Jianzhang (James) Wang from the People’s Republic of China began studying at Killarney Heights High School in 2009 in Year 10. According to his School Principal, he was an outstanding student in all respects throughout his three years at the school. His dedication, intelligence and self-direction led to the achievement of excellence in all subjects. As a result, he was nominated for a DEC International Academic Achievement and a School Service Award in 2012.

James completed the Higher School Certificate (HSC) in 2011. “I made the choice that I had to do really well in the HSC so that I could go to university and do whatever I wanted to do.”

And his hard work was rewarded. James achieved an Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) of 99.3 “…and now I’m studying Architecture at the University of Sydney as I always wanted and that’s because I did really well in the HSC.”

James was also a finalist in the International Student of the Year award and was recognised for his outstanding school and community contributions by the NSW Premier, Barry O’Farrell, at the International Students Festival and Awards Ceremony held at Victoria Park Glebe, Sydney in March 2012.

“The HSC is about belonging. I belong to China first. I have not been to any other country before but now I belong to Australia too. I am going to love this place forever.”

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