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Year 12 student from China

"My best memory at Canterbury so far has been playing in the orchestra for the 2017 College Musical, *The Sound of Music*. It was a big commitment. We had so many practices, but I loved the experience."

Hello, my name is Vicky, and I am in Year 12 at Canterbury College. I have been at Canterbury for three years, from the start of Year 10.

My agent was the first person to suggest Canterbury to me. They suggested the College because it has lots of activities. I then chose the College for the activities but also because I really liked the uniform. I also knew an international student already studying at Canterbury, and he told me about all the academic programs and the size of the campus.

There are lots of things that I love about Canterbury. I take part in the Symphony Orchestra and the Symphonic Band and I play volleyball. I have made many great Australian friends from participating in these activities. My music teachers are my favourite teachers at the College, as they organise great performance opportunities for us.

I have explored a lot of Australia in my school holidays, with other international students and with my homestay family. I have been to Sydney and Melbourne and up to Cairns. I have been to Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary and Australia Zoo, where I held a koala, snake and small crocodile, on a real camp outside in a tent and to many beaches.

The highlights of my time at Canterbury would be the Year 11 Chinese excursion to Mount Tamborine and my Year 12 Formal. Year 12 has been a big year; it is very academic, but I am doing well and getting good marks.

Next year I would like to stay in Australia and study Education (Fine Art) at Sydney University.

My advice to other international students thinking of coming to Canterbury is don't worry too much ahead of time about how you will go with the school work and making friends, as there are lots of teachers to help you and it will all go well.

About us

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