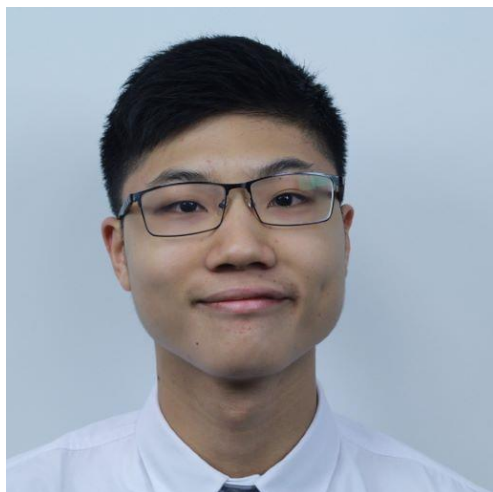




St John's College



对我来说，在St John's 读书是一次难忘的经历。学院的规模相对较小，这个使社区成员之间的联系更加紧密。教职员工和学生之间可以很快彼此熟悉，从而使学习，辅导和沟通过程更加高效。印象中，St John's的氛围始终保持是无比积极的，师生之间的“教与学”的互动非常活跃。我在这里遇到的所有老师，都充满了幽默感，同时洋溢着对自己学科的热情。因此可以说在这里的学习总是愉悦的。

适中的规模也意味着有更多学生有机会参与到社区的建设当中。学院鼓励我们成为学生领导干部，组织活动（例如舞会委员会），参与社区服务（例如成为Young Vinnies慈善机构的一员或图书管理员等），小组项目（例如媒体团队）以及一系列学术和体育活动。对我来说，设计学校的年鉴，为学校图书馆服务，出售香肠为弱势群体筹款，以及参加辩论赛是我在圣约翰学院生活中最有趣，最激动人心的部分。

学院从来不缺乏教育资源。学院配备了先进的技术和设施来优化我们的学习，包括电脑设备，日常使用的软件配套，VR设备和各种图书馆书籍。令人兴奋的是，新体育馆已经于2019年底揭幕。尽管我自己没能在这里上过一堂课（通常只要一毕业学校就装修，这个是大家都懂的定律），但我确信全新场馆和设施会使课上和课后的体育活动都变得更加有趣！

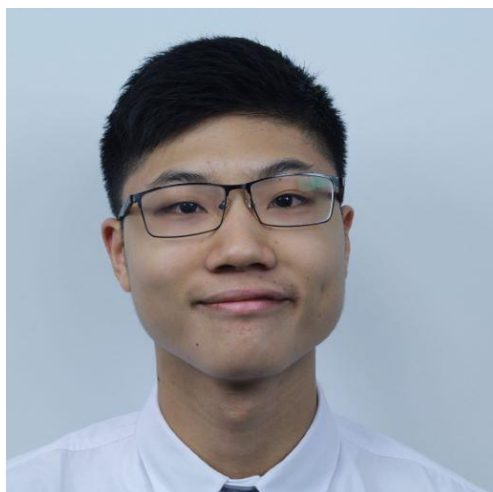
学院的多元化环境意味着我们作为学生可以获得国际范围的帮助。由于老师和学生来自世界各地，在我处理对海外大学的申请时，他们基于对自己的祖国或去过的地方的了解给我提出了很多建设性的意见，这是我所获得的最宝贵的支持。

此外，尽管汉密尔顿不像纽约和上海这些大都市那样的繁华和现代化，但麻雀虽小，五脏俱全，很多地方还是值得一去的。市中心有亚洲超市和中餐馆，想家的时候可以和同学聚聚餐。汉密尔顿花园，罗托罗瓦湖和纪念公园等景点可以说是周末放松的理想之地。虽然刚来的时候由于语言方面的障碍我常常有些烦恼和不安，但这座城市美丽的风景和独特的文化所承载的宁静和友善总能安抚我浮躁的心，使我平静下来。

回顾我在St John's的时间，我不为自己的选择觉得后悔，相反，学院给予我的一切使我感到自豪。我也非常感谢我在这里遇到的每个人，因为他们教会我的将伴随我继续前行。

无论你们来自中国的哪个地方，我希望St John's能给你们留下美好的回忆。

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Studying at St John's College for me is an unforgettable experience. The relatively small size of the college brings members of the community closer to one another. Staff and students can familiarise with each other soon, making the processes of learning, tutoring and communication much more efficient. The atmosphere of St John's always stays impressively positive, with the teacher-student interaction being highly dynamic. Always having a great sense of humour and a genuine passion for their subjects are how I would describe the lovely teachers I met here.

The moderate size of the college also means that more students are given opportunities to build and improve the community. The college encourages us to get involved in acting leadership roles, organising events (such as the ball committee), community services (such as Young Vinnies and Student Librarian), group projects (such as the media team), as well as a range of academic and sports activities. For me, designing the yearbook, serving the school library, selling sausages for fundraising and competing in the debating tournament were the most engaging and exciting parts of my life at St John's College.

There is never a lack of educational resources. The college is fully equipped with front-edge technologies and facilities to optimise our study, including computers, software sets, VR equipment and a wide range of library books. Excitingly, the new gym was unveiled at the end of 2019. Though I was not lucky enough to have a class in it, I am sure that the brand new venue and facilities in it will make sports activities even more fun and enjoyable!

More importantly, the diversity of the college means the help students receive is international wide. As staff and students are from all over the world, when dealing with applications to overseas universities, their knowledge about their home countries or places they have been to was the most valuable support I received.

In addition, although Hamilton is not as vibrant and modernised as metropolia like New York and Shanghai, it is certainly worth exploring. For me, places like Hamilton Garden, Lake Rotoroa and Memorial Park are perfect for relaxation during weekends. Although my struggle with the English language has once upset me, the tranquillity and friendliness of this city have calmed me down with its beautiful scenery and unique culture.

Looking back upon the time I had at St John's College, I feel incredibly proud of what I chose, and have, luckily achieved. I am as well immensely grateful for the people I met and the support I was given here, as what I was taught here will continue to guide me through the rest of my life.

St John's College has treated me well; I hope it will do the same to you.

In the Spirit of St John's,

Wencong Liang

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