NEWLANDS COLLEGE - International Student Newsletter

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School Type: State, Co-educational

Years: 9-13
 Enrolment Age: 13-19 years
 Roll: 1100

Quality homestay families provided

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Welcome from Ms Deb Mills Deputy Principal International Student Director

For the first time in Newlands College history, International Student, Mai Nguyen has been awarded the most prestigious award of Dux. This is an

absolutely outstanding achievement for a most diligent, dedicated, hardworking student. You can read more about her and other students' success below.

Term 4 has been a term of celebrations together with a focus on learning; completing portfolios of work and internal assessments, together with sitting external examinations. Students are very well placed to achieve excellent outcomes this year. Numbers of students celebrated their success at our recent celebration evening, formal assemblies and prize giving.

I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank our Homestay families who have continued to provide outstanding support and guidance to our students.

Farewell to our students leaving us to return home or pursue further education in New Zealand.

I wish you all the very best for a successful future and please do keep in touch with us. To you all, have a very happy and safe holiday season and I look forward to connecting with you in the new year.

Mai Thanh Hoang Nguyen from Vietnam - Dux 2024



Academic Achievement Year 13 - Dux Mai Nguyen - International Student from Vietnam 1st in Mathematics with Statistics, 1st= in Biology, 2nd in Mathematics with Calculus, 3rd in Physics.

Last year she was awarded Overall Academic Achievement in Year 12

Last year she was 1st in Level 3 Chemistry She has gained 100% of her assessments with Excellence this year

Mathswell team member and gained Proficiency in the Australian Maths Competition



Mai Nguyen with her Host Family and International Team members

International Relations Award For leadership, helpfulness and an exemplary example of cross cultural relationships Kanan Matsumoto from Japan



As the International Student Representative on the School Executive Committee, Kanan has worked tirelessly throughout the year to provide fun, inclusive events for our international student community and friends. This included events such as volleyball, a movie and pizza party, karaoke evening and a Leavers' Dinner. He is always positive, organised and eager to add value whenever possible. It has been a pleasure working with him and we thank him for his exemplary service to our school.

Sacha Waller Dean of International Students Leavers' Dinner

The Leavers' Dinner was a wonderful evening spent together celebrating the successes of our current international students and enjoying each others' company. There was plenty of delicious food and camaraderie enjoyed during the evening. Safe travels home everyone and have a great holiday over the New Year!

Senior Academic Excellence Awards

Congratulations to the following recipients for their achievement of academic excellence.

Mai Thanh Hoang Nguyen

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Yifan Hu

Year 12 - 3rd - Mathematics

Xiaoyu Zhang

Year 11 - Academic Excellence - Mathematics

End-of-Year Alternative Programme for Senior International Students

My favourite activity was Staglands. I loved the animals and Adrenaline Forest was also cool.

- Gina Gordon from Germany

My favourite thing this week was Staglands. I really loved the animals, especially the little piglets. The natural surroundings were also great. Paintball was a lot of fun too.

- Emily Busch from Germany

My favourite activity this week was Adrenaline Forest. It was so much fun. I really liked the climbing activities.

- Moeka Hoshi from Japan

I really enjoyed this week of activities. My favourite activities were Staglands with all the animals and natural surroundings, Adrenaline Forest, Brewtown and going to the beach.

- Neda Shaheen from Germany

I enjoyed playing paintball a lot. It was a really nice experience and I got to learn lots about the other people. I liked how the teachers allowed us to make suggestions and decisions were made together.

- Fredrik Feldheim from Germany

Thank you, and wishing you a very festive season!

Photos from Alternative Programme and Junior Students' 3-Day-Discovery Programme

