

# International Student Newsletter

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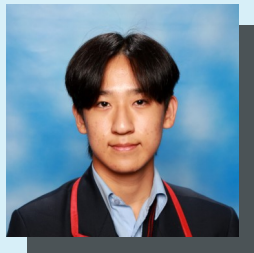
**Deputy Principal/International Student Director**

Welcome to the first newsletter for 2026. It has been a pleasure to welcome students to our school community from all around the world including Brazil, Cambodia, China, Germany, Japan, Peru, South Korea, Thailand, and Vietnam. Primarily, students are here for long term study, however, we have also had the opportunity to host students for various lengths of stay, including a short term group from Japan. Our domestic students have relished the opportunity to act as ambassadors and buddies, ensuring that our international students not only have a critical friend with them at all times, but they have provided insights into the school and shared their learning experiences. For students to achieve success they need to be happy, healthy and engaged. It is our endeavor to ensure that students are given every opportunity to achieve at the highest level and to be given excellent support from the International Student Team.



International Students Photo 2026

It is a pleasure to have Seongbin as our International Student Representative for a second year. Seongbin is exceptionally connected to the International Student community and will again be the voice and advocate of our International Students. He works closely with Ms Waller, Dean and leads the International Student Committee to organise activities for students.



**Seongbin Moon**  
- International Student Representative on  
The School Council Executive

Hello everyone! I'm Seongbin Moon, and I'm excited to continue serving as your International Representative in 2026. This will be my second year in this role, and I'm looking forward to building on the work we've already started this year.

This term, it was a pleasure to work alongside the International Committee and International Staff to

run two key events: our Sports Day and the Shared Dinner. Both were great opportunities to bring people together, and I hope to keep creating more moments like these.

With such a diverse school community, I want to continue organising events that help international and domestic students connect, feel included, and truly feel part of Newlands College.

## STUDENT VOICE

### Outdoor Education—Level 2

The trip was really fun. I really liked the night sessions, especially the cooking challenge and the spotlighting. The pool was lots of fun also. I did some good bombs into the water.

*Dominik Lautenbacher*

I really enjoyed swimming in the cold river and making dinner together. We made hamburgers.

*Rintaro Ikeda*

Playing hide and seek while spot lighting was lots of fun. Sleeping in the tent was a bit cold in the morning. I have made some really good Year 12 friends.

*Naoki Nakamata*

My group ran the dam and rock building activities. My favourite activity on camp was going to the pool and going on the river ride. I went down it many times.

*Sakura Ando*

### Physical Education—Level 3

We did lots of exciting things that I would've never done if there was not such a brilliant camp. Escarpment track



hiking, mountain biking, white water rafting etc... We challenged ourselves constantly and enjoyed the excitement of physical activities. This experience was so unique and memorable that I would say it was definitely one of my highlights of the year.  
*Xiaoyu Zhang*

**Rugby—Hurricanes Match**

I have had a wonderful time in NZ. I loved coming into contact with all the beautiful nature. I went to watch the Hurricanes rugby team play. I have never played rugby, but watching it was lots of fun and I got to meet the Hurricanes captain. He is very cool.  
*Yutaro Hayakawa*

**Geography - Tongariro Trip**

I had a great time doing the Tongariro crossing. I got to meet new people and see more of NZ's beautiful nature.  
*Jette Terwey*

**Sports Day**

I enjoyed playing volleyball with my team.  
*Aoi Murakami*

**Shared Dinner**

I loved singing songs and dancing at our shared dinner. There was a lot of food from different countries too that was delicious.  
*Kazuma Iwata*

Karaoke was one of my most memorable events while here. I also tried food from other countries that was delicious.  
*Yuman Qin*



**Tabloids**

I really enjoyed watching the relays. I bought my costume from a Johnsonville store with my friends and we dressed up together.  
*Aoi Inoue*

**Volunteer Work**

We planted some flowers in the community garden. We weeded the garden in the LSC courtyard. It was very fun. I like volunteer work.  
*Yuika Takai*

**Food Techology—Year 11**

I made a cake, chicken rice and pasta during the year. The tomato pasta was really delicious. It was the first time I have made that kind of pasta.  
*Chisa Minowa*

I enjoyed making the pasta and cakes. I learned how to cook pasta and cakes. It was my first time decorating a cake. My cake is the one with the sprinkles.  
*Aoi Inoue*

**Classes**

Japanese classes were my favourite because everyone was so kind.  
*Natsumo Yamakawa*

**Fishing Adventure with Host Family**

I thought fishing was boring, but actually it was fun. I felt a sense of achievement when I caught a fish. That was a first for me. It was delicious!  
*Riku Tomita*