



## OTUMOETAI COLLEGE

### INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAMME

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**Nationality:** Italian

**Studying:** Level 2 Mathematics, Computers, Outdoor Education, English and Tourism

**Goal:** Improve my English, make friends, increase my self-confidence, become more responsible and get outside of my comfort zone.



#### 1) Why did you choose New Zealand to study?

New Zealand is a country I have always wanted to visit. My friends who had been to New Zealand described the country as a quiet and awesome place. I was also fascinated by the Maori culture.

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

Every day at Otumoetai College was never trivial. I always met new people and learnt something new at school. The choice of subjects is great and I really enjoyed my Hospitality class.

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

I really enjoy the landscape and the nature of this fantastic country. I spent 10 days in the South Island and was deeply impressed by the beauty of the places that I saw.

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

I enjoyed living for a long time (5 months) with a New Zealand homestay family. We did some great trips together – Taupo was amazing. Of course I missed my family a lot as it was the first time I had spent a long time away from my parents.

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

I suggest you have this experience because living in contact with different people and immersed in a different culture always means personal growth. This experience opened my mind and showed me there are no limits and if you really want you can reach your goals.

#### 6) What are your career aspirations?

Honestly I don't have a clear idea for the moment. I think I would like to become a businessman and work in the tourism sector.

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

After this experience I will go back to school in Italy and will have to study all the subjects my classmates have done. I will finish school and then plan to go to University.