



Greetings from Columba College Dunedin New Zealand

We have had a very busy start to 2016 with new girls and new staff to integrate into Columba life. We began the year with 16 girls returning, six into Year 13 and six into Year 12, three into Year 10 and one into Year 9. Our NCEA results were quite exceptional with most girls gaining Excellence endorsement and the remainder gaining Merit or Achieved. We now have 24 students who have settled in well and adjusted quickly to life at the school.

They are all focused and committed to succeeding academically and the "mainstreaming" with support is working very well.

Staff

Ms Ina Bercinkas has returned to full time after graduating with a GradDip Teaching Secondary. She also has an MA Applied Linguistics, BA, DipTESOL, CertTESOL, as well as her LTCH and ATCL in Speech and Drama.

Dr Sally Henderson has joined us with a PhD in Linguistics MATESL (Illinois) RSA CELTA (Cambridge), BA (Hons).

Ms Debbie Price has a BA, DipTeaching, RSA CELTA, and a DipGrad. We are very fortunate to have such a qualified and dedicated team of teachers and the girls are all realising the wealth and breadth of their knowledge.



Ms Debbie Price, Dr Sally Henderson, Mrs Sue Medary and Ms Ina Bercinkas

Mrs Sue Medary, Director, has recently visited China with a school group and gained a wonderful insight into the vibrant culture of that country.

New ESOL Club

Apart from classroom support, girls are receiving help during their ESOL study time and we now have lunch hour Clubs: IELTS (Monday), Conversation Club (Tuesday); and Exam Preparation Club (Thursday). We also have our hugely popular Homework Club three afternoons a week after school with Ms Price (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday).

OCESOL Speech New Zealand Examinations

Ten girls sat their Speech New Zealand OCESOL (ESOL) Examinations. These Term 1 examinations covered public speaking, presentation skills and performance. Girls ranged from Foundation level to Senior level and all passed with the majority receiving Distinction (90%).

Term 2 has already started with 16 girls signed up for OCESOL Speech examinations, which are scheduled for 5th July.

Dunedin-Shanghai Sister City Trip (July)

Congratulations to Shana Au (Year 13), Aekkarin Tippayaratprontawee and Yuka Hanato (Year 12) for being selected to attend the prestigious Shanghai Sister Cities Youth Camp in Term 2 holiday break. They will attend the camp with two other students from Dunedin. This trip is funded by the Dunedin City Council and Shanghai's Municipal Government.

Young Enterprise

Three of our International Students, Chanisara Nualyong, Katie Zhao and Aekkawan Tippayaratprontawee are involved in the Pink Ladies enterprise team. They helped create and organise the making and selling of Pink Pavlovas to help raise money for the New Zealand Breast Cancer Foundation. This work is done through Year 13 Economics class. It is a scheme where pupils create a product to form a business and run it throughout the year.



International Club

This year it was decided at International Club to raise money for a worthy cause. It was decided to support the Maori Hill Presbyterian Church send builders to repair a girls' school in Vanuatu. The girls had an International Food Day and raised \$670.00 which was much appreciated and the girls all enjoyed the event.

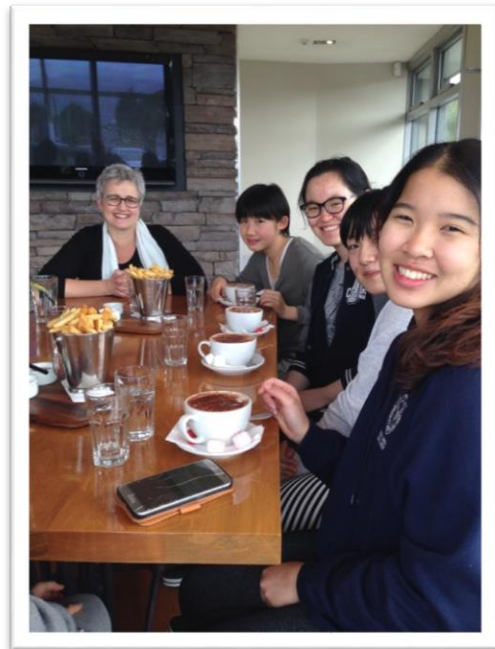


Outings and Activities

We had a fun picnic day at the Woodhaugh Gardens. The girls enjoyed sandwiches, cakes and cricket on the lawn. There was a barbeque and games with all the other International students at John McGlashan, and a Saturday afternoon bowling followed by KFC.



During the holidays Mrs Wright, the Director of Boarding took the girls out for coffee and put on an elegant soiree where they all performed for staff and our Principal, Mrs Juliette Hayes.



School Formal

Friday night, 13th May was the Year 12 and Year 13 Formal. There was great excitement as to ball gowns and preparation for the event. All the girls looked beautiful and behaved perfectly to fit the occasion.



Yin Sun, from China, enjoying bagel making in her German class

Three Week or Four Week Trial Study Programme

We are offering a three or four week study programme to girls who would like to come and experience life at the school with full immersion into class and to experience life in the Boarding House. This is a great opportunity for them to see if they would like to attend the school permanently.

Fees for 3 Weeks including boarding, tuition, insurance and \$200.00 disbursement \$2,930.00

Group Three or Four Week Programme

We also offer a group programme for 10 students to come and study in the mainstream combined with ESOL tutoring and outside activities. This would not involve full immersion but would be a fun opportunity for them to experience Boarding school life and improve their English.

Fees: \$2,930.00.

Columba College continues to be a high achieving academic school, which prepares our International girls for living in a global society. They are committed to GRACE which stands for Good Discipline, Respect, Aroha (Love and Kindness), Citizenship, and Excellence and it is these values that you see in the daily lives of the girls and teachers and this is the Columba difference.



Sue Medary
International Director



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