



## OTUMOETAI COLLEGE

### INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAMME

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**Studying:** English, Hospitality, Sociology, Outdoor Education,  
Tourism

**Goal:** Improve my English, play Rugby, experience a new  
culture



**Why did you choose New Zealand to study?** I chose New Zealand for many reasons. I checked out a lot of places, but I chose New Zealand to study and follow my passion for Rugby, and after seeing a bunch of photos I had no more doubts.

**What is the best thing about studying at Otumoetai College?** The best thing is the school makes everything available to you. My school in Italy barely has a gym, and they don't offer activities of any type. I think all the concessions, that the guys have here, allow them to have multiple choices and this is essential to create a good environment for the students.

**What do you enjoy most about being in New Zealand and living in Tauranga?** Coming from the city of Rome, I'm used to living in a sort of 'general chaos'. Rome is a very busy and loud city, full of traffic, and shamefully overpopulated. That is why this place allowed me to live far from the busy life of Rome and chill. Living here has allowed me to grow as a person.

**Do you enjoy living with a New Zealand homestay family?** I love it. It was difficult at first because of the different habits, food, and basically everything, but you get used to it. You can learn a lot from facing something totally new and challenging.

**What would you say to a student from your country considering coming to New Zealand, Tauranga and Otumoetai College to live and study?** Book the flight ASAP, otherwise you'll regret it for the rest of your life.

**What are your aspirations?** It's a bit soon to talk about aspirations, I still have one more year of school in Italy, so I have time to decide. I've always been fascinated with psychology since I was a child, so that's what I'll probably go for. Other than that, I will probably play Rugby until my legs don't work, no matter what level.

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

I will finish school in Italy, and then we will see. 'Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, and today is a gift, that's why it's called the present.'