



# HAERE MAI!

*From the International Department of William Colenso College  
to our partner agencies and parents of current international students.  
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### Current student numbers:

Germany – 4

Japan – 6

P.R. of China – 6

Taiwan – 4

Vietnam – 2

Thailand – 1

Switzerland – 1

Total – 24

### WILLIAM COLENZO COLLEGE

- Established 1959 as Colenso High School
- Became Year 7-13 school in 2004 and renamed William Colenso College
- Government, co-educational day school
- Current role: 420
- Situated a few minutes from the centre of Napier City

**Aspire! Act! Achieve!**

It is hard to believe that we are already half-way through 2017. Term 2 ends on 7th July and term 3 begins on 24<sup>th</sup> July. From then, senior students have just 13 weeks of classes remaining until the end of year examinations start on 9<sup>th</sup> November. For those hoping to gain NCEA Level 3 and/or University Entrance in particular, there would seem to be little time to waste – the pressure is on.

Parents should have received the Term 3 reports by now. If you haven't yet received these, please let me know. Also, if you have any questions about your child's progress, please feel free to contact me at any time.

As usual, at this time of the year, we prepare to farewell some of our students. Our five Mexican students – featured below – will already be back home. Three more internationals will leave at the end of term, but during the holidays we will be welcoming another group which will bring the international contingent back up to around 30, which is the number we like to maintain.

Winter hasn't treated us too badly yet. We have only had a couple of frosts in Napier so far. Winter sports such as basketball, badminton, football, hockey, netball, etc. are in full swing and it is great to see some of the internationals getting involved and representing William Colenso College with pride.

The other big news event is that William Colenso College has gained the Prime Minister's Education Award for "Excellence in Leadership". As mentioned in last month's HAERE MAI! the school was also a finalist for the "Excellence in Teaching and Learning" and "Excellence in Governance" awards, the only school in New Zealand to reach the finals in three of the four categories awarded. When we add this achievement to being the only school to be acknowledged by the Minister of Education for having improved NCEA results for four years in a row (HAERE MAI! June, 2016), I think we can say W.C.C. must be doing some things right.

### MEXICAN CONTINGENT HEADS FOR HOME

Since July last year we have had five students from Mexico with us here at William Colenso College. They all winged their way home last week after what I hope was a worthwhile experience for them all. We wish them well on their return to Mexico and for their future educational endeavours.



Gabriel  
RAMON LOPEZ



Jorge Andres  
GONZALEZ PEREZ



Marcelo  
CAMOU AGUILERA



Regina Fernandez  
RODRIGUEZ LAFUENTE



Ana Laura  
CAMARILLO AHUACTZIN

When I first came to New Zealand I was little interested in a few countries in the world because, based on what others told me in Mexico, some seem boring. But when I came and met people that have been in other places and come from different cultures I think I just became in love with everything and now I want to know more.

New Zealand, even though it doesn't have a lot of history, is a country that has a lovely culture and amazing nature. I'm glad that I came here so I could learn more about this and other countries.

## THE PRIME MINISTER'S AWARDS

The following extracts were taken from a newspaper report on the Prime Minister's Education Awards held in Auckland on Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> June.



*William Colenso College Principal, Mr Daniel Murfitt, proudly displays the Prime Minister's Education Award – sharing the stage with New Zealand Prime Minister, Mr Bill English (5<sup>th</sup> from left), head girl and members of the W.C.C. staff and Board of Trustees.*

A local school's efforts to transform the achievement of its students and inspire the community have been recognised by a national award.

William Colenso College won the Excellence in Leading Award as a joint winner at the 2017 Prime Minister's Education Excellence Awards ceremony held in Auckland last night.

The College gained the award after inspiring its community and school leaders to challenge the status quo to transform the achievement of its students.

William Colenso College principal Daniel Murfitt was accompanied by head girl Tala Utumapu and a group of staff and board representatives at the ceremony held at the Auckland War Memorial Museum.

After receiving the award Mr Murfitt said he was "really proud" of his team's achievement.

"It's an outstanding achievement; just to have the recognition for the work we've done throughout the past nine years."

"We're now trying to progress that to our wider community so others can acknowledge the success and learn from it. We are so open to sharing what we do."

A key to the school's success was the "mindset shift" of many of those involved in the school who had to realise the difference they could make to the students' achievement levels, he said.

"It's about focusing on the difference you can make and not worrying about the things you can't change ... everyone's contribution adds up to one big achievement."

The excellence awards, a Government incentive to profile New Zealand's education system both internally and globally, have been running for four years but this year was the first time William Colenso had entered.

Earlier this year the education awards judges toured the Napier school to determine how innovative and effective its teaching practices were.

Judges noted that the college's self-review process identified there was a need for a transformation of the teaching and learning.

Ministry of Education deputy secretary for early learning and student achievement Ellen MacGregor-Reid said the finalists and winners had "been judged to be among the pre-eminent education practitioners in New Zealand".

"They have set the highest standards in their work and it is making a real difference for the children and young people in their communities."

"It's an opportunity for us to build pride in the students as well, because it's really important for them to feel pride in the school," he said. "If you feel pride in something you belong to, you end up performing better."

The college was a joint winner for the Excellence in Leading alongside Rotorua's Te Kōhanga Reo ki Rotokawa.

Speaking at the ceremony, Education Minister Nikki Kaye celebrated the wide range of winners who covered education in early learning, primary, intermediate and secondary schools.

"Even getting through to be a finalist is hugely significant, and this year the calibre of the entries meant the judges had some difficult decisions to make.

Of the more than 140 entries from throughout the country, William Colenso College stood out as the only school in the country finalised for three of the four categories of the education excellence awards.

As an awards winner William Colenso College will receive \$20,000; an amount Mr Murfitt said would be put towards "improving student outcomes".

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# THE BALL



Anna Y, Anna Z, Lisa and Usa – Princesses all.



Natsumi & Mark looking good



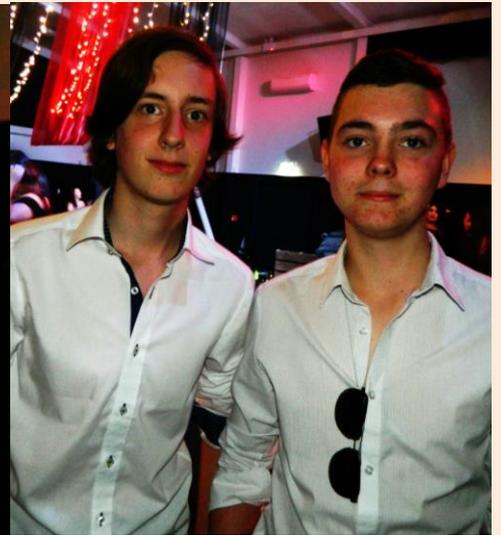
Jiaqing – looking cool.



Max – all aglow



Max (former student from Germany) & Taylor



Stephan & Julian preferred the casual look

