

Semester 1 2019

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OUR NEW 2019 STUDENTS

This year so far we have welcomed 25 new student enrolments from a variety of countries: Germany, Austria, Vietnam, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Ukraine, Brazil, China, and Japan. We also have students from Thailand, Syria, Korea, Timor Leste, The Philippines and Hong Kong. Some of these students are 1 semester placements, others are also here with their parents who are on diplomatic assignments or have long term work placements. The majority of our students are either 1 year placements or long term students aiming to complete their schooling with us. Currently we have 62 international students in our programme.



INTERNATIONAL STUDENT FEBRUARY ORIENTATION PROGRAMME

The students started their orientation with a day of Mathematics and English language testing as well as choosing and confirming their courses for the year. This was followed the next week by a Powhiri (Maori welcome) with all the new Year 9 students and a



morning tea where they met their year level buddy. We spent the rest of the day telling them about Onslow College, our education system, and how to enjoy living in Wellington! The following day we all went into the city on the train and looked around our government centre at Parliament and the oldest wooden building in the Southern Hemisphere. Then we walked around the water front to Oriental Bay, had an ice cream and a paddle, and wandered back through the city. The next day the students were given timetables and started their courses. The real work began!

INTERNATIONAL DINNER

This was held on a mid-February evening and was an opportunity for all of our returning students to welcome the new students and their host families. Our year 13 students welcomed everyone and all the new students introduced themselves. We shared a meal together with food from their home country that the students had prepared. There was a lot of variety and everyone enjoyed all the different dishes.



INTERNATIONAL CAMP

This year we finally had good weather for our annual overnight camp in the Wairarapa (a region about an hour's drive from Wellington City). We took the train and 35 students with us and went surfing at a great beach called Castlepoint. The next day we rafted and abseiled at a local river after staying the night in Masterton at a local marae (Maori meeting house) where we were warmly welcomed by some of a local Maori tribe. It was a great 2 days and a very quiet and tired group of students slept away the late afternoon train trip back to Wellington!



NCEA (NATIONAL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT): UNIVERSITY ENTRANCE RESULTS FOR OUR STUDENTS 2018

Our students achieved some good results last year and the majority of our year 13 students gained entry to university in New Zealand or their own country. Our NCEA results were above the national average. Our students received 28 Scholarships in 2018 NCEA results and 3 Outstanding Scholarships.

ONSLOW SUCCESS

In March this year our student, Finnegan Messerli, was presented with the 2018 Prime Minister's Future Scientist Prize by our Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern at a ceremony at Parliament. He is the third of our students to win the prize in its 10 year history.

Our Senior Physics team, competed in and won the Wellington Regional tournament of the New Zealand Young Physicists' Tournament at Victoria University recently and are now preparing for the National Championship.



MATHEMATICS, SCIENCE, ACCOUNTING AND PHYSICS SUPPORT

We continue to offer extra classes for students in Year 11, 12, and 13 Mathematics and Year 11 Science. Year 11 students have up to 4 hours of extra teaching to support them in their mainstream Science and Mathematics classes. The students learn how to interpret questions and prepare assessments as well as extra subject vocabulary and academic vocabulary teaching. Years 12 and 13 students have 4 hours of extra support a week also increasing their mathematical and academic vocabulary, working on interpreting questions and preparing for assessments. We are now noticing a significant improvement in the students' NCEA results.

TUTORING FOR OUR SENIOR STUDENTS

Last year we set up peer tutoring at lunchtime for our Year 11 Accounting students who are sitting NCEA with Year 13 Accounting students. This has gone very well for our students who have found working with senior Accounting students very useful. We also set up some tutoring in Year 12 Physics with a teacher after school. This teacher works with a group of our NCEA students who need a bit of extra support. As well, we have a teacher offering extra support after school in English and IELTS writing techniques. This year we will offer a similar programme.

NOVEMBER 2018 WELLINGTON ACTIVITY WEEKS

We organised 2 weeks of activities for those years 11 to 13 students who were not sitting NCEA examinations in November last year. These activities began when the NCEA students went on study leave at the beginning of November. We combined with the students from Wellington High School and did a series of indoor and outdoor activities. These included the Golf Driving Range, a swim at Days Bay, a visit to the Wellington Chocolate Factory, paintballing and the Adrenalin Forest.



OUR NEW PRINCIPAL

Sheena Millar, our new Principal, is settling in well and enjoying getting to know our students. She is going to visit our parents and contacts in China this year with May Wong, our International Office Manager.