

Our place in the world

The College's international student programme continues to grow in popularity with parents eager for their children to improve their language skills and expand their cultural horizons. No longer overshadowed by the earthquakes, St Andrew's is once again attracting students from around the world.

This term the College welcomes six new students – Julia Bronner (Köln), Carolin Elbers (Muenster), Julia Riehemann (Muenster), Lucie Rose (Butzbach), Ludwig Lamotte (Bremen), but farewells two others.

Hamburg-born Kristina Martins enjoyed her time at the College so much that she asked her parents to let her stay "just a little bit longer", so she could attend the semi-formal. During her time at St Andrew's she says she has enjoyed the opportunity to do "different" things. "I can take subjects here, like Drama, that I can't do at school in Germany," she says. "Even having a uniform is different."

Kristina says Christchurch is an exciting and creative city. The Re:START container mall and the big street art murals were among her favourite things.

Fellow German student Gereon Mendler heads back to Muenster with stories to tell of an impressive school culture. "I really enjoyed the school society. We did so much like Drama, Music and sport in the school with all the students together so you make lots of friends." Gereon still has two years of school left when he gets back to Germany but is already making plans to travel back to New Zealand as soon as he can.

The international students that choose St Andrew's always add an extra dimension to the College, says Head of Values and Culture, Hamish Bell.

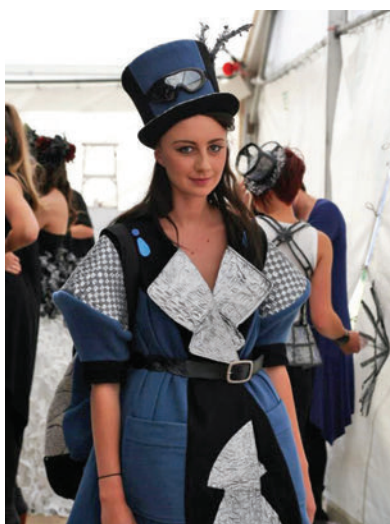
"They promote internationalism around the school, which together with the international trips we do and the exchange programmes are



Gereon Mendler and Kristina Martins enjoyed their Kiwi experience so much, they both intend to return to New Zealand one day.

all part of preparing our students to be part of a global economy. It helps them be open to different cultures and appreciative of diversity. They also bring really interesting stories."

Hamish says both the College and a group of schools in Christchurch across the sector from primary to tertiary are still working collectively to encourage people to see the city as a safe place to be. "More and more families are eager to see their children immersed in the Kiwi culture."



Sophie Luddington

In Memory

The College was saddened by the loss of Year 13 student Sophie Luddington who passed away in April. The College extends its heartfelt sympathy to Sophie's family. The Luddington family would like to extend their sincere thanks to the StAC community for the help, support and kindness they continue to receive.