. Congratulations to Lorian Gan, Kyle Kwong, Tim Xu who were awarded top scholar awards at the 2020 Year 11 prizegiving.



Gan, Lorian



Kwong, Kyle



Xu, Tim

Congratulations to Zoey Luo and Rosie Phung who were awarded diligence awards at the 2020 Year 11 prizegiving.



Luo, Zoey



Phung, Rosie

On Thursday 3 December 2020 the Year 9 and 10 prizegiving was held. Congratulations to Winnie Wang who received an award for commitment to Cultural Activities.



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2020 INTERNATIONAL STUDENT GRADUATION

On Friday 6 November the Year 13 international students celebrated their graduation. 11 students graduated this year and the celebration was followed by a late lunch at White & Wongs in Auckland City. Congratulations to Kelly Ng, Oscar Ng, Lydia Yu, Aakil Chanthkarun, Lewis Wong, Carman Chang, Alex Chen, Jolin Chen, Gloria Liang, Lydia Yu, Martin Cheung.

“As the graduating class of 2020 you have shown real resilience this year as you have navigated your way through unprecedented times. At the beginning of this year, nobody could have predicted the challenges you would face as a pandemic swooped across the world. Prioritising your studies, has meant you have all had to make the brave decision to remain in NZ for the duration of this year and some of you will continue to do so until New Zealand’s borders re -open. You have shown strength, perseverance and positivity throughout this year and achieved academic goals you have set for yourselves.

The end of high school signals the end of one era and the beginning of another, and what challenges lie ahead for each of you is an unknown and not always controllable, what is controllable is how you handle each challenge and the positivity you show in navigating your way through these. Your adult journey is about to begin and you have gained all the necessary skills in the last 18 years, preparing yourself for your independent life. Sancta Maria College has enveloped you in its care for the last few years and helped to guide you toward this new adult, independent life. Memories made here are memories you will hold dear to you for the rest of your lives, friendships made here will forever be in your hearts.

Push yourselves out of your comfort zone, as great things come to those who do. Question, critique analyse all that you learn, complacency doesn’t allow for growth, and remember, be the best you can be, in everything you do.

We will miss your smiling face but we know you are now ready to fly.”



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SCHOOL BALL



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YEAR 10 CAMP

This year two of our international students Winnie Wang and Nanami Maruyama took part in the annual Year 10 Camp in Ngaruawahia for four days. School camp is a New Zealand tradition and the girls had a great time with their peers. They took part in many activities including archery and kayaking. On the last day performances were held by different groups and Winnie & Nanami were awarded 2nd place for their Japanese song.

