

## INTERNATIONAL STUDENT NEWS



**2021**

### DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

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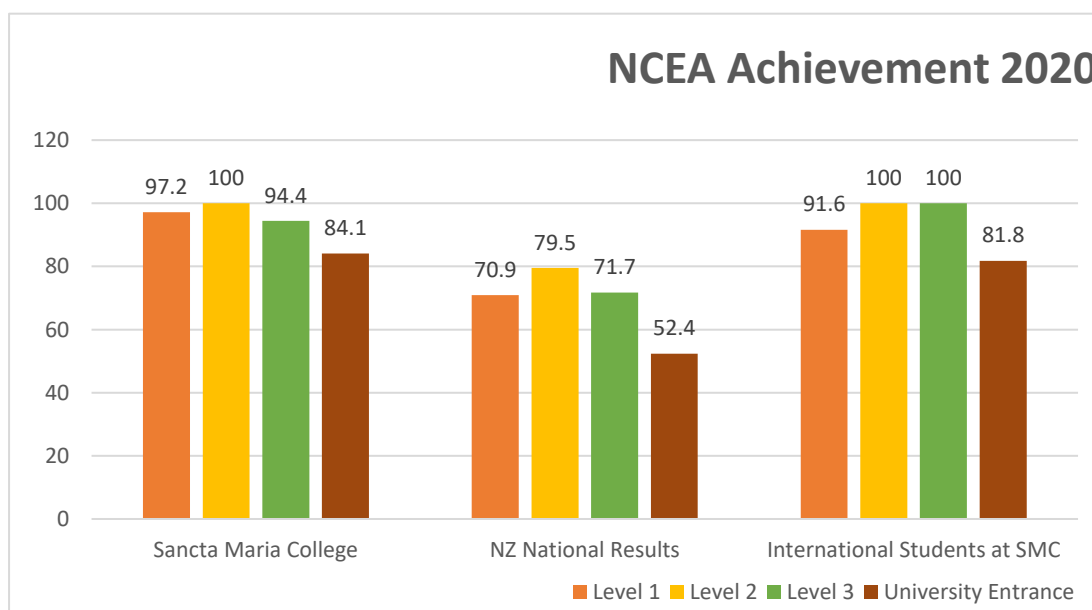
Dear Agents and Families,

As we near the end of Term 1 2021 we have a lot to be thankful for. Despite a couple of short, sharp lock downs, we still managed to fit in lots of activities for our students.

We welcomed all of our students back with a shared lunch which also allowed us to celebrate the Lunar New Year – our students were particularly happy with the authentic Chinese dumplings, next time we will need to buy more!



We celebrated the 2020 academic success of our NCEA students earlier this term, we are so proud of how well they have all done. For those students who didn't receive an award, they can still feel very proud of their success last year, we once again had amazing academic results.



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Again, I want to acknowledge the commitment you are making to your child's education by allowing them to remain in New Zealand over the summer holiday period, we understand the sacrifice you are making for their overall education. If you have any questions or concerns about how your child is doing, please don't hesitate to be in contact with me.

Andrea

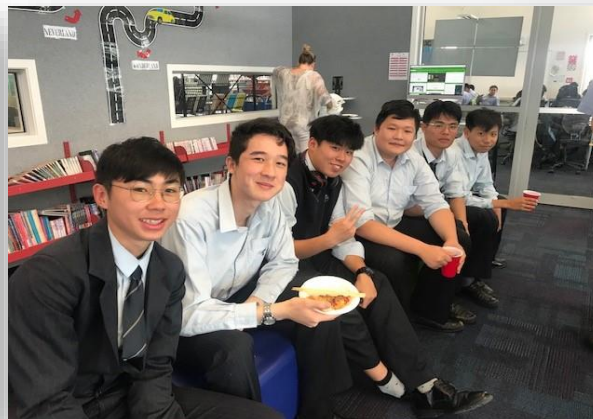
This year we welcomed one new student to the school in Term 1 2021. Yitian (Tina) Zhu has come to Sancta Maria College from Bucklands Beach Intermediate, and is a Year 9 student.



## INTERNATIONAL PREFECTS 2021

Cynthia Fang & Enrique Jugo have been deservedly chosen as Sancta Maria College's International Prefects for 2021. Both Cynthia & Enrique are incredibly pleased to have this role as International Prefects and are excited about what they have planned for 2021.

To welcome all students back this year a shared lunch was organised for international students on 11 February. As well as welcoming students back to school we also celebrated the Lunar New Year by sharing a meal of dumplings and pizza





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### ATHLETICS DAY – FRIDAY 26 FEBRUARY 2021

The annual Sancta Maria College Athletics Day took place in February. The weather was perfect and students were encouraged to dress in their 'house colours' for the day. International Students took part in various activities including sprints, high jump, discus, shot put, long jump and house relays. The enjoyable day led to many students participating in both competitive and social events, including the Year 13s who dressed up in fun costumes representing their house colours. The students' enthusiasm, endless encouragement for their peers and active participation definitely showed their strong desire to win.





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### 2020 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.

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



Trang (Amelia) Pham



Minh Anh (Rosie) Phung



Tianzhe (Tim) Xu



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### Level 2 Excellence Endorsement/ Gold Award



Juan (Enrique) Jugo

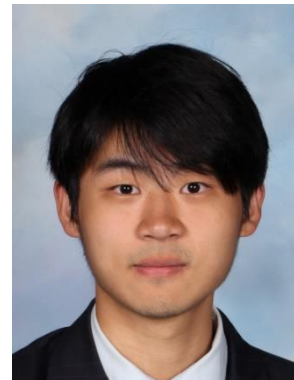
### Level 2 Merit Endorsement / Silver Award



Zhenghong (Aaron) Chen



Mohan (Cynthia) Fang



Yusol Jang



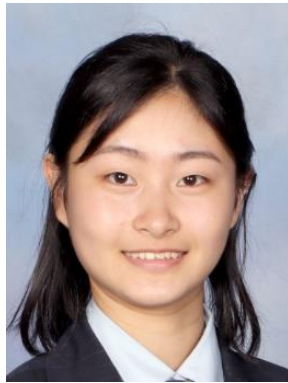
Wai Chun (Jason) Kwong



Jinqiao (Jasmine) Liu

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### Level 3 Excellence Endorsement/ Gold Award



Yi Yu (Jolin) Chen



King Cheung (Martin) Cheung

### Level 3 Merit Endorsement / Silver Award



Ming Yui (Kelly) Ng



Yang (Lydia) Yu

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### INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SPECIAL CHARACTER DAY

On 22 March international students from Catholic schools in Auckland came together at the St Columba Centre to find out about the special character of Catholic schools. Kendall Watson-Peach took Sancta Maria College students to meet international students from Carmel College, St Mary's College and Baradene College. It was a good opportunity to meet other international students and have fun while learning.

The students were spoken to by a priest who was able to speak to the students in Cantonese, Mandarin, Samoan and English, a seminarian who spoke in Vietnamese and nun who spoke Korean. There were break out groups where students were taught in their own language. Each speaker spoke of their own vocation and that the purpose of the gathering was to meeting other international students, sharing experiences and building friendships.

The students were then involved in some activities which had them all laughing and stomping on balloons.

The students from Sancta Maria College then enjoyed a tour under the Auckland Harbour Bridge, a drive through the University of Auckland and a McDonalds lunch before heading back to school to continue their afternoon classes.





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### INTERNATIONAL STUDENT TRIP TO RAINBOW'S END

On 7 April, 2021, SMC's international students left the school for the day and went to Rainbow's End. We departed at 9:30am and came back to school at 3:05pm, for the students who needed to catch the school bus home.

It was such an amazing experience for the all students who participated. Many students tried every ride there, which was really good. The Fear Fall, Invader, Bumper Boats, AA drivers Town, Scorpion Karts, Family Karts, Stratosfear, Roller Coaster, Powersurge, Dodgems, Gold Rush and the Log Flume were all so much fun and definitely worth the try.

My own thoughts on the day was that the scariest one was Stratosfear, the second scariest one was Fear Fall, and the one that made us dizzy and feel sick was Power Surge. Stratosfear was the scariest because it rotates 360 degrees, and it takes about 3 mins! The fear fall was just going up at a constant speed then dropped down unexpectedly at a super-fast speed, but the whole ride only took about 1min.

Overall, everyone enjoyed this international students' trip. There are people who have been there for the first time, and people who have been there many times. But on this trip, we got the chance to make new friends and develop a deeper friendship with some friends we already knew but don't often have the chance to talk to.

This day made SMC international students closer to each other, which is great!

*Winnie Wang (Year 11)*





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### INTERNATIONAL STUDENT BASKETBALL FUN & AMAZING RACE

On Friday 9 April Andrea Donovan & Kendall Watson-Peach took a group of Sancta Maria College international students to St Mary's College, to meet with international students from other Catholic colleges in the Auckland area. The students enjoyed taking part in an Amazing Race and Basketball games. It was an opportunity to meet new friends, enjoy a pizza meal and socialise.





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### CELEBRATING INTERNATIONAL STUDENT BIRTHDAYS IN TERM ONE

On Thursday 15 April we gathered all students together to celebrate with birthday cake.  
So far this year the following students have celebrated their birthday.



**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY**



*Jasmine Liu*

*Yusol Jang*

*Yuki Zhang*

*Aaron Chen*

*Xiaojing Lin*

*Nate Yiu*

*Enrique Jugo*

*Lorian Gan*

*Rosie Phung*

