



## OTUMOETAI COLLEGE

### INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAMME

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**Age:** 15

**Nationality:** German

**Studying:** Level 1 Hospitality, English, Science, Mathematics, Drama & Physical Education

**Goal:** Learning English, learning about another culture, making friends, travelling around and seeing the country and accepting the challenge of being away from home and having to organise yourself.



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

My mum had the idea because one of her friend`s sons was here with the same agency and had an awesome time. I really wanted to go on exchange but not to USA or Canada because all my friends went there.

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

Being able to choose subjects we don`t have in Germany such as Drama, Hospitality and Physical Education. Seeing friends and having to talk in English. It is very interesting to see all the differences.

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

That I could make new German and Kiwi friends. That I could travel around in the holidays and live close to the sea.

I did an amazing North Island trip and also visited the Coromandel and Waitomo Caves.

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

Yes. It is great to experience the differences between my German & Kiwi families. It really feels like my second family on the other side of the world now and I hope I can see them again.

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

That they should do it even if they are scared. They should not only hang out with Germans and should really make the most of their time here.

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

I am not sure yet but am thinking of becoming a doctor. I also want to travel and see as many countries as possible. I would like to live some years in New Zealand as I don`t want to live in Germany for the rest of my life.

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

I am going back to Germany and it will take 3 more years to finish school. Then I would like to work and travel before I start to study again.