

Home & Away

Powell River's International Education Program News



Home Stretch

Our school year continues to move along at a very rapid pace! This seems to be the case regardless of what time of year it is. I am pleased to report that our eight new International students, who joined us in February, seem to be settling nicely into their new school routines and homestay families.

Only three months of school remain and the arrival of sunny weather often causes students to lose their focus. Attention sometimes shifts to graduation, summer plans and other activities. Maintaining or improving marks over the final term can be very important to educational plans at all grade levels. I encourage homestay parents to be supportive by inquiring about how school is going and encouraging students to "stay the course" for a few more months.

Favourite Things To Do In Powell River

I like to go shopping at the mall and for walks at Willingdon Beach. I live near Willingdon Beach so it is easy for me to get to, and it is very pretty there. We don't have nice beaches like this in Japan.

Ayano Tahiro - Japan

I like to exercise three times a week for an hour at the Complex. I usually go Monday, Wednesday and Friday for an hour each time. Usually I lift weights to develop my muscles and ride a stationary bike as well. I used to go with Diego but now I go by myself. I like to get in shape!

Manuel Manjarrez – Mexico

I like to go quadding with my homestay parents at Duck Lake. It is a lot of fun as I have never done it before. I like to be outside enjoying nature.

Ryo Sano – Japan

I like to cook and eat Chinese food. I enjoy my cooking classes at Brooks.

Vast Zhao - China



Student Profile

Yihong(Jerry) Liu –Xi'an, China



Seventeen-year-old, Jerry Liu would like nothing better than to carry on the family tradition of being a medical doctor. Currently his mother, father and grand-mother are all medical doctors working in China. Inspired by his family, Jerry has decided that he too will become a doctor!

Jerry decided to come to Powell River because he felt it was a good opportunity to improve his English and he wanted a study in a more flexible environment that that offered different courses. Having previously attended both a summer and winter program here in Powell River made the decision to come an easy one for him. "I enjoyed attending these two programs so that is what convinced me to come."

He likes Powell River's clean and natural environment. "It is a small place with friendly people and beautiful surroundings."

Music is a big part of Jerry's life, starting lessons on the saxophone at age 6. He really enjoys being part of Brooks Jazz and Concert bands. "Playing in a band requires being part of a group and I like the group concept." He also plays the drums to relax.

After graduating from Brooks in June 2016, Jerry plans to attend a Canadian university to study sciences then hopefully medicine. Once he has his medical degree he would like to get some experience working in Canada and eventually practice in Europe or somewhere in Asia other than China.

Jerry is really happy to be in Canada and doesn't miss China at all. "It just feels like I am in China when I wake up in the morning."

This summer Jerry will return home to China and plans to relax until his eighteenth birthday on July 21. After that he would like to get a job, maybe in a restaurant.



Important Dates

- Tuesday, April 19 – Last day of term #3
- Wednesday, May 4 – Report Cards Issued

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