

ARTS LEADER



2019 has been a very busy year for the Arts Department here at Sacred Heart. We've had some major successes and breakthroughs this year in a range

of disciplines, both individually and in groups. These include our Barbershop chorus coming first at the Regional and National competitions, the numerous medals our Jazz and Concert bands have won, the establishment of a new dance club, and facilitating the Level 2 Drama assessment. It has been really jam-packed and very busy.

I have been honoured to be the Arts Leader this year, especially as I've seen our school's love for the arts grow from a simple hobby to a burning passion. Building a sense of community is one of the major roles of the arts in our society and it is evident in the way that

we bond with each other through our head, heart and hands. Seeing student's faces light up as they join in with their friends to sing, play music, act, draw or paint has been such a highlight.

To all our Arts teachers, who are hard-working and dedicated to their craft – thank you for your continued passion and support of all your students. Our music performance evenings, Arts Showcase, Drama productions, Art Exhibition and other important events couldn't happen without you. To the arts students – thank you. You are the ones who make all these things happen and keep the arts alive. To everyone at our school – thank you for your appreciation and support. I hope that in the future, the arts will continue to thrive as an integral part of Sacred Heart's identity. Please love and nurture these gifts, so you can share them with the world and make it a better place.

Caitlin Hernandez



INTERNATIONAL LEADER



This year, I was lucky enough to have been chosen as the Sacred Heart International Leader, a role that I have enjoyed and which has given me many

opportunities. As someone that speaks English as a second language, I understand how scary it can be to travel to a new country, to be surrounded by a language that you aren't entirely familiar with, and to know very few people. Being the International Leader has given me the opportunity to help new international students feel comfortable and welcomed as members of our school community.

Over the past year, I have had the pleasure of working with over 70 international students from countries including China, Japan, Korea, Thailand, Philippines, Kiribati, Indonesia, and

Switzerland. It was nice to meet people from all over the world and help them with their English, while also picking up a few phrases from their native languages. With the help of the International Friends and the Learning Coaches, we ensured that the international students knew that they were not alone and that there are people in our school that are willing to be their friends. They have had several trips this year – visiting the Waitomo Caves, the Otorohanga Kiwi House, the Hot Springs in Taupō, and a trip to a marae. Some of the students have told me they have had a great time seeing the different places New Zealand has to offer. I would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Radice, Ms Devonshire, and Ms Glass for helping me and supporting me this year. I am incredibly thankful for the opportunity I have been given. It has been an awesome experience that has made my final year at Sacred Heart even better.

Sofia Redondo

INTERNATIONAL

The International Department at Sacred Heart cares for international students and integrates them into the College and its community.

Our department has grown, and it has been a very busy year! We had over 50 students at our peak – a mix of long and short-term students. Our girls came from China, Hong Kong, Japan, Korea, Kiribati, Switzerland and Thailand.

We were exceptionally pleased with the 90% pass rate achieved in last year's examinations. There were some very impressive individual results.

As well as performing well academically, international students are involved in a range of sports and cultural activities.

Our day trips included visits to Spellbound Glowworm Caves and the Otorohanga Kiwi House, as well as DeBretts Hot Pools and a jet boat ride to Huka Falls. Interactions with the School's Kapa Haka group and a cultural exchange with Te Wharekura o Nga Purapura o Te Aroha were also highlights.

Our Director, Julie Radice, had successful marketing trips to Thailand, Malaysia and Vietnam to meet agents, parents and prospective students.

When international students leave their homes and schools to travel to another country, it is a multi-layered experience – cultural, educational, emotional and often spiritual. We had a student who was only with us for a short time, but she shared how much her brief visit meant to her. Before her stay, she had been a victim of bullying but now felt stronger and more confident to deal with her life back home. This is a wonderful example of how we can, even in a short time, "make a difference" in a young person's life.

We had some delightful personalities emerge and heard some great stories about the students' experiences. We hope that our girls go home with very special memories of their host families, our College and of New Zealand.

To all those who have encouraged, supported and welcomed our international students, thank you.



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2nd Row: Mayu Ichikawa, Marina Chiba, Rui Hasegawa, Yilin Li, Aki Mizomi, Kerry Morriss (Teacher)
Front Row: Kanyapak Yuankratok, Pitchayapon Prasertsri, Boyao Li, Tichawlee Gerdpratoom, Yukyung Lee, Hina Maegawa, Ching Huen Lee



International Students
Back Row: Sukrada Suknual, Purida Tanutruijorn, Aki Mizomi, Xinran Yu, Yilin Li, Mayu Ichikawa, Guo Chen
4th Row: Kerry Morriss (Teacher), Emiri Ishii, Marina Chiba, Pasurus Punyaratabandhu, Yukyung Lee, Haruko Obi, Miki Matsuo, Yim Qi Su
3rd Row: Monica van Oostrom (Teacher), Ruihan Yu, Pitchayapon Prasertsri, Boyao Li, Ema Ota, Hina Maegawa, Sue Devonshire (Teacher)
2nd Row: Christa Glass (Teacher), Tunpanida Hadsaithong, Rio Terasawa, Baranika Ketike, Ami Ohara, Futaba Usuyama, Seooha Chang, Julie Radice (Teacher)
Front Row: Rui Hasegawa, Kanyapak Yuankratok, Ying Yu Chen, Tichawlee Gerdpratoom, Kaigai Harirak, Ching Huen Lee, Kexin Song