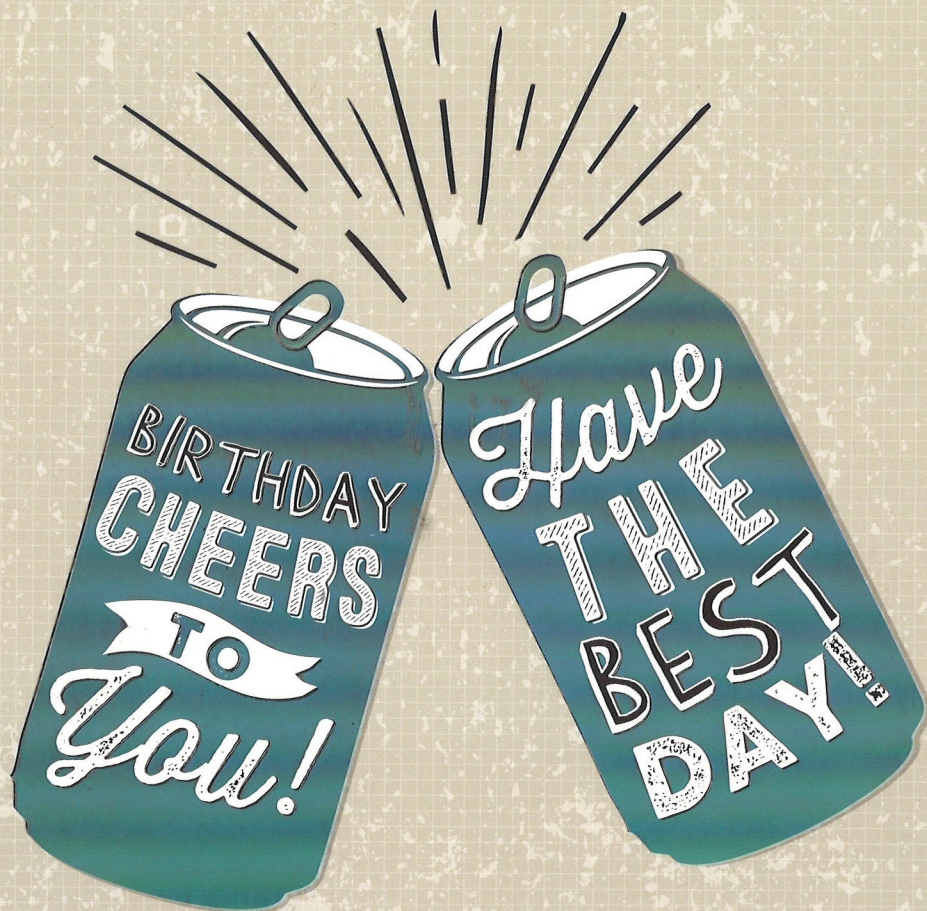




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Dear Massey High School,

Time flies when you are immersed in a new world. The one-month exchange at Massey High School has left countless warm memories in my heart.

During my one-month stay at Massey High School, I experienced many interesting, varied moments and met all kinds of people.

On my first day here, I thought, "People here are so tall!" Many are several heads taller than me. Together with my friends, I watched the Māori welcome ceremony. It was solemn, but I thought it was really cool. I often needed others to show me the way to my classes. Talking with people from other countries felt a little awkward, yet they would always notice my confusion and come to help. I am truly thankful to them from the bottom of my heart.

On my second day, I was not feeling well. My English teacher showed concern for me, which made me feel so blessed. A boy from China helped me with translation. To cheer me up, he asked whether I wanted to play video games with him in the evening. I thought he was really kind, haha.

I also met three Japanese girls. They were lively, energetic, lovely and refined, just like the imagined. Every time our eyes met between classes, they would greet me with big similar image of Japanese girls I had : to basketball. I spoke to them in my broken English and Japanese, saying I was cute and that they liked me. I shyly said "thank you". They looked quiet shocked, probably surprised that I could understand Japanese, haha. I could not download their social photos in our final days together as precious memories.

I really liked my art teacher. She was incredibly kind. Aware that my English was limited, she asked me questions using very simple words. Right at the start,

She asked me, "How are you feeling today? Are you happy?" I would reply firmly, "Very happy! Thank you!" Just her asking made me happy already. She also asked me many questions and learned how to say "goodbye" in Chinese from me.

I love the school lunches, the seagulls and all kinds of people here. Everyone has shown me endless tolerance and kindness. I am so, so grateful. I wish Massey High School all the best. May everyone here be happy and healthy! I hope I can come back someday!

Best wishes,

Liu Hanyue (Cindy)

*Enjoy every
moment!*

