

DE INTERNATIONAL STUDENT STORIES



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I still remember the feeling of anxiety when I sat in the classroom on the first day of school as the surrounding environment sounded quite unfamiliar to me. Fortunately, thanks to an encouraging international student counsellor and a united peer support group, I was able to gradually discover more about the culture and society here.

I set the goal for myself to do my best in high school and have no regrets when I look back on this journey.

With my strong interest in the curriculum as well as the support and care from teachers, I started to develop a better understanding of my subjects, especially in Physics, Chemistry and English. What I appreciated the most was that teachers were very patient in answering my questions after each lesson and being hugely supportive in helping me building confidence in all aspects. I believe it was one of my proudest moments that I was named Dux of Class 2016 after the HSC results released.

Reflecting back, besides the academic aspect, the overall learning and living experiences in Killarney Heights High School greatly opened my eyes and served as a catalyst in helping me to explore the wider community in the future.

After the HSC, I enrolled in the University of Sydney's physiotherapy course. I'm currently in my final year of the undergraduate degree, conducting my honours research as well as being involved in different kinds of volunteering, work experience and career-related activities. I was honoured to be invited by His Excellency General the Honourable David John Hurley AC DSC (Retd) and Mrs Linda Hurley for a Volunteer Appreciation Reception at Government House. I really appreciate this opportunity as it's both an acknowledgement and motivation for me to continue my dedication in advocating the benefits of exercise and its role in maintaining physical and mental wellbeing in a bigger context. My career goal is to specialise in rehabilitation and pursue higher degree research study.

My tip for future students is to keep an enthusiastic heart and a clear mind, and always persist in what you set out to do :)

