



OTUMOETAI COLLEGE

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAMME

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2017 Year 13 English, Outdoor Education,
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Goal: To improve my English



1) Why did you choose New Zealand to study?

My friend told me it is a beautiful country with many different outdoor activities. I have been jet skiing, diving, fishing, kayaking, wake boarding, surfing, swimming and snorkelling.

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

There is such a wide range of subjects to choose. I have enjoyed trying out subjects I would not be able to choose in Germany such as Outdoor Education and Technical Skills. In this subject, I built a blue tooth speaker.

In my first term here, I joined the Tauranga Tennis Club and the Second XI Otumoetai College football team.

In my second term, I was able to be part of the amazing end of year programme. We visited Hobbiton, Waimarino Outdoor Pursuit Centre, Hot Water beach in the Coromandel, the luge in Rotorua, a bush camp and a Maori Museum.

In my third term, I took part in the school athletics day and was a Year 9 Peer Support Person in the programme known as Stars. I was chosen to represent Otumoetai College at the Mayoral Reception, played in a Tennis Tournament, took part in the Outdoor Education Surf Camp and the International Food Festival.

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

I have made the most of spending time with my Kiwi friends and I really enjoy the New Zealand lifestyle. I also had the opportunity to attend a musical festival called Sound Splash in Raglan.

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

Yes, I have had a wonderful family who have looked after me so well. They have encouraged and helped me to do all the things I have done whilst being in New Zealand.

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

Do not be concerned about the language and making friends. Play sport and you will automatically be involved with Kiwis and your English will improve quickly.

6) What are your career aspirations?

I am not sure yet

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

I will go back to Germany and graduate. After that, I want to return to New Zealand to meet up with my New Zealand friends. I might even attend University in New Zealand.