



# The William Colenso College

## Chinese connection

Following are comments from former Colenso students from China.



### HU CHAO JUN

Colenso is totally different from schools in China, however it took me a surprisingly short time to get on with the studies as well as the Kiwi students. This was my greatest experience and I am most thankful to William Colenso College for giving me such a wonderful time during my last year of high school education overseas.

In fact it is really hard to describe how much I learnt both academically and socially. They are all most valuable and applicable experiences to my succeeding in overseas education as well as treasured life resources.

When I left Colenso I went to Victoria University to study for BIT and BCA degrees. Fortunately I was able to get a pretty nice start because of the efficient fundamental studies done in Colenso the year before, especially with my Physics and Calculus teacher who led me to a very good understanding of the science area. Because of the outstanding teachers I completed my academic studies at Colenso one year earlier than I had planned.

The other very important part of the year was the learning and experiencing Kiwi life and mixing in the society. Actually I was first impressed by how well the accommodation was arranged to suit every individual student. That made me feel at home in New Zealand. Few international students will have any grievance about the homestay. It is absolutely necessary to express my gratitude to the international staff for listening to my concerns, agonies and asking for help, etc.

Now I think I will stay in New Zealand for a very long time and continue enjoying Kiwi life just because of the great time I had during my first year here.

*(Hu Chao Jun, better known to us at William Colenso College as Queen, proved that with hard work and determination anything might happen. At the end of her year at William Colenso College she was named Proxime Accessit – the second highest academic prize awarded each year.)*



## LIU YIBO

I have been studied in William Colenso College for three years now. I love this school. There is lots of fun and good effects. The teachers are lovely and helpful. When I first came here, I did not know anything about New Zealand and my English was very poor.

Our school teachers helped me to blend into this school and encouraged me to speak more English, then my English speaking became better and better. Every time I have a problem they patiently answer it. Also local students are pretty friendly. They helped me to find the way to my class. They are so kind.

Suddenly I had some international friends. They came from Germany, Japan, Taiwan and Brazil etc. They are very friendly. I have learned different about cultures from different countries. That made me decide to travel around the world one day.

Three years in New Zealand has changed my life. I have become independent and I can solve lots of question without my parents. But sometimes I still feel homesick.

I think Napier is one of best place to study and live because there are fewer international students here. You can easily blend into the local student group. It helps a lot for improving your English skill. And at winter time, "One News" weather report always says Napier is the warmest place. Isn't it lovely to be in a warm place in the winter time?

It is a pleasure to study at William Colenso College.