



St George Newsletter

April 2005

~At St George, we believe in Quality~

1) ANZAC DAY

On 25 April, thousands of New Zealanders will brave the 6am cold to attend dawn services around the country. This is the first of many ceremonies on Anzac Day to remember the Kiwis who have served and died in war.

Commemorations this year mark the 90th anniversary of Anzac soldiers landing at Gallipoli. Read on to find out more about the history and traditions of Anzac Day.



History of Anzac Day

25 April is the anniversary of the landing of the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps (ANZACs) at Gallipoli in 1915. Over 7000 New Zealand soldiers were wounded at Gallipoli and 2721 were killed. The Australian army also suffered heavy casualties: 26,111 were injured and 8,141 were killed.

The first Anzac Day took place on 25 April 1916. As time went on, the ceremony of remembrance was extended to the soldiers of the Second World War. It now honours all New Zealanders and Australians who have served in a military campaign.

2) INTERVIEW WITH OUR RUSSIAN STUDENT- TONYA



Tonya, why have you chosen to study in New Zealand? In St George?

- My boyfriend and I heard a lot about NZ. We decided to go to NZ to study and to have a look whether we'd like to live in this country or not. IELTS was the first task to do, so we started looking for the websites of schools on internet. Soon I found out some information about St George on one of the forums about New Zealand. The advantage of the school was that I could communicate with staff in my native language. Thus, I didn't have problems with misunderstanding.

How did the study process go?

- Studying was really enjoyable! I guess I was very lucky with my classmates and teacher. It's very important for me to feel free and not hesitate to ask if I don't understand something.

Sometimes teachers strictly stick to the plan and don't leave time for students' questions. I don't like situations like that. Our teacher, James, never stopped us if we discussed some interesting topics. He tried to break our language barrier and develop our speaking skills. I will miss my class so much. It's such a pity that we had to go home so soon.

4) NEXT INTAKES

General English/ PR English/ IELTS Preparation	Every Monday
National Certificate in Business & Computing (Level 2,3 & 4)	16 May 2005
Open Polytechnic NZ Diploma in Business	18 July 2005
St George NZ Diploma in Business	1 Aug 2005
Bachelor of Business	18 July 2005
UK Pre-Masters Course	25 July 2005

3) GOOD NEWS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Changes in student policy by New Zealand Immigration Service

The following changes will take effect from 4 July 2005.

Term-time work rights

Term-time work rights of 20 hours per week will be available to the following students:

- all students enrolled in a full-time course of at least two years
- all students enrolled in a course that would result in points under the Skilled Migrant Category (regardless of length of course or type of institution)
- English language students with an IELTS overall band score of 5.0 or above at the time of application for a visa or permit to study a full time course of at least six months duration.

Christmas holiday work rights

The right to work full-time in the Christmas holiday period will be available to any student enrolled in a course of 12 months or more duration.