

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:



Ruby Barton graduated Dux from Marsden in 2021. Ruby excelled in the sciences and in English and was also a specialist runner in the 800 and 1500 metres. Securing a place at the illustrious Yale University has given her a wonderful opportunity to pursue both her athletic and academic passions, in an amazing environment. From 2022, Ruby is studying Biological Sciences / Engineering at Yale University, Connecticut and running track for the Yale Bulldogs.



Jade Otway was regarded as the top junior tennis prospect in New Zealand when she graduated from Marsden in 2021. Awarded a full five-year tennis scholarship at Texas Christian University (TCU), Fort Worth, Texas, Jade is playing for the highly rated TCU women's team, 'The Horned Frogs' as well as in individual tournaments. According to her TCU coach, 'Jade has the intangibles you want in a player—intuitive, athletic, and she loves to compete'. Off the courts, she is studying a general course, but will go on to focus on a BS in Health and Fitness with a Business Studies minor.



Madison Taylor found her passion for rowing while at Marsden. Graduating in 2020, as Head of Sport and Head of Rowing, and achieving academic colours across all three years, she wasn't ready to hang up her oars just yet. Covid-19 delayed her initial plans, but after completing first year law at Victoria University of Wellington, Madison has accepted an offer to row for Queen's University in Ontario, Canada, studying English, starting in September 2022.



Chine Ang graduated from Marsden in 2020 and is now studying fashion at Polimoda International Institute of Fashion Design and Marketing, Florence, Italy. Her subjects include draping, fashion illustration, aesthetics and many more. Chine is having fun learning about the different aspects of fashion design, gaining technical skills and pushing her own creative boundaries. She is pictured wearing a garment from her mid-term project.



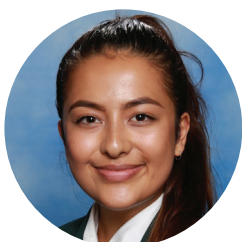
Anne Metcalf-McDonald is in her final year at St Andrews studying Psychology (Hons).

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.



Lauren Bensemenn graduated as Proxime Accessit from Marsden in 2018 and is now studying towards a Master of Arts in English Literature at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland. Lauren has been editor of the Edinburgh Student Literary Journal, and also been heavily involved as a media volunteer with the sports union and as President of the Edinburgh University Shinty Club (an ancient Scottish sport, related to hockey).



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.



Lyra Ashwood graduated from Marsden in 2016 and went on to attend China's top ranked Peking University on a full scholarship that covered all tuition, accommodation and living costs. She studied 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. On graduation, Celeste transferred to Oxford where she completed a MPhil in Medieval Studies. She is currently working towards a doctorate in Jewish Studies at Oxford University. She was Dux of Marsden in 2015.

Looking back at her time 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."*
