



# Backpackers out in the wild

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Throughout the trip, the 30 students lived in international **youth hostels**, which was rare for a Hong Kong student exchange tour. Teacher Lee Hou-man (李浩文), who planned the tour, explained, "Because students needed to visit both islands of New Zealand in 10 days, they had to keep moving to different locations and changing their **accommodation**. So we did not stay in hotels. Instead we lived in international youth hostels. It was more convenient and cheaper. It could also train students to be more **independent**."



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Students watch the sunrise in Tekapo.

## Lessons are everywhere

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Apart from science research, students also enjoyed some unforgettable sightseeing experiences. Wong Yuk-pui (黃旭培), one of the students, shared his memories of stargazing on Mt. John (約翰山), Tekapo (特卡波):

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Students inspect organisms on-site in Goat Island Marine Reserve (山羊島海洋保護區).

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# HK kids make an unexpected journey

Students from PLK Tang Yuk Tien College (保良局董玉娣中學) donned their backpacks for a once-in-a-lifetime study trip to the nature paradise that is New Zealand (新西蘭)

**N**EW Zealand is world-renowned for its many marvellous **ecological sites**, which make it a desirable destination for scientific research and studying. Last year, Po Leung Kuk Tang Yuk Tien College organised a 10-day ecology exchange tour to the far-flung country. A total of 30 students, with their rucksacks tightly packed, visited a number of ecological sites on the North and South Islands of New Zealand.

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"We all live under the same sky. Why can't we see stars in Hong Kong? Besides light pollution, it might be because we do not know how to treasure what we have, missing the wonderful things right in front of us."



## Meet and greet

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