



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

Vietnam – 2

Thailand – 1

USA – 1

Sweden – 1

Total – 15

WINNERS: Prime Minister's
'Excellence in Education' awards.

2017



2018

FEBRUARY 2019

New kids on the block

AYUKI OKA
JAPAN



CARL OMBERG
SWEDEN



KOTONA HASHIMOTO
JAPAN



KENTO NAKAOJI
JAPAN



MAGNUS BECK
GERMANY



HARUKA KONAGANO
JAPAN



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JAPAN



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GERMANY



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GERMANY



Aspire! Act! Achieve!

HAERE MAI - WELCOME

At the beginning of the school year we welcomed twelve new students from Germany, Japan and Sweden. We are expecting another ten from Brazil next month which will bring our total number of international students back up to 25.

Below are a few shots taken during the 'Powhiri' (Maori welcome) held for new students and teachers at the beginning of the school year.



Part of the welcoming ceremony involves the touching of noses between visitors (manuhiri) and residents (tangatawhenua) after which the visitors become members of the Colenso family (whanau). All new internationals approached this completely new experience with good grace and humour and are now truly 'Colenso Kids'.

At the time of writing we are two or three weeks into the new school year and all seems to be going well. Already two of our new students who had applied to be with us for just one term have asked for an extension until the end of the year. Another student who arrived in July last year and planned to stay until the end of Term 1 this year, has asked to extend her stay for another term. Nothing like a satisfied customer. This all suggests that we must be doing something right.

