

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAMME

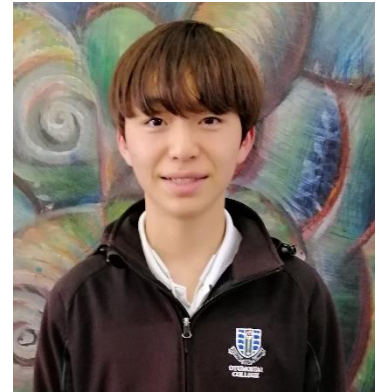
Name: Konan Matsuda

Age: 16

Nationality: Japanese

Studying: Level 1 Mathematics, Outdoor Education Physical Education, Science, International English for Language Development, International English for Academic Purpose & International English Curriculum Study

Goal: To study English



Why did you choose New Zealand to study? Because I thought it was the best place to study English and a lot of International Students come to New Zealand.

What is the best thing about studying at Otumoetai College? I have been able to meet a lot of students – Kiwi and International.

I really enjoyed my Outdoor Education class as I was able to learn to Rock Climb, Surf and Kayak.

The International Office organised trips to Rotorua, Waitomo Caves and to watch a game of Rigby in Hamilton.

What do you enjoy most about being in New Zealand and living in Tauranga? I really enjoy hanging out with my friends at the beach. I have enjoyed climbing Mount Maunganui and visiting Hamilton with friends.

Do you enjoy living with a New Zealand homestay family? Yes, I do. We visited their parents in Keri Keri in the school holidays and had a lot of fun. It has been great to learn how the Kiwis live.

What would you say to a student from your country considering coming to New Zealand, Tauranga and Otumoetai College to live and study? I would say you should choose New Zealand as you will meet many people and have a great experience.

What are your aspirations? I am not sure to be honest. I want to keep studying English as I want to work in something that relates to languages. I enjoy learning languages.

What do you plan to do after your New Zealand education is completed? I will go back to Japan to finish school and then decide what to study and at which University.