



OTUMOETAI COLLEGE

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAMME

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Studying: Level 2 Physical Education, Music, Mathematics, Biology, English and Technology Wood.

Goal: To improve my English skills and get to know the New Zealand culture.



1) Why did you choose New Zealand to study?

I chose New Zealand because I heard a lot about the wonderful nature and the many outdoor activities you can do. I was also really interested in the Kiwi way of life and the Maori culture.

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

The best thing is that you have so many different opportunities to try new subjects and there is a wide range of extracurricular activities. For example, I chose the subjects Technology Wood and Physical Education because I wanted to build a long board and try New Zealand sports such as rugby and surfing. We also went on a surf camp with our Physical Education class, which was a lot of fun. I took part in the Otumoetai hockey team and the Jazz band. These were great opportunities to find Kiwi/Maori friends. My Maori friends told me a lot about their culture and past, which was really interesting. The International Office was always a good contact when I had a problem and they helped me to organise trips around New Zealand.

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

I really enjoyed all the different outdoor activities for example surfing and playing rugby on the beach with my Kiwi and Maori friends. I also travelled around the South Island, which was an amazing experience. The scenery is awesome!

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

My host family was really kind and I had a lot of fun with them. They became like a second family for me and I will really miss my lovely host siblings. We did many cool trips together to Auckland, Rotorua, Waihi and Waitomo.

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

It is a great opportunity to improve your English and get to know a different culture. Do not worry about making friends and the language. Just get involved in sports, band or church and you will find some Kiwi friends.

6) What are your career aspirations?

I learned in New Zealand that I am interested in communication with different people from other countries and cultures. The time in New Zealand was really important to think about my career aspirations and it gave me a lot of self-confidence.

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

I will go back to Germany to finish my school. After that, I want to go to University. The time in New Zealand has encouraged me to go abroad again during my University time. Maybe I will return to New Zealand as a student. That would be great!