

Semester 2, July to November 2019

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Term Dates 2019

Term 3: 23 July—28 Sept
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Term Dates 2020

Term 1: 28 Jan – 9 April
Term 2: 28 April – 3 July

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OUR NEW TERM 3 STUDENTS

This term we welcomed 19 new student enrolments from a variety of countries: Germany, Italy, Brazil, Switzerland and China. A number of these students are only with us until December. Currently we have 59 international students in our programme so it is very busy! We also had some parents and agents from overseas visiting the school when they accompanied their child or a group to New Zealand.

JULY ORIENTATION

The new students began their time with us on the first day of term by attending a Powhiri (welcome) by our Maori students and teachers. This was followed by a morning tea with their buddies and a tour of the school. They then completed some English and Mathematics assessments and chose their courses. The next day was spent learning about the school and New Zealand and getting to know each other. The students also met some of the teachers and senior staff. The following day they were given a timetable and started their courses.



SOMES ISLAND TRIP



Towards the end of term 2, a group of our non examination students went to Somes Island by ferry for the day. This is a bird sanctuary in the middle of Wellington harbour and has a rich history. We all have a great day looking at all the birds and the interesting information. This was a pleasant farewell for the 7 students who returned home to their families and back to school in their home country.

FAREWELL LUNCH FOR OUR LEAVERS

As usual this was a sad event at the end but a good time to share some food together and give the leavers their certificates and a Onslow College sticky notepad.



INTERNATIONAL FOOD FAIR

Every year the International department and the Languages Department combine to organize an International Food Fair. This was its usual success with all our students enjoying sharing information about food from their countries. We made over \$600 which was donated to DMS, a charity organisation helping the homeless people.



French



Chinese



Japanese



Greek & German



Korean



Japanese - Okonomiyaki



Syrian & Italian



East Timorese

BOWLING

This term, to welcome our new intake of students, over 60 of the students and the staff went bowling after school in the city. The students had a great time and enjoyed the pizzas and chips afterwards and the small prizegiving! It was a good way for everyone to get to know each other and show off their bowling skills!



EID AL-ADHA CELEBRATION

For the first time this year we hosted a celebration the end of of Eid al-Adha at school. We invited Onslow College school families to attend a shared meal at school on a Friday evening in August. This festival is observed by 1.6 billion people across the world and marks one of the most important events in the Islamic calendar. Families from Saudi Arabia, Syria, Sri Lanka, Malaysia and China attended this event.

MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE 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.

ADDITIONAL EXTRA CURRICULAR PROGRAMMES IN TERM 4

If your student is interested in **horse riding or surfing** classes, we can offer a programme if there are 4 or more students registered. There is an additional cost which needs to be paid by the student. For more information, please enquire at the International Office.

NOVEMBER WELLINGTON ACTIVITY WEEKS

We are starting to plan 2 weeks of activities for the years 11 to 13 those students are not sitting NCEA examinations when the other students go on study leave at the beginning of November. We combine with Wellington High School and Wellington Girls College International students and do a series of indoor and outdoor activities. These include a Somes Island visit, Lord of the Rings Sites, the Golf Driving Range, a sports day, paintball and the Adrenalin Forest.



Wellington - Word of Wearable Arts



Adrenalin Forest



Wilton Bush - BBQ



Somes Island

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS SUCCESS

Our Japanese student, Asaki Watanabe, who plays the violin had won the Wellington Youth Orchestra Concerto competition after two grueling rounds of auditions. She will be a soloist at their next performances in October!



ENROLLER SYSTEM

We will be launching a new enrolment system in October for our agents and the parents of International students who wish to apply to come to Onslow College. This system will have translations in different languages to enable applicants fully understand the contents when they complete the form online. The process is very simple and would be helpful to our agents and parents.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SURVEY

Last week the students completed a survey about their experiences at coming to New Zealand and their life here. It was organized by Education New Zealand and can be completed in different languages. This is a great opportunity for high schools in New Zealand to get some feedback from the students about their experiences in New Zealand schools.

OUTDOOR EDUCATION COURSE

This continues to be very popular with a large number of our international students participating. This term they have been mountain biking a lot.

