



## OTUMOETAI COLLEGE

### INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAMME

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Purpose & International English Curriculum Support

**Goal:** Improving my English, making international friends and  
being independent



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

New Zealand is much more affordable and Otumoetai College is the biggest school in Tauranga.

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

I think it is English. When I first came to New Zealand I could barely understand and communicate with people in English but felt my English was improving all the time.

Also, I loved being in the Art Design class.

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

I played the trumpet in the Symphonic and Jazz bands and joined the music camp. I made all my friends through music. I loved visiting Rotorua with the school

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

I lived with two host families. The first host family was very busy so I did feel a little lonely but we did visit many places such as Cape Reinga, Auckland, Wellington and New Plymouth.

I felt more part of the family with my second host family but we did not do much travel. I loved both families.

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

There are quite a few international students and most Kiwis are kind. I was worried about living in another country but you soon get used to it.

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

I am not sure but think I would like to be a translator.

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

I will return to my Japanese High School and study to gain University Entrance in Japan.