



OTUMOETAI COLLEGE

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAMME

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Studying: Level 2 – Mathematics, Biology, Geography, English and Physical Education.

Goal: To improve my English, meet new people and enjoy a new culture.



1) Why did you choose New Zealand to study?

I chose this wonderful country because it was always my dream to bungy jump. When I decided to study away from home, I wanted to look beyond my dreams and get my studies too. When I researched New Zealand in relation to study I was very inspired by what was said, so came. It has been better than I expected.

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

The best thing about studying here is the reception by the professionals and the way they work. Any problem can be resolved.

One of my highlights was doing the Tongariro Crossing with my Geography class.

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

I really like everything here – the beaches are wonderful, all extreme sports are amazing, I am in awe of Maori culture especially dancing and the language. I think it is very cool that the rules are followed here. Everyone does their part and takes care of the country. The people are very well mannered and no matter where, what time or mood they always wish you a good day.

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

I'm enjoying my host family very much. The experience is very different to what I know but that's what I was looking for. They are adorable and I was able to adapt quickly to their routine. I talk a lot with them and I think it is very important not to feel alone here and to have the support of a host family. We have enjoyed trips to Auckland and Hamilton together.

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

I remember that when I was coming here I was asked what word I would use to define my next 6 months in New Zealand and I quickly said "open" – open to everything that comes with meeting new people, new languages and new cultures, everything that I would be able to enjoy and learn.

6) What are your career aspirations?

I have a lot of interest in fashion but cannot say with absolute certainty that I will not change my mind. It is what I identify most with now.

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

I intend to finish year 13 in Brazil and then need to decide what I will study and at which University. My dream is to study in New York or here in New Zealand so I will investigate both.