

From Marsden to the World School Leavers Studying Overseas

While the majority of our students choose to go on to tertiary study in New Zealand, here are some of our recent graduates who are studying abroad:



Sasha Ang was Marsden's Cultural Captain leaving school at the end of 2017. She is studying Ancient Art at the Sorbonne in Paris. Her subjects include the art of Middle East, Egypt, Greece, Rome, Islam as well as some open courses on East Asian history and texts/cultures of ancient Persia and India.

Sasha says 'I'm learning so many new things every single day that I've never dreamed of learning! Absolutely everything is in French so I'd definitely say that it's been a challenge but it has allowed my French to really improve heaps. As well as that, I have to take a foreign language, so I'm learning Russian :) using French!'



While at Marsden, it was obvious **Christy Robinson's** passion was tennis. She won a sports scholarship to Northern Illinois University in the USA and began her studies as a freshman in September 2018. Christy represents NIU playing for the Huskies Women's Tennis team.



Anne Metcalf-McDonald is at St Andrews studying Psychology, Biology and Geography. She is in self-catered halls and loving it.

St Andrews is the oldest of the four ancient universities of Scotland and the third oldest university in the English-speaking world.

The red gown is an old tradition where students used to wear them so they could be differentiated from townsfolk.



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Bing Qin Cai had a flair for fashion and design and is now studying at the London School of Fashion. Bing Qin graduated from Marsden in 2017 where her favourite subject was Design Technology. She began her course in London in September of 2018.



Amira Bajema completed Year 13 at Marsden in 2018 and gained direct entry to study medicine at the University of New South Wales, in Sydney. Amira's strongest subject at school was Biology.



Ruby Leverington led the way in Marsden rowing both as Head of Rowing and breaking school records with her medal-winning performances. She was offered a full rowing scholarship to Indiana University and commenced studying in September 2018.



Stephanie Pan is loving life in Melbourne as a student of Business at Monash University. Stephanie graduated from Marsden in 2017 where she really enjoyed studying Accounting and Economics.



Lyra Ashwood is attending China's top ranked Peking University on a full scholarship that covers all tuition, accommodation and living costs. She is about to enter her third year of study in Beijing, having graduated from Marsden in 2016. In the first year, her focus was on developing her academic Chinese language skills. She is now in a mainstream degree studying a full range of the Arts, from museum curating to art history and film studies all in the Chinese Language.



Celeste Pan's favourite subjects at Marsden were English and German. She went on to Trinity Hall, Cambridge University to study English literature. Over the summer, she interned with a London based publisher. As a prospective MPhil student in Medieval Studies at Oxford University, Celeste is excited at the prospect of working with medieval manuscripts. She was Dux of Marsden in 2015.

Looking back at her time at here, Celeste says: *'I value the immense intellectual freedom Marsden gave me to pursue my interests, contribute to discussions and to know that my opinions were appreciated.'*
