



## OTUMOETAI COLLEGE INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAMME

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**Studying:** Level 1 English, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies,  
Physical Education, Visual Arts and Food Technology.

**Goal:** Get to know the interesting Kiwi culture



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

I chose New Zealand because the Kiwi culture is different to the German culture. Kiwis are open minded and relaxed. In addition, New Zealand has beautiful nature.

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

There are some special subjects like food technology which we don't have in Germany. There are a lot of sport options and opportunities to meet people. The staff and students are friendly and the International office is very helpful and well organised.

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

I enjoy the relaxed friendly culture and visiting all the beautiful places.

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

Yes, I love my host family. They are so welcoming and are one of the most important parts of my stay. I love being part of the family walks and games and going to church.

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

I recommend you come to New Zealand because the teaching is so different and the people are so friendly. You will learn life skills for your future.

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

I am not quite sure yet but I want to do something with languages such as German and English. I have thought about studying Law but I will decide nearer the time.

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

I want to go back to Germany, complete my school education and spend time with my family and friends. I don't have clear plans for my future but I will definitely be returning to New Zealand for a visit.