

**Richard de Grijs – Peking University, China - Semester 1 2017.**

*Richard exploring Abel Tasman National Park near Nelson*

**Where you have come from and what do you teach?**

*For the past 7 1/2 years, I have been based at the Kavli Institute for Astronomy and Astrophysics, an international research institute at Peking University in Beijing, China. Originally, I am from the Netherlands, but as so often happens, a career in science has taken me across international borders a number of times, with postdoctoral*

*Visiting NZ had always been a strong desire, so I'm glad I had the opportunity to visit this wonderful country! I am particularly enjoying interactions with the students and staff, but more generally with Kiwis I meet anywhere, really. Everyone is so friendly! I hoped that we could establish scientific collaborations with local UC astronomers, and I'm pleased to say that a number of discussions about*