

Cambridge High School

International Newsletter



Welcome to our Term 2 Newsletter

Cambridge High School welcomes some more wonderful students to our school.



Dong Hwan Kim
Korea



Han Na Kim
Korea

Calendar of Events for 2007 Term 3

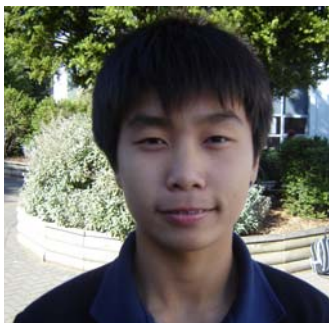
- * School Ball.
- * International Languages Week
- * International Ski Trip
- * Short Term Study Programme Groups
- * Senior Exams

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Dolhathai
Whangmongkollert
Thailand



Chaipat Leryotchaipong
Thailand



Anong Klinyoo
Thailand



Narumi Kobayashi
Japan

Cambridge High School Cross Country

On Wednesday the 9th of May our school had a school cross country. Many of our international students participated in the event and did extremely well. The run was 3km long and two of our international students had outstanding results. Rei Harada came fourth in the senior girls cross country run and Asami Terui came fifth in the same race. Well done to all of those that were part of this athletic event at our school.



Ki Sang (Maru) Lee



Noraphatara (Dannie)
Chuenchitra and Poonyawat
(Beer) Rojchanavisart



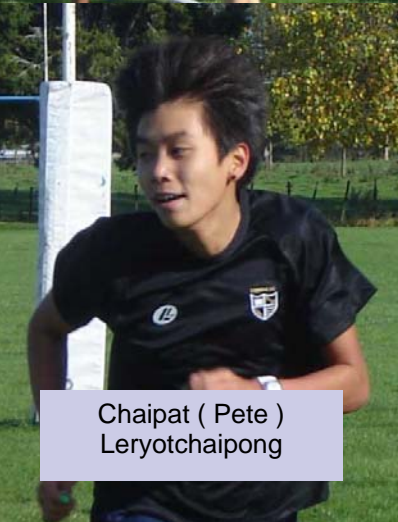
Dolhathai (Print)
Whangmongkollert



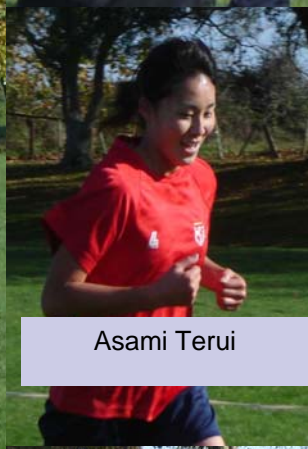
Rei Harada.



Ju Young Oh
(in yellow)



Chaipat (Pete)
Leryotchaipong



Asami Terui



Han Tran



Chihana Ikuta



Daniel Law



Narathip (Nuey) Prapaithong and
Anong (Aom) Klinyoo



Kenta Shinoo



Tarit (Tan)
Kasemsupapan



Asami Terui

News from past pupil Hazuki Matsuda.

“I decided to attend a good high school overseas because of where I lived. In Vanuatu, the education system was very relaxed and there weren’t any suitable institutions around to meet my academic needs. I had a choice of Australia and New Zealand but I was always intrigued by the beautiful landscapes of New Zealand and I wanted to know more about its history, the Maori culture and its society.

I immediately searched for different high schools around the country on the internet. I was specifically looking for a comfortable place to live where the cost of living was relatively cheap and not too far away from Auckland as I will have to fly back and forth to my home country. The last condition was that the place that I chose would not too big or too small.



It was hard to find a place that suited me and I was running out of choices when by luck, the website of Cambridge High School caught my eye. It seemed perfect for me: although situated in the countryside, it was only 20 minutes drive from the 4th biggest city in New Zealand, Hamilton. Also known as the “Town of Trees and Champions” Cambridge has a very good reputation for its lovely environment and equestrian focus.

Cambridge High School itself has welcomed International Students since 1989 and I felt very comfortable with the schools’ International Student Office team as they were professional. I also liked that the school was co-ed and had a school uniform so that students weren’t judged on what they wore. My high school choice was made.

I studied at Cambridge High School for two years and I completed Year 12 and Year 13. From the very first day at school I felt very welcome. I had a person to show me around the school and to introduce me to new things. The international student staff gave me as much support as they could and I immediately felt comfortable with the school and the town. I stayed with an amazing homestay family and this family was matched to what requirements I had asked for.

The two years that I stayed in Cambridge was absolutely amazing; getting to know the “Kiwi” lifestyle and diet, the openness of New Zealand education where they value creativity. The amount of great events that I got to enjoy while I was in Cambridge and making lots of amazing friends.

In my last year at Cambridge High School I was chosen to be on the school Student Executive Committee and I helped organise events for other students at the school. It was an honour to be part of such a great team and to have my opinions valued. It helped to boost my confidence and to take part in the school in a even bigger and better way.

Overall my experience in New Zealand widened my perspective and it was definitely a once-in-a-lifetime experience. I enjoyed it to the maximum!”

Hazuki Matsuda — Vanuatu

International Student Trip to Sing Da Restaurant

Our two Hong Kong ambassadors, Daniel Law and Crosby Ng organised a trip to a local Chinese restaurant for our International Students. It was a very well organised event and over 35 international students attended the evening. There was an amazing selection of food and everyone enjoyed the night very much. A huge thank you to both Daniel and Crosby for all of their efforts.



Homestay Family Profile: Colleen Rapley



Six years ago, after a chance sighting in our local Cambridge newspaper, I enquired about the request for homestay for overseas students at Cambridge High School.

I was lucky enough to be chosen to host a 13 year old girl from Taiwan and a few months later a 15 year old girl from Korea. Wendy, from Taiwan, had very limited English when she arrived but we soon communicated very well and she eventually stayed with me for four years. Christina was a bubbly girl and our house was full of laughter. She stayed all the two and a half years she was in New Zealand with me even becoming a 'farm girl' at my son's farm during one Christmas holiday. I was able to host two other lovely girls from Korea, one of whom, is still at Cambridge High School and now living with her extended family.

A delightful girl from Thailand, Bew, was a lovely artist and when she left she gave me a pen drawing of my home. Bew also stayed with me all her time in New Zealand. Last year Harina was in New Zealand for a short term study stay and I enjoyed our time together. She was also from Korea.

This year I have had two short term stay girls—a Japanese and a Korean student and currently I have a new student from Thailand.

I hope I have helped all of these girls settle and enjoy their time at Cambridge High School. So that they may go off into the world better equipped for whatever life may give them.

School Production – Man of Steel

At the end of last term Cambridge High School performed “Man of Steel” which was loosely based on a story about Superman.

Many of our international students were involved in the production both on and off stage.

The students involved were Ayumi Matsuoka, Mai Namiki, Kyoko Kawabe, Haruka Kubota, Daniel Law, Beer Rojchanavisart, May Leelasuntaloet, Tan Kasemsupapan, Dannie Chuenchitra, Xavier Ye, Sue Yang, Valentina Jung, Apinat Tienthavorn, Daniel Lee, Min Sun Kim, Ju Young Oh and Min Young Cho. The show was amazing and our international students were a very important part of this successful production.



Our Academic Captain – Ju Young Oh



On Friday the 18th of May, Ju Young Oh spoke to our International Student group.

Ju Young was asked to speak as she is only one of two Academic Captains at Cambridge High School and she is also one of our Korean Ambassadors at school.

In her role as Academic Captain, Ju Young was asked to talk to our International Students about how to improve their academic excellence.

Ju Young discussed these points:

- The importance of examinations at school.
- Some techniques that she has used to assist her with study.
- How to get the most of your study time.



The students were also given a sheet titled “How to make studying easier “ with some useful ideas on how to study and to succeed in examinations.

Sports Teams and Events Photo's

A number of our International Students are involved in sporting teams and events outside of school hours. Here are a couple of photo's of our students participating in two sporting codes.



Far right: Tom (number 11) Maru behind Tom and Kenta (number 14) in one of the Cambridge High School Basketball Teams.



Aom and Beer playing Badminton at one of the local Church Halls. Each Friday some of our students meet and play Badminton after school. Usually between 15—20 students turn up and have a great time competing against each other.

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Staff Profile: Year 13 Dean Gareth Manins



Kia Ora! My name is Gareth Manins and I have been a teacher at Cambridge High School for seven years. During this time I have enjoyed teaching a variety of subjects including Social Studies, Media Studies, Economics and English. I am currently the Deputy Head of the English Faculty and the Year 13 Dean. These roles involve overseeing the pastoral care of students, discipline issues and monitoring students' academic progress. One particular focus of mine is ensuring that our students are well prepared for tertiary study. I am proud to be a part of an educational organisation such as Cambridge High School which values academic excellence, promotes core traditional values and aims to allow students to become productive members of their society.

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