

女儿去年从 Carmel College 毕业顺利的考入了 Auckland 大学。回想着四年的时光有无数的美好回忆。

四年前，我来 Auckland 为女儿留学来选学校。中国人选取学校的标准主要是生活好区加高分名校。对于国际学生来说，安全肯定是我们为孩子选择学校时最看重的。北岸是 Auckland 最好的区之一。Carmel 是一个 800 个左右学生的天主教女校对当地学生的选择有严格的标准，国际学生只有 50 个名额。Carmel 在每年 NZ 最佳中学评比中排名始终在前 20，考虑到是与昂贵的私校一块评比，这是公立学校中是相当难得的。综合来看，新西兰是一个非常适合女孩子留学的国度，北岸适合华人居住，Carmel College 作为传统女校非常适合女孩就读，成为当年我考察的首选。这个选择在现在看来是非常正确的而且非常重要。后来我们在北岸买房，再后来我们成为学校的 homestay 合作伙伴一直到现在，这一切都是基于我们彼此信任与尊重。

女儿初二下学期来到 Carmel 入读十年级。还记得第一天来上学非常的紧张，但是第二天就开始恢复了她开朗的天性。后来和 Mrs Shelly Roschmann 聊天时说，刚到一个新环境紧张是难免的，但是你女儿非常的勇敢，能够很好的处理一切。我说我不知道具体情形是怎么样的，但是我知道这么快的熟悉环境光靠勇敢是不够的，勇气是一定是来自好的鼓励，一定是遇到好的人帮忙才能让她在心底里爱上这里。

来到了英语环境学习女儿适应的很快，但是学业上我们作为家长渐渐的没能力帮助了。所以我们重点观察孩子健康成长方面。在 Carmel 的时间里最大的一个特点就是女儿每一天都很快乐。每天都会高兴的给我们将学校的趣事，她喜欢的化学老师 Mrs Pervan 和物理老师 Mrs Pantry 相爱相杀的故事；数学老师 Mrs Davis 启发和引导了她对数学的热爱。国际部 Ms Shelly Roschmann 和 Ms Angela Stevens 以她们的热情和耐心对国际学生的无私帮助。她喜欢参加学校的各种活动，也像 Kiwi 孩子一样，光着脚丫参加排球比赛。

很庆幸选择了 Carmel，女儿以优异的成绩考入自己心仪的大学心仪的专业。在教育有质量还有爱的学校，孩子快乐的成长着，我们乐在脸上感激在心里。

My daughter Sherry recently graduated from Carmel College and is now studying at the University of Auckland. Memories bring us back to these four years.

Four years ago, I came to Auckland to choose a school that was best for our daughter. As Chinese parents, a good district plus a prestigious school is our main goal. Similarly, for international students, safety is the most important factor to consider when choosing a school. We conducted some research and found out that North Shore is one of the best areas. We also found that Carmel is a Catholic girls' school with approximately 1,000 students. Each student is carefully selected and there are only 50 places for international students. In terms of teaching quality, Carmel has been ranked among the "Top 20 New Zealand Secondary Schools". Considering that Carmel College is competing with private schools (with high tuition fees), Carmel is an outstanding public school.

Overall, New Zealand is ideal for studying abroad, the North Shore is ideal for us Asians to live in, and the traditional girls' school Carmel College is ideal for our daughter. Carmel College became our first choice. This decision seems very correct and very important. We took the house to the North Shore and became a host family until now. All of this is based on our mutual trust and respect.

I still remember her first day quitting her 8th grade in China, and starting year 10 at Carmel College. She was very nervous, but the next day she quickly regained her cheerful and

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optimistic nature. When we talked to Mrs. Shelly Roschmann, she told us: "When you are in a new environment, it is natural to feel nervous, but your daughter is brave. She can deal with it well." I don't know the exact situation, but I know bravery is not enough to get acquainted with the new environment. Bravery comes from support and encouragement. This must be the help of kind and caring teachers and staff of Carmel College, which makes her love the school, and New Zealand from the heart.

We are happy to see her adapt and integrate herself so quickly, but we are gradually unable to help her with her study, so we shifted our focus to her health and well-being. One of the characteristics of my daughter while studying at Carmel is that she's happy and care-free every day, and she loves to share interesting events in school with us. She likes how her chemistry teacher Mrs. Pervan and physics teacher Mrs. Pantry (her favorite teachers) make jokes on chemistry and physics. Her math teacher, Mrs. Davis, inspired her love of mathematics and guided her on the road. Mrs Shelly Roschmann and Mrs Angela Stevens from the international department help their international students selflessly with their enthusiasm and patience. She also enjoys sports at school: from athletics day to camping. The two favourite sports are playing hockey and volleyball -with barefoot.

We are very happy to choose Carmel College. Our daughter was admitted to her favorite college major with excellent results. She grew up healthily and happily in a high-quality education and caring school, and we are deeply grateful from our heart.