

International Student Newsletter

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Deb Mills

Deputy Principal/International Student Director

Welcome to the first newsletter for 2023.

With the borders now fully open, we have had the opportunity to welcome students into our school community from Thailand, Vietnam, Japan, Brazil, Germany, China, Korea and India. Primarily, students are here for long term study, however, we have also had the opportunity to host a short term group from Japan. Our domestic students have relished the opportunity to act as buddies, ensuring that our international students have a critical friend with them at all times.

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, Megan.

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NEWLANDS COLLEGE
2022: Outstanding Results!

- Achieving significantly ahead of national and decile 8-10 means for NCEA Levels 1, 2, 3
- Anush Goel awarded 5 Scholarships
- Thomas Ru (Year 12) awarded 3 Scholarships

Congratulations to all students & staff

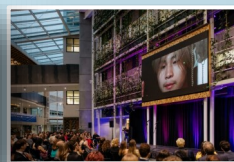
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Homestay Function



Pizza Night at School



Photos courtesy by NZYFF



Student Trip to Ohakune

Jaeyun Han

from South Korea

International Student Representative on the School Council Executive

Jaeyun Han from South Korea is the International Student Representative on the School Council Executive. Jaeyun 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.



felt good being one the youngest, and even better to win such a prestigious award. I certainly was not expecting to win the award as the standards were very high, so when I did end up winning the award I was visibly ecstatic about it. There was also a photo wall that I'd only seen on TV where celebrities stand in front of it to take photos, so being able to stand in front of a wall like that and take photos was such a special experience for me.

Link to the NZYFF article — <https://www.enz.govt.nz/news-and-research/ed-news/creative-rangatahi-showcased-at-the-new-zealand-youth-film-festival/>

Full of Events in the First Term

By Johanna Gruetzmacher from Germany

During my first two months at Newlands College, I have been able to see many different things such as a trip with my Design class to collect trash in Island Bay. Choosing Newlands College is the best decision I could have made because international students get to be a part of the Student Exec and we have a special place where we can hang out together with domestic students. The thing I was worried about the most was not getting along with my host family, but Newlands College picked the most amazing people. I have three host sisters, so there is always somebody to play a game with or read a book. They took me to the Porirua Kite festival which was really great; we walked barefoot along the beach and watched Māori dancers and singers. My time in NZ is passing so quickly!

By Kanan Matsumoto from Japan

I arrived in New Zealand just two months ago, but there were many fun events. One of them was a school trip to Massey University with other students who take Art. There were many interesting art works and it made me more interested in art. These events not only make studying fun, but also provide opportunities to take a break from studying in the classroom. We can also make friends easily! There is more freedom than Japanese schools; therefore, even international students do not feel nervous. I am really happy to be studying at Newlands College.

STUDENT VOICE

By Jaeyun Han

International Student Social Night

Our first international student event of the year went very well! Though unfortunately it had to be a farewell, it was certainly a warm one as we saw students having lots of fun and socialising excitedly in their final moments in New Zealand. We hope these students come and visit New Zealand again some time in the future.

NZ Youth Film Festival 2022

A recent achievement I am very proud of was winning Best International Student Film at the New Zealand Youth Film Festival (NZYFF) competition at the end of last year held in Auckland at AUT. Most of the people there were in their early twenties so I