

# International Student Newsletter

Term 1 2022



**Deb Mills**

**Deputy Principal/International Student Director**

Welcome to the first newsletter for 2022. We are very proud of our students for their continued resilience and response due to the global pandemic. Not being able to join their families in their home countries was significant but they have all coped extremely well and have started the year positively and productively.

The great news is the limited opening of our borders; this will allow a small cohort of students to enter New Zealand from July. We will be hosting students from Thailand, Vietnam, China and Japan. We look forward to welcoming them to our school and community.

For students to achieve success they need to be happy, healthy and focused. 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 their Dean, Ms Waller and Homestay Counselor, Ms Barbara.

Please do visit our website or follow us on Facebook or Instagram. Please do not hesitate to contact a member of the International Team at any time.

**NEWLANDS COLLEGE**  
**2021: Outstanding Results!**

- Achieving significantly ahead of national and decile 9 means for: NCEA Levels 1, 2, 3 and UE
- 10 Subject Scholarships awarded

**Congratulations to all students & staff**

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## Congratulations to John Zhang Year 13

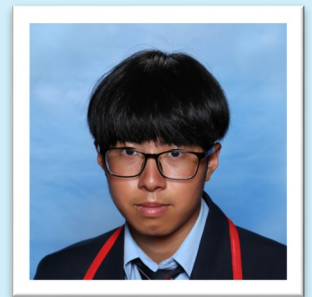
Congratulations to John who achieved Scholarship in Physics and Calculus. John was also part of the Newlands College team that participated in the **Space for Planet Earth Challenge** run by SpaceBase. The challenge aimed to minimize the harm of human activity on corals and combat the negative consequences of coral reef deterioration. The team of six advanced to become one of the three high-school finalist teams selected from across Oceania. On 18 February they presented their research and prototype, and were named the overall winners and earned themselves \$10,000!



*Members of the winning team! (John, far right)*

## Harry (Dinh Hien) Vu from Hanoi, Vietnam International Student Representative on the School Council Executive

Harry will be the voice of our International Students this year and will work closely with Ms Waller, Dean and lead the International Student Committee to organise activities for students.



## STUDENT VOICE

### Iris (Nguyen Bao Tran) Le from Hanoi, Vietnam

Newlands College is a very good school. Since my arrival at the start of the year, I have found lots of opportunities to become involved in such as the Sheilah Winn Shakespeare Festival. My subjects are busy, but overall I feel I am doing well in school.

### Harry (Dinh Hien) Vu from Hanoi, Vietnam

As an international student of Newlands College I have learned a lot from the people around me, especially since becoming the International Student Representative on the school Student Executive Council. This is an exciting challenge to work with a new group of people and push myself towards higher achievement. Term One has been busy since NCEA Level 3 study is harder; however I am enjoying being part of a student body organising school wide events, as well as preparing for a band competition later in the year.

### John (Xiaowen) Zhang from Beijing, China

During the summer holidays, my friends and I participated in a national science competition. The goal was to use satellite technologies to monitor coral health. Our team built a machine learning model and was fortunate enough to be voted the overall winners of the competition. We also had the pleasure to meet the US ambassador, who was one of the sponsors for the event.