



OTUMOETAI COLLEGE

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAMME

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Studying: Year 12 History, English, Outdoor Education, Chemistry and Mathematics.

Goal: To make friends, learn about different cultures and improve my English.



1) Why did you choose New Zealand to study?

I've always wanted to come to New Zealand and this was the perfect opportunity. I feel it's the country that fits the most my personality and that I could see myself living here.

2) What is the best thing about studying at Otumoetai College?

Everything about the school is amazing such as the teachers, the students, the classes and the extra activities. In Outdoor Education we learnt to surf kayak which was amazing. I've done things that I have never done before and I've learnt things that we don't usually learn in Brazil.

3) What do you enjoy most about being in New Zealand?

Having Kiwi friends, being able to travel around, going to the beach after school and trying different things. I also had the opportunity to travel down to the South Island which is very beautiful.

4) Do you enjoy living with a New Zealand homestay family?

I love it! It's an amazing way of learning about the "New Zealand" way of living. My host family is definitely one of the best things about my exchange, including my German host sister. Together we travelled to Gisborne to visit my Kiwi host sister and her family and on one trip stayed in Hicks Bay which was stunning.

5) What would you say to a student from your country considering coming to New Zealand to study?

You should definitely do it! By coming to New Zealand you'll be having a different lifestyle and doing things you've never done before. It's a beautiful country with friendly people and heaps of things to do. You will love it!

6) What are your career aspirations?

I am still not sure what I want to do but I have a few options such as Medicine, Nutrition and International Business.

7) What do you plan to do after your New Zealand education is completed?

I will go back to Brazil, finish my last year at school and then apply to go to University.