

## International News Archive

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February 2010

[Welcome to our new International students.](#) We are conscious of the excitement and challenges faced by each girl as she commences life and study in a very different context. We encourage the girls to speak to staff about their experiences and to feel confident about asking questions. Parents can help this transition to greater independence and growth by listening and also encouraging their daughters to speak to staff and local students.



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[2009 College Dux Presentation:](#) The 2009 College Dux, LU Dan was not able to be present at the recent Presentation Assembly. However, Dan was able to send a video of her acceptance speech. Students and staff were again moved by her gracious, humble and inspired words. We congratulate Dan again on her outstanding academic achievement and her lasting contribution to the life of the College. Dan will commence her Commerce studies at the University of Melbourne later this month.



February 2010

**Attending and Attentive:** The academic year has commenced very smoothly and students have quickly settled into classes and homework. We strongly commend the efforts of those senior students who completed vacation study requirements and returned to Australia early and refreshed. The academic year passes rapidly and it is vital for students to engage quickly and attend all lessons.

Parents please note the Term Dates when planning fights for students.

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**“Warriors of Brazil” Spectacular:** The Boarding House girls were thrilled by their excursion to the "Warriors of Brazil" show. The show told a brief history of Brazil and street kids through spectacular dance and music. Many of the students were captivated by the rhythm of the music and joined the dancing with the performers at the end of the show. This was an exciting cultural experience shared by students and staff to commence 2010.



**Contact Details:** Have you recently moved or changed your phone number or email address? Please forward your updated email, phone or address to [international@materchristi.edu.au](mailto:international@materchristi.edu.au)

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**Year of the Tiger:** The community of Mater Christi College wishes all of our International families and friends a happy and prosperous Year of the Tiger



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December 2009

**VCE 2009 High Achievers:** Mater Christi College is very pleased to acknowledge and celebrate the outstanding 2010 VCE results. Students have again achieved excellent results across the full range of VCE studies with 32 girls achieving an ENTER greater than 90. These outstanding results are a source of great pride and satisfaction for students, families and staff.

In short...

College Dux Dan Lu achieved an ENTER score of 99.3

6 students achieved ENTER >98

- Dan Lu
- Ellen Saber
- Georgie Stokol
- Stephanie Bricker
- Dan Li
- Kelly Bartholomeuz

10% of students achieved ENTER scores  $\geq 95$

20% of students achieved ENTER scores of  $>90$

Congratulations to the international students who have again featured among the College high achievers. The following girls all received ENTER greater than 90.

- Dan Lu
- Dan Li
- Jingyi Zhang
- Jing Xie
- Sitong Diao

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## University of Melbourne Award presented by Prime Minister's wife Ms Therese Rein

Congratulations to Dan Lu who received the University of Melbourne Academic Excellence Award. The award was presented at a College assembly by Therese Rein, the wife of Australia's Prime Minister.

Dan from Shaoguan City, China has been an exceptional student in all of her studies, her consistent hard work and willingness to seek assistance when needed has led to outstanding results through the year.

It was an honour for the College to welcome Ms Rein who is a prominent supporter of disability groups and a very successful business leader.



In an inspiring and inviting address to the assembly Ms Rein encouraged the students to "work and strive in the service of something bigger than you are – something that you believe in" and to "listen to that tiny voice inside that speaks of your hopes and dreams".

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November 2009

**2010 Student Leaders:** The student leaders for 2010 were recently announced to the College Community. The International Captains for 2010 are Yu Ra Oh and Ho Ting (Mimosa) Leung.

A number of excellent candidates applied for the leadership positions and gave outstanding presentations to fellow students and staff. Yura and Mimosa received strong support in the election process reflecting their fine example of participation and leadership in the College in previous years.



*International Captains Mimosa Leung, Yu Ra Oh with Jenny Lee and Mary Fitz-Gerald*

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November 2009

**Inspirational Gift:** Graduating student Shan Guan from Beijing presented the College with one of her prized Zhong Ruans in appreciation for the support that she felt during her 2 years at Mater Christi.

In accepting this gift Mary Fitz-Gerald commented that the Zhong Ruan was a beautiful symbol of the connections between cultures. It would always remind us of Shan's performance for the College community at the time of the devastating earthquakes in China. Shan's music provided a deeply moving and memorable experience for our community.

Shan is also a very keen writer and has contributed a number of stories to student newspapers in China about her experiences in Australia. Shan has already been offered a place in a Journalism course in Western Australia and we look forward to watching her talents grow.

*Shan Guan presents her Zhong Ruan to Principal Mary Fitz-Gerald and International Student Coordinator Jenny Lee*

